

**Board of Education Summary
May 17, 2011
School Board Meeting**

Chairman Fred Washington called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

Mr. Earl Campbell made a motion to hear the appeal of Student A on May 24, 2011 at 3:00 p.m. The motion was seconded by Mr. Herbert Burnes. Motion passed 9/2. Mr. Michael Rivers and Dr. Wayne Carbiener opposed.

Pledge of Allegiance

Media properly notified

Invocation

Points of Celebration

Last meeting we honored our Teachers of the Year. Due to timing of events, however, one of our teachers was announced the following day. Tonight we recognize Hilton Head Island High School's Teacher of the Year, Christine A. Gray – (*certificate*).

Our school district is very fortunate to have an exceptional cadre of employees. Tonight, it gives me great pleasure to introduce you to our Support Staff of the Year. These employees are often the “wind” beneath the wings of the teachers and administration. They are nurses, front office personnel, and bookkeepers. It is my honor to recognize our 2011 Support Staff of the Year.

Selma Myers	Battery Creek High
Inda Marie Walker	Beaufort Elementary
Margo Middleton	Beaufort High
Mary Godbey	Beaufort Middle
Irene Major	Bluffton Elementary
Kari Grunder	Bluffton High
Cathy Woloszyk	Bluffton Middle
Laura Pruett	Broad River Elementary
Lee James	Coosa Elementary
Dorothy Joly	HE McCracken Middle
Imogene Yongue	Hilton Head Isl Early Childhood
Susan Brewer	Hilton Head Isl Elementary
Annette Rothwell	Hilton Head Isl Creative Arts
Samuel Davis	Hilton Head Isl High
Barbara Vaughn	Hilton Head Isl Middle
Annette Kelly	Davis Early Childhood/Whale Branch Elementary
Regina Holmes	JS Shanklin Elementary
Patricia Owings-Alley	Lady's Island Elementary
Karen Williams	Lady's Island Middle
Deborah Wilkerson	MC Riley Elementary

**Julie Prussia
Lynn Nagel-Graham
Kim Wooden
Melissa Hibbs
Renee Heiliger
Alean Pusha
Terry Miller
Jerica Newton
Kimberly Fields
Cicely Skinner
Stacy Cleveland**

**Mossy Oaks Elementary
Okatie Elementary
Pritchardville Elementary
Port Royal Elementary
Red Cedar Elementary
Robert Smalls Middle
St. Helena Elementary
Shell Point Elementary
Whale Branch High
Whale Branch Middle
District Office**

For several years, one of our District's stalwart volunteers and supporters has been Mr. Ed Gillies. It gives me great pleasure to announce that Mr. Gillies has been named to the elite group of Champions of Public Education by the South Carolina School Boards Association. Mr. Gillies was nominated for this prestigious award for his many hours of service to the District as Co-Chairman of the Capital Improvements Advisory Committee. While Mr. Gillies will be honored by members of the South Carolina School Boards Association in June, tonight we would like to honor Mr. Gillies for this achievement.

Our media partners are an important asset to our district. Fair and timely reporting of district news are key to keeping our publics engaged and informed. For the past three years, Kate Cerve, Education Reporter of the Island Packet and Beaufort Gazette, has done an excellent job of reporting our news and covering district issues. Unfortunately for both our district and the Gazette and Island Packet, Kate is departing and making a career change. She is going into education!! Tonight, we would like to honor Kate for her service to our District.

Gearing up for PASS testing has been a district-wide initiative embraced by administrators, teachers and students. There are many examples of parents, teachers and students working together. Our Instructional Services instituted "PASS Push" calling on key community partners who also serve our students; students at Beaufort Elementary School held a PASS Pep Rally that took place on May 5th to get students excited about doing their best; and all schools urged their parents to make sure students had plenty of rest before the exams.

