

Superintendent's Board of Education meeting summary: July 1, 2014

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Chairman Evans called the meeting to order at 5 p.m., and the Board went into executive session. The Board reconvened at 6 p.m., and one motion was made out of executive session:

A motion to accept the superintendent's recommendation to employ Drew H. Davis as the school district attorney beginning in for 2014-15 school year. Approved.

A motion to approve the agenda with the removal of the June 3 Curriculum and Instruction Committee minutes from the consent agenda and the removal of The Bailey Bill from board business. Approved.

Pledge of allegiance and invocation.

Points of Celebration (presented by Dr. Moss)

TENNIS CHAMPS: We would like to recognize a pair of students who recently showcased their athletic abilities on the national level. Christopher McPherson is a student at Hilton Head Island High School, and Eric Perez is a student at Bluffton High School. They both received gold medals in their divisions at the Special Olympic USA Games in New Jersey. They also played as a doubles pair and won a bronze medal.

CATE AWARD: Next up is Battery Creek High School, where a 2014 graduate and participant in the school's Engineering Program represented our district at the recent Career & Technical Education Business Summit in Greenville. Wendell Roberson, Jr. won the prestigious Lowcountry Technology Champion award for exemplifying high standards in academic, technical and leadership service areas.

Public Comment

One community member questioned the district's involvement in county economic development initiatives.

Committee Reports

ACE: Mr. Rivers reported that questions from Board members had been submitted to the ACE Board. Chairman Evans asked for those answers to be reported at the August work session.

Community Outreach and Legislative Advocacy: Mr. Campbell asked Board members to submit input on legislative issues for the annual SCSBA business meeting.

Curriculum and Instruction: Mrs. Bush reported that the committee and staff are preparing their presentation for the August work session.

Finance and Operations: No report.

Human Resources: No report.

Student Services: Mrs. Anderson reported that the July 14 meeting would discuss anti-bullying efforts, graduation ceremonies and dropout prevention.

Website and Communications: Mrs. Cordray reported that the committee met June 30 and discussed improvements to the website and the process of changing the district's logo.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Moss introduced Dr. Dereck Rhoads and Ross Hendricks to give a presentation on the mobile learning program that will be implemented in the 2014-15 school year and has been officially named Connect2Learn. Dr. Rhoads also gave an update on the Summer Institute plans.

Dr. Moss reported that the Office of Civil Rights had approved the new district attendance zones.

Board Business Action

Phyllis White presented a resolution to authorize general obligation bonds not to exceed \$2.88 million through the SCAGO 2014 Fall GO Program. Motion approved.

Ms. White presented a resolution to authorize tax anticipation notes not to exceed \$17 million through the SCAGO TAN Program. Motion approved.

Ms. White presented the FY 2015-16 Capital Improvement Plan for a total of \$15 million. Motion approved.

Motion to approve a donation from the Big Green Booster Club for an ice machine at the Beaufort High School stadium.

Chairman's Report

Chairman Evans reminded everyone of the Board's August 8-9 work session. Topics will include CATE expansion, anti-bullying efforts, school choice programs and the superintendent's evaluation instrument, with the possibility that other topics might be added later. Dr. Moss suggested adding a refresher session on the school district's accreditation process and how that fits with the new strategic plan.

New Business

Mrs. Anderson requested having only one Board meeting in July 2015.

Mr. Beckert requested that the Finance Committee develop a Board policy for participation in tax increment financing agreements.

Mr. Payne asked staff to work with state Rep. Shannon Erickson's anti-bullying task force.

Mr. Campbell asked that an attorney be present at a meeting with Jasper County officials to review the original legislation regarding ACE.

Consent Agenda

Motion to approve the amended consent agenda. Approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.