

Superintendent's Board Meeting Summary: October 18, 2016

Chair Mary Cordray called the meeting to order at 6:14 p.m.

No action coming out of executive session.

Pledge of Allegiance, Invocation by Earl Campbell.

Points of Celebration (as delivered by Dr. Moss):

Director's Cup

The Director's Cup is an annual recognition bestowed by the South Carolina Athletic Administrators Association that honors the state's top athletic programs in each high school classification. Hilton Head Island High has won the Class AAA cup every year from 2011 through 2016, creating the longest winning streak in division history. Representing Hilton Head Island High tonight is Athletic Director Joe Monmonier.

Word Masters Challenge

The Word Masters Challenge is the nation's longest-running language arts competition for elementary and middle school students. It holds three meets for nearly 150,000 students during each school year, concluding a spring competition. Six district elementary and middle school students earned perfect scores in the spring edition of this national vocabulary competition, and one student earned high overall honors for the competition over the entire 2015-16 school year. Tonight, we'd like to recognize one two of these exceptional students. Angeles Santos Martinez is a former student of Pritchardville Elementary and a current student of Bluffton Middle. She was one of only 13 fifth-graders in the United States to earn a perfect score. Katie Ryan is a former student of Red Cedar Elementary and a current student of Bluffton Middle. She earned the "Highest Honors" status, which is a Word Masters designation honoring students who finish among the top 10-15 students in the country at their grade level after all three meets. Would Katie, Angeles, their principals and any of their teachers who are present please come forward?

Public Comment

Eight students discussed their academic and extracurricular experiences at Hilton Head Island High and shared how the school has prepared them for their futures in college, military and the workforce. A community member voiced his concern about the Superintendent's evaluation. A community member voiced his concern about the students who are not on academic level.

Corrections

Dr. Moss corrected one of the speakers and said that his statement was not accurate.

Chair's Report

The annual State of the Schools Breakfast meeting will be held on Thursday, October 27.

Committee Reports

ACE – the committee will meet on Thursday at 5:30 p.m.

Curriculum and Instruction – the committee's meeting was cancelled due to Hurricane Matthew and has not yet been rescheduled.

Finance and Operations – the committee’s October meeting was cancelled due to the storm. The meeting will be held on November 10 at 4:30 at the district office.

Student Services – the committee will meet on October 25.

Legislative – Mr. Campbell gave a report on topics discussed at the annual Public Education Partners Conference, which he attended last Friday.

Superintendent’s Report

Dr. Moss announced that he is looking at the possibility of releasing the fall locality supplement 30 days early to assist many families who were affected by the storm.

Phyllis White and Robert Oetting gave an update on hurricane recovery efforts. They took questions from the Board.

Phyllis White updated the Board on sales tax referendum facts. She took questions from the Board. Dr. Moss proposed to the Board options for making up the eight missed days of school due to Hurricane Matthew.

Motion to extend the meeting no more than 30 minutes. Approved.

Motion to waive the three days. Approved.

Ms. Cordray asked that the Curriculum and Instruction committee look at how we can use instructional technology for emergency plans in the future.

Board Business Action

Motion to approve the resolution authorizing the issuance and sale of general obligation bonds not exceeding \$20 million for FY 2017 8% capital projects.

Motion to approve PE 4.5, monitoring of minority/women owned business participation. Approved.

Motion to approve the resolution celebrating National School Bus Safety Week, October 17-21, 2016. Approved.

Motion to approve the proposed new Board Policy 3.10, teacher dismissal hearing process. Approved.

New Business

No new business.

Consent Agenda

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Approved.

Public Comments

No additional public comments cards.

Motion to adjourn approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

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