Over at Whale Branch Elementary School, prior to PASS, fourth grade teachers, Mr. Brian Keefer, Miss Portia Vaughn, Mrs. Mary Leigh Schimmel, Mrs. Vicky Ryan-Brioc, Mrs. Karyn Matejewski, and Miss Jennifer Bryant, challenged their students to significant gains during MAP testing. The students rose to the occasion and 99% of the students made significant gains. To celebrate, the eighty-three fourth received trophies, various prizes, and ultimately a grand prize winner of a brand new bicycle, for the hard work and effort put towards their formal assessments. Here we see bike winner Maeisha Simmons with her new bike donated by Mr. Corey Fleming of Moss, Kuhn, and Fleming Law Firm.

Coosa Elementary hosted its first All Pro Dad meeting May 6th in the Media Center. All Pro Dad's Day is a one-hour monthly breakfast held before school where fathers and their children meet with other dads and their children. During this time, they discussed a wide range of family

topics, spent time together, created fun memories, and were equipped with resources to strengthen their relationships. Mike Mashke, Team Captain, chaired the meeting with over 75 parents and children in attendance. Breakfast was sponsored by Chick-Fil-A, CBC National Bank, and Publix.

Congratulations! Lady's Island Intermediate/Middle School has been designated as a **"Bronze"** level South Carolina Healthy School. The school has been commended by our state for its commitment and efforts to improve the education, health and well being of children and families in South Carolina.

As a graduation gift to Beaufort County seniors, the Beaufort County Office of Adult Education is offering A FREE Work Ready Class and opportunity to earn a WorkKeys Career Readiness Credential. Classes will meet three days a week from 1 to 4 PM beginning June 7 and ending June 30. Students will work on employable skills, how to find a job, how to create an effective resume, interview strategies and improvement of workplace reading and math skills.

Lady's Island 5th Grader, Brycen Campbell, is South Carolina's 2nd Place winner in the Sons of the American Revolution Poster Contest. Brycen received a check and a certificate by the Gov. Paul Hamilton chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution. Brycen's poster depicting the Battle of Cowpens.

Hilton Head Island High School held a Parade of Champions last week honoring its track and golf teams and individual competitors. Over the weekend, the track team captured its first state team track title and the first time since 1987 that they went to the state meet – congratulations to all of the athletes!

Pritchardville Elementary School fifth grade Students received exciting news recently. Earlier this year they studied their local ecosystem, The May River, and realized that some changes were necessary in order to help protect the waterways and estuaries while at the same time promoting environmentally safe practices. The 5th graders wrote letters to 5 government leaders, locally and nationally, about the importance of keeping our waterways ecologically balanced and also made recommendations for promoting the same. Their letters did not fall on deaf ears and they were most excited when the President of the United States responded.

Whale Branch Middle School and Whale Branch Elementary have both received Ribbon Awards for implementing PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention Supports) with fidelity and quality and were recently recognized for their outstanding work by the SC Department of Education. These schools are seeing improved student outcomes and serve as models for other schools in the district.

Summer is not just a time for relaxing.....in Beaufort County we offer many wonderful academic venues for study....

Robots everywhere!! Eight Beaufort County elementary schools will be the site of 4-day Robotics Camps this summer. Two sessions will be held – June 27 – 30th and July 11- 14 from

8:30 AM to 3 PM. The camps are for students currently enrolled in grades 3 – 5 and are FREE for Beaufort County School District students.

The Beaufort County School District has teamed with the Coastal Discovery Museum to plan a learning experience to appeal specifically to students in our AMES academy. Campers will be dropped off at Beaufort High School each morning during the week of July 18-22. Each day they will explore variety of South Carolina habitats using research practices and techniques utilized by field scientists. The camp will encourage students to become young naturalists, build their foundational knowledge of regional flora and fauna and instill a lasting sense of environmental stewardship.

Public Conversation

Several parents addressed the School Board regarding Riverview and OCR compliance and priority status regarding siblings attending the school.

