

## **Superintendent's Board Meeting Summary: September 17, 2019**

Vice Chair Cathy Robine called the meeting to order at 6 p.m.

Coming out of executive session, motion approve the Superintendent's August 1-31, 2019 Personnel Ratification Report (approved).

Motion to approve the agenda (approved).

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

Ms. Robine reviewed the public comment policy.

### **Public Comment**

Community member spoke about school violence, which he deemed a "critical problem." Several community members spoke in favor of the upcoming referendum.

### **Chair's Report**

Ms. Robine shared that the next Board meeting is scheduled for September 23 at the district office, to replace the missed meeting during Hurricane Dorian. Ms. Robine said Board committees need to pull together budget priorities that will be discussed during the October work session. She shared that several Board members attended a recent school law conference. Board members David Striebinger, Mel Campbell, and William Smith shared information they gathered from the conference. Ms. Robine shared information on an upcoming South Carolina School Board Association conference. Board members interested in attending should let Robyn Cushingberry know.

### **Committee Reports**

Operations Committee – Chair David Striebinger stated the committee recommends approval of the Osprey Point easement. Motion to approve the Easement for Osprey Point (approved). Motion to accept PE 7.7 Public Use of Facilities (approved). Motion to approve \$1,900 for an appraisal of the 2 Bridge Street property in Bluffton. Motion to postpone discussion of this item until a later date to be determined after the results of the referendum. Board discussion. Motion approved.

Finance Committee – Motion to approve the Draft Budget Calendar for Fiscal Year 2020-2021. Board discussion. Chief Financial Officer Tonya Crosby addressed the Board's questions. Motion approved.

### **Superintendent's Report**

Goal #1 Student Achievement

Dr. Rodriguez gave an update on his "Listen and Learn" tour. He praised teachers and their work on assisting with student achievement.

Director of Academic Initiatives Dr. N’kia Campbell presented an Alternative Education update and addressed the Board’s questions.

Chief Instructional Services Officers Dr. Mary Stratos discussed the District Strategic Plan and School Improvement Plans and addressed the Board’s questions.

#### Goal #2 Highly Qualified Teachers and Administrators

Chief Human Resources Officer Alice Walton reported on teachers hired and current vacancies and addressed the Board’s questions.

#### Goal #3 Fiscal Responsibility

Board discussion on legal contracts for bond counsel. Ms. Crosby and Dr. Rodriguez addressed the Board’s questions.

#### Other Matters

“Make-Up Days” – Dr. Rodriguez gave an update on communication during Hurricane Dorian. Dr. Stratos presented possible options for make-up days missed due to Hurricane Dorian and addressed the Board’s questions. The Board will continue its discussion on make-up days at the September 23 special called meeting.

#### Board Business Action

Motion to accept a donation from Vince Smith to the BCHS Leader in Me Program in the amount of \$5,000 (approved).

#### Consent Agenda

Motion to approve the consent agenda of August 16-17, 2019 Work Session meeting minutes and the August 20, 2019 meeting minutes (approved).

#### Future Agenda Topics

Board member Joann Orischak would like to address the scheduled Board budget workshop and would like to schedule the Superintendent’s 90-day evaluation per Goal #5. Board member Rachel Wisnefski would like a status update on SROs in elementary schools from Director of Protective Services David Grissom, and also wanted to determine a time period for school improvement plan updates. Ms. Robine would like to discuss the impact fee study. Board member Mel Campbell would like to review policy on accepting donations for programs at schools. Board member William Smith would like a demographic audit of the district. Board member Earl Campbell would like to request a meeting with the local delegation.

Motion to adjourn (approved). Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

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