

Vice Chairman Mary Cordray called the meeting to order at 5 p.m., and the Board went into executive session. The Board reconvened at 6 p.m.

A motion to amend the agenda to remove the agenda item of Riverview Lease. Approved.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. Anderson asked for a moment of silence for Randy Topp.

**Points of Celebration (presented by Phyllis White and Gregory McCord)**

SPORTS CHAMPIONS: As our students were finishing up the school year, some were also participating in statewide sporting events for their spring sports teams. Tonight I'm pleased to present many champions who won either a lower state title or a state championship title. Congratulations to all of these student athletes!

**BATTERY CREEK**

- **Quamecha Morrison** –State Champion in the High Jump
- **Girls Track Team** – State Champion Runner-Up Overall
- **Kimberly Vigil** – State Champion Runner-Up in the Pole Vault
- **Zakiya Cobbon** – State Champion Runner-Up in the Long and Triple Jumps
- **Daisja Cannon, Diamond Smith, Shanice Pusha-Powell, Zakiya Cobbon** –Lower State Champions in 4x100m Relay
- **David Partridge** –Lower State Champion in the Pole Vault

**BEAUFORT HIGH**

- **Michael Dickson** – State Champion in the 110m Hurdles
- **Jackie Barnes** – State Champion in the Pole Vault
- **De'Quan Cason, Michael Dickson, Nathan Parker, Malcolm Simmons** – State Champions in the 4x400m Relay

**BLUFFTON HIGH**

- **Neil Blanken** – State Champion in the Discus Throw
- **Softball Team** – Lower State Champions

**HILTON HEAD HIGH**

- **Athletic Director's Cup for Class 3A**
- **Boys Tennis Team** – State Champions
- **Girls Soccer Team** – State Champions
- **Chris Skager, Victor Jimenez, Seamus Love, Colton Hennessey** – State Champions in the Boys 4x800m Relay

- **Carley McGlinn, Rebeka Parent, Rachel Friend, Ciara McMahon** – State Champions in the Girls 4x800m Relay
- **Carley McGlinn** – State Champion in the 1600m race

#### WHALE BRANCH EARLY COLLEGE HIGH

- **Kemoni Jenkins** – State Champion in the 100m Hurdles
- **Shatayia Clark** – State Champion in the Discus Throw
- **Marshayia White, Harmony Cleveland, Daja Smalls, Nichole Smalls** – State Champions in the 4x100m Relay

**FINANCE DEPARTMENT AWARD:** The Government Finance Officers Association recently gave our district the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award. This award is the highest recognition in governmental budgeting, and we congratulate on the following staff members for this achievement: Tonya Crosby, Financial Services Officer; Reggie Murphy, Director of Internal Controls; Louis Ackerman, Budget Analyst.

#### **Public Comment**

Three community members spoke in support of the AMES program at Beaufort Elementary and criticized changes that are planned for AMES at the school.

#### **Chairman's Report**

Chairman Evans reminded everyone of the August 8-9 work session to review CATE program information, additional activities to prevent bullying, and school choice program updates, among other topics. Chairman Evans also reported that he had sent a letter to the Chair of the Jasper County School Board to request possible meeting dates. Chairman Evans also reported that he reached out to legal counsel regarding budgeting for ACE in the upcoming school year.

#### **Committee Reports**

**ACE:** Mr. Rivers stated there was no report. Mrs. Orischak asked for an update. Mr. Campbell stated that there are many reasons for ACE Board to seek legal counsel, and questions should be addressed to the full ACE Board. Mr. Payne confirmed that the ACE Board Retreat is on June 27, and it was decided that any questions be submitted in writing to Chairman Evans so he can send them to Mr. Rivers for discussion at the Retreat.

**Community Outreach and Legislative Advocacy:** Mr. Campbell reminded everyone about the Public Hearing on June 18 in Columbia regarding the new options for testing throughout the state. Also on October 8, the School Boards Association is hosting a Boot Camp for Board members seeking training on Board Chairmanship. Finally, submit input on the School Board constitution for discussion at this year's conference in December.

**Curriculum and Instruction:** Mrs. Bush reported that the committee's next meeting will be Thursday, June 19 at 4 p.m. at DESC to discuss the expansion of CATE.

*Finance and Operations:* Mr. Roth said the committee met today and reviewed the capital improvement plan, the city of Beaufort's request for participation in the Bailey Bill and the third quarter financial report. Mrs. Cordray stated that the committee has had multiple discussions about the potential budget cuts.

*Human Resources:* Mr. Beckert reported that the committee met and reviewed many items, including the recent salary study, sick leave policy, grievance policy, recruiting efforts and Batelle for Kids. No action was taken.

*Student Services:* Mr. Payne reported that the next meeting will be July 14, and the agenda will include future graduation dates, dropout reform and updates to the transfer policy and the anti-bullying policy.

*Website and Communications:* Mrs. Kinton reported that the committee is reviewing a list of recommendations.

### **Superintendent's Report**

Dr. Rhoads shared executive summaries and reported on student achievement, current work being done on the curriculum, graduation information, and the options of summer school, virtual summer school and reading camps. He also reported on the new petition process for diplomas previously not granted due to the high school exit exam, which is no longer required by law.

Dr. McCord reported on the status of the student transfer process.

### **Board Business Action**

Motion to accept the following donations:

- Sohmer Piano from Lew Wessel for the district.
- \$2,000 from The Children's Relief Fund for the district
- \$1,000 from The Children's Relief Fund for HHHS.

Approved.

Phyllis White recapped the public hearing process for the budget. The third and final reading is coming up on June 23 at 6 p.m., and additional reductions may be needed to meet the funding level approved by County Council. A special called meeting may be scheduled after June 23.

### **New Business**

No new business.

### **Consent Agenda**

The Board approved the consent agenda.

Mrs. Cordray adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m.