Showcase

Strategic Plan Annual Update 2010-11

Goal 1) Increase Student Achievement on National Comparisons (MAP, ACT, SAT, AP)

Goal 2) Recruit and retain quality teachers

Superintendent's Report

Moved to June 9 Board Meeting

Chairman's Report

None

Committee Report

None

Board Business Action

Farm to School Program

Board Secretary Laura Bush made a motion to authorize the district staff to move forward with participation in the State sponsored "Farm-to School" program. Motion passed.

Riverview Recruitment Effort and Lottery Procedures

Board Secretary Laura Bush made a motion to find that Riverview has not proposed lottery processes for its 2011-12 school year student admissions lottery reasonably designed to achieve the student diversity goals of the District's Title VI agreement with the Office of Civil Rights regarding Riverview; that the Administration be authorized to develop lottery processes for Riverview Charter School that are reasonably designed to achieve the agreed upon student diversity goals for Riverview; that Riverview fully cooperate with the Administration in its development of these lottery processes including priority enrollment student applicants as may be required by law; and that Riverview conduct its 2011-12 school year student admissions lottery, according to the lottery processes developed by the Administration for the District. Also

I move that we authorized the administration to proceed with the Riverview to accomplish this. Motion passed.

School Lunch Federally Mandated Increase Price Plan

Board Vice Chairman George Wilson made a motion to approve the increase of the lunch prices by 10 cents for the school year 2011-2012 bringing elementary to \$1.45 and secondary to \$1.95. Motion passed.

2011-2012 General Fund Budget

Board Secretary Laura Bush made a motion to approve and certify to the Beaufort County Council a Fiscal Year 2011-2012 General Fund Budget in the amount of \$173,970,150 with anticipated revenue from all sources as follows:

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| (1) | \$112,856,466 | to be derived from property tax collections; |
| (2) | \$54,311,312 | to be derived from state revenues; |
| (3) | \$400,000 | to be derived from federal sources; |
| (4) | \$1,100,000 | to be derived from other local sources; |
| (5) | \$3,013,067 | to be derived from inter-fund transfers; |
| (6) | \$1,091,589 | to be derived from adjustment to the New River TIF |
| (7) | \$1,197,716 | Fund Balance |

Motion passed.

Board member, Mr. George Wilson made a motion to authorize the District's Chief Financial Officer, in consultation with the District Superintendent, Board Chair, and District attorney, to engage an independent auditing firm to review, analyze, and report to the Board, as expeditiously as is possible, (1) the historical and current status of the implementation of the New River Tax Increment Financing District with regard to the Board's interests under the 2002 "Agreement for Participation of the School District of Beaufort County in the New River TIF" and state law including the amount per pupil to be allocated to the District under S.C. Code Session 31-7-80, and (2) the calculation of rollback millage for the District under state law for the most recent countywide equalization and reassessment program. Further, because time is of the essence and the services are for pressing needs of the Board, I further move that this engagement will be exempted from procurement solicitation procedures and requires no further Board authorization. Motion passed.

Consideration of School Closures

Board Vice Chairman George Wilson made a motion that the Board direct the Superintendent to initiate a study to create a list of potential school closures for the 2012-2013 school year. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Laura Bush. Mr. Steve Morello made a motion to amend the motion to include the cost per student. Motion passed. The main motion passed that included the cost per student.

Board member, Bill Evans made a motion that following the community discussion, that the administration establish a committee that includes district staff, school site personnel and a community person from each cluster to have input on the potential list of school closures. Motion passed.

Consideration of Teacher Step Increase

Board Secretary, Laura Bush made the following motion; it is the intent of the Beaufort County School District to not provide a step increase to teachers but will ensure that teachers do not lose a year of experience. Teachers will be paid in the salary schedule the district used in 2010-2011. Motion passed.

Consent Agenda

Board Secretary, Laura Bush made a motion to approve the consent agenda with the exception of removing the 2011-12 Student Code of Conduct and the Accelerated Learning Schools Evaluation Report. Motion passed.

Adjournment