

Superintendent's Board Meeting Summary: October 15, 2019

Chair Christina Gwozdz called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Coming out of executive session, motion that the Board of Education seek an opinion from the Attorney General if a staff can grieve individual board members (failed).

Motion to approve the agenda (approved).

Pledge of Allegiance. Moment of silence. Statement of media notification.

Student Performance: Hilton Head Island Middle School Band, under the direction of Jim Waechter performed "Coligny Circle Groove", "Twinkle Twinkle Little Star", and "Blue Sky Rock".

Points of Celebration

SC READY and SC PASS maximum scores

The South Carolina Department of Education's Office of Assessment identified students who earned maximum raw scores on their 2019 SC READY and SCPASS exams. Not all of the students could join us tonight, but I will be reading their names in recognition of this outstanding achievement.

Bluffton Elementary

Hailey Neblett

Bluffton High

Trisha Duong

Autumn Housey

Evan Lessard

Nathaniel Rios

Bluffton Middle

Ryan Goll

H.E. McCracken Middle

Tyler McMahan

Emmanuel Lopez Reyna

Braeden Mancini

Brianne Stubbs

Lauren Swanson

Benjamin Vaught

Hannah Wasserman

Katie Misner

Calvin Rodgers

Hilton Head Island IB

Rhys Arlett
Cooper Bruggeman
Robert Eberly
Aubrey Taylor
Bella Gorrell

Hilton Head Island High

Benjamin Lewis
Elsy Moreno
Allison Philpot

Hilton Head Island Middle

Cole Howard
Daniel Maklogin
Beau Sexson
Jack Fielding
Tianshu Fu
Alexia Milbrandt
Matthew Perdue
Colin Richardson
Alexandra Coley
Nathaniel Greenberg

Hilton Head Island School for the Creative Arts

Trent Howard
Samuel Knowles
Abigail Moe

M.C. Riley Elementary

Angel Hernandez Hernandez

May River High

Ivan Chen
Sarah Nunez

Okatie Elementary

Grayson Jacob
Marina Onofrio
Kaiya Rippey
Ava Robertson
Brennen Thacker
Kaden Claffy

Jordan Kasner
Rylan Paul

Pritchardville Elementary

Avalyn Colleran
Gracyn Corn
Layla Garcia
Marleigh Pribanic
Hunter Maples
Lincoln Benson
Faith Geng
Samson Pelger

Red Cedar Elementary

Annabelle Reichert

River Ridge Academy

Elliana Bowden
EmmaKate McMahon
Tayveon Robinson
Nicolas Panzarella

District Teacher of the Year

Each year, a selection committee of district staff and community members has the arduous task of selecting the District Teacher of the Year. The District Teacher of the Year represents the talented, highly qualified teachers in our District. Becoming District Teacher of the Year is a three-step process that begins when school-level teachers of the year are selected in April. Those wishing to compete for District Teacher of the Year submit detailed applications by the end of July.

After that, a selection committee consisting of parents, former educators and community leaders from across Beaufort County reviews the applications and rates them using a numerical scoring system. The five highest-scoring applicants are named as finalists.

In the last step at the District level, the finalists are interviewed by a separate review committee again composed of judges from across the county. Those panelists begin by reviewing videos of the teachers. The judges then score candidates based on how well they respond to questions about their teaching methods and current education issues. After those interviews, the panel selects the District Teacher of the Year in September, and that person represents Beaufort County in the South Carolina State Teacher of the Year program. Finalists for the state program will be announced in February.

It was a pleasure to introduce our 2019-20 District Teacher of the Year, who holds a Master of Education degree in Educational Leadership from the University of South Carolina, a Master of Science degree in Mathematics from the University of South Carolina, and a Bachelor of Science

in Mathematics, summa cum laude, from South Carolina State University. She is a member of the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM), South Carolina Council of Teachers of Mathematics (SCCTM), and South Carolina Leader of Mathematics Education (SCLME).

Congratulations Michelle Gordon from Bluffton High School!

Public Comment

Community members spoke about district growth and the upcoming referendum.

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the September 23, 2019 Special Called Board Meeting Minutes (approved).

Motion to approve the October 1, 2019 Board Meeting Minutes (approved).

Chair's Report

Last week three Board members attended a one- day SCSBA conference in Columbia. The Board has completed the 90-day entry plan evaluation for the Superintendent and will meet with the him in Executive Session on October 30. The next Work Session is scheduled for Friday October 25 and Saturday, October 26. The second day of the Work Session needs to be moved to allow time for a guest speaker and presentations. Possible dates for the second day of the Work Session are either Friday, November 15 or Saturday, November 16. Board members should email Robyn Cushingberry their date availability and preference by Friday, October 17.

Academic Committee – Committee Chair Tricia Fidrych gave information on what the committee reviewed during their last meeting. The Academic Committee will meet again on October 16 at the district office.

ACE – Committee Chair Earl Campbell shared that committee discussed the logistics of a joint meeting with Beaufort and Jasper school district Superintendents. The ACE Director spoke about EMT program starting and the barbering program going to BCHS. The next meeting is October 24. Board discussion.

Operations Committee – Motion that the Board accept PE 10, Safety. Board discussion. Motion approved. Motion to accept PE 11, FOIA. Board discussion. Jim Foster, Director of Communication, addressed the Board's questions. Motion approved. Committee Chair David Striebinger shared a change to Administrative Regulation SS-36 Student Athletics. The next meeting will be November 13. The committee will review the capital review projects.

Superintendent's Report

Goal #1 Student Achievement

Dr. Rodriguez introduced Director of Accountability Daniel Fallon, who presented an overview of student achievement data. Mr. Fallon and Chief Instructional Services Officer Dr. Mary Stratos addressed the Board's questions.

Goal #2 Highly Qualified Teachers and Administrators

Beaufort County School District Professional Advocacy Council (BCSDPAC) members Karen McKenzie and Michelle Gordon gave a brief update on the PAC's three initiatives and invited Operations Committee members to attend a Teacher Forum meeting in February to provide an update on start time. Ms. McKenzie provided an overview of the timeline and process of updating the discipline matrix. Ms. McKenzie and Dr. Stratos addressed the Board's questions.

Goal #3 Fiscal Responsibility

Board Monthly Budget - Financial Services Officer Bill Saunders addressed the Board's questions.

Monthly Transparency Report - Mr. Saunders addressed the Board's questions.

Future Agenda Topics

Board member Joanne Orischak wants to address the RFPs issued by the Board, which she views as time sensitive topics. She would also like to address the Strategic Governance Annual Work Plan, PE 9.0 and receive an update on the Port Royal and Hilton Head TIFF agreements.

Public Comments

Community member spoke about the Community Project Review Committee. Community member spoke about the need for everyone in the district to share the message of the importance of education for all community members.

Motion to adjourn (approved). Meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

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