

**Board of Education Summary**  
**April 5, 2011**  
**School Board Meeting**

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

Secretary Laura Bush made a motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation for employee contracts for teachers and administrators for the 2011-2012 year. Motion passed.

Secretary Laura Bush made a motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation that the employment of employee A, an Induction Contract teacher, be non-renewed for the 2011-12 school year and pursuant to Section 59-26-40 of the S.C. Code of Laws. Motion passed.

Secretary Laura Bush made a motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation that the employment agreement of a Continuing Contract teacher, Employee B, be non-renewed for the 2011-12 school year, subject to the Board's duty to review the matter on the merits pursuant to state law should the individual request a hearing. Motion passed.

Chairman Fred Washington called for the approval of the agenda.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Media properly notified**

**Invocation**

Students from Lady's Island Middle School Choir sang a song entitled, "A Distant Shore."

**Points of Celebration**

Beaufort Middle School was on center stage March 22 in Columbia as a finalist in the Palmetto's Finest Schools competition. While the school was not chosen this year for the prestigious honor, Principal Carole Ingram vows that they will sharpen their pencils and pursue the honor next year! Congratulations again to the entire Beaufort Middle School team for achieving this rare level of excellence. Bravo!

Great news from HE McCracken Middle School – students Paris Jean Baptiste and Daniel Falcocchio have been named 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Middle School winners in the Silver Crescent Foundation's Design Challenge Contest. They are among six students statewide who have been named winners in the 2011 SC Discover Manufacturing Design Challenge – an annual creative competition to help young people learn the value of careers in manufacturing. The contest is one of several career exploration programs run by the [Silver Crescent Foundation](#) in partnership with the South Carolina Department of Education's [Office of Career and Technology Education](#) and the state's regional career specialists. The goal is to foster career exploration by young people and expose them to jobs that rely on workers with strong science, math, engineering and technology skills.

Hilton Head Island High School's School Improvement Council is planning a Parent University program on April 16<sup>th</sup>. The event will feature multiple workshops and special guest speakers. Childcare will be provided and it is free to all parents, guardians, grandparents, aunts, uncles, etc. Many thanks to Roberta Foss and her hard working SIC for this great endeavor!

Battery Creek High School students took top honors at the recent South Carolina Future Business Leaders of America State Conference. Battery Creek is extremely proud these students and special kudos to Desiree Mungin (CATE teacher and FBLA advisor) for her outstanding instructional leadership. The winners are:

1st Place = Allyson Morgan (Senior) in Business Communications. Allyson's placement earned her a \$4000 scholarship (\$1,000 renewable a year for 4 years) from Johnson & Wales. Allyson was 1 of 3 members who won the SCFBLA Rita Heap Scholarship of \$500 minimum. The State did not say exactly how much each would receive, but the historical value has not been less than \$500.

1st Place = Kelsey Poole (Sophomore) in Introduction to Business Communications

1st Place = Nick Western (Freshman) in Accounting

The 1st Place winners now qualify to compete at the Nationals this summer in Orlando, Florida.

3rd Place = Alexis Myers (Freshman) in Word Processing 1

In spite of cranky robots, Beaufort County FIRST Robotics Teams from Hilton Head Island and Battery Creek High Schools had a wonderful experience competing in the recent regional robotics competition in Charleston. Cheering the teams on were the Pee Wee Beachbotics Team at Hilton Head Elementary School and high school leaders from the Students Advisory Council. The competition culminated on Friday and Hilton Head Team Advisor, John Quindlen, reports that their robot finally cooperated in the last moments and completed its robotic tasks. Mr. Quindlen is very proud of his students who showed great patience and problem solving ability during the competition.

After multiple years of planning and raising funds, Okatie Elementary School has a beautiful new fitness trail. A ribbon cutting was held recently to celebrate this wonderful event with hundreds of students, teachers, parents and community members present. The walking trail is a quarter mile in distance and features a variety of exercise stations. In addition Okatie's "Okie Healthy Steps" Project has been selected to appear in a commercial and photoshoot for the South Carolina DHEC.

Hilton Head Island High School brought home the gold at the recent Sea Island Science Fair. Brian Ludewig, a 10<sup>th</sup> grade student in Nancy Clouse's class was a big winner. Brian completed a science fair project "Laser Cushion" while interning at MegaWatt Lasers. At the Sea Island Regional