

## **Board of Education Summary – October 15, 2013**

The regular Board Meeting was called to order by Chairman Evans at 6:06 PM.

The Agenda was approved.

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

**Invocation** by Reverend Rivers

The Girls' Advanced Honor Choir from Bluffton High School performed.

### **Points of Celebration (as spoken by Dr. Moss)**

Dr. Moss introduced Kathy Cramer from Special Education and commended her for being the recipient of a recent award from the Sun City Special Olympics District. The Award celebrated her years of work with Special Olympics. Kathy then spoke to the board about Project Unify Grants received by 16 District schools.

Project UNIFY, a division of Special Olympics, has announced grant winners for the 2013-14 school year. Fourteen Beaufort County Schools will receive Project UNIFY grants this year. They will each be given approximately \$1000 to use for Project UNIFY programs. I would like to recognize Kathy Cramer for her work on the grant and send my congratulations to the following teachers and schools: (Winners shown on screen)

Janice Robinson, Hilton Head High School

Steve Delaney, Hilton Head High School

Kathy Cramer, Hilton Head Middle School

Sherri Westby, Michael C. Riley

Graci Finkle, Robert Smalls Middle School

Carlos Cave, Whale Branch Early College HS

Anthony Wallace, Whale Branch Middle School

Jordan Grey, Battery Creek High School

Joan Fazzino, Beaufort Elementary

Jennifer Raser, Beaufort Middle School

Arinn Wardell, Bluffton Elementary Early Childhood

Lisa Lucas, Bluffton High School

Nettie Nelson, H.E. McCracken

Cathy Catoe, Hilton Head Early Childhood Center

Tonight we have joining us members of the Foundation for Educational Excellence. A couple of weeks ago, members of the foundation surprised 16 teachers in schools throughout the county with large checks ranging from \$100 to \$500 to spend on innovative classroom projects. This most recent round of grants totaled \$5,388. Since the Foundation began giving grants to teachers and projects in 2009, more than \$50,000 has been given. On behalf of the students, teachers and administration, I want to thank you and your members for their dedication and hard work in raising funds to benefit our students and inspire learning.

Daniel Brown, please come forward. It is a pleasure to introduce Daniel. He is one of two young men from Bluffton High School who recently were named National Merit Semi-Finalists. Patrick Calvo is the second student but unable to attend this evening. About 1.5 million high school juniors from 22,000 American high schools entered the 2013 National Merit Scholarship Program by taking the 2011 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test. Sixteen thousand students qualified as semi-finalists. Gentlemen, best of luck as you proceed through the National Merit competition. You bring honor to your school and to our district. Thank you.

Battery Creek and Hilton Head Island High Schools have received National Award of Excellence Certificates from the South Carolina High School League in recognition for their "outstanding sportsmanship, ethics and integrity."

The certificate is given on behalf of the Board of Directors of the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) and the NFHS Citizenship Committee. The winners are chosen by region, with Battery Creek winning Region 6-AA and Hilton Head Island claiming the Region 8-AAA award. Congratulations to the School Athletic Directors, John Drafts of Battery Creek and Joe Monmonier from Hilton Head High School, the coaches, and the students. Great job.

The Girls' Swim Team from Hilton Head Island High School brought home the gold (again) last weekend as they won their fourth straight 3A State Championship. Hilton Head tallied a total of 433 points with the second place winner at a distant 371 points. Coached by Mike Lane, I would like to introduce the team and announce some individual accomplishments:

State Team List

Lilla Felix- Captain, Amelia Rzczycki (Rez-ecki)- Captain, Rouen Brockman, Madison Field, Victoria Gill, Lilly Kerr, Karah Kurtz, Rachel Magnin, Sarah Reamy, Ellen Vanagel

## **Public Conversation**

Members of the public spoke to the Board regarding Coosa Elementary School.

## **Chairman's Report**

Mr. Evans reminded the Board of the following meetings:

October 21 – Student Services Committee Meeting, 10 AM ACE.

Gentlemen's and Ladies' Club Induction, October 21, 6 PM at BCHS

Teacher Forum moved to October 28, 4 PM at Bluffton High School with Rep. Andy Patrick

Work Session is on October 25 and 26<sup>th</sup> beginning at 9 AM. Action teams will meet on October 26<sup>th</sup>.

Public Personnel Hearing, November 1, 9:30 AM at the District Office

## **Committee Reports**

Mr. Campbell reported on Community Outreach and Legislative Advocacy

Mr. Beckert reported on Human Resources

Mr. Beckert reported on the Superintendent Evaluation Committee

Mrs. Bush reported that the Curriculum and Instruction Committee had not met.

Mrs. Anderson reported that the Student Services Committee would meet October 21<sup>st</sup>.

No Finance and Operations Report.

## **Superintendent's Report**

Dr. Dereck Rhoads reported on Fall NWEA MAP Assessments. Dr. Rhoads explained that the fall MAP data drives instruction for the year. This year was a change year in the test due to the pre-implementation of Common Core. As expected, the test changes produced slightly lower scores in several grades. Board members had several questions about 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and middle school data.

Mrs. Phyllis White presented the Minority/Women Owned Business Enterprise Report. The District's goal is to achieve 20 percent of controllable budget to be given to minority and women owned businesses. However, without construction projects, the goal is not

achievable. The District makes a concerted effort to attract minority and women businesses through website information, ads, and a vendor fair.

Dr. Moss presented as an information item the Administrative Rule for Flyer Distribution

**Board Business Actions –**

The Board approved the following donations:

A total of \$3450 for Whale Branch schools from Mount Carmel Baptist Church

\$1055 from Michael Johnson designated for the Camp Driftwood trip at M C Riley Elementary School.

The Board discussed future committee work for Student Services, Curriculum and Instruction and Finance and Operations Committees. Proposed committee work will reflect new schools and district realignments.

The Consent Agenda was unanimously approved

At 7:20 PM, the Board went back into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters. Following Executive Session, the Board adjourned with no action at 8:10 PM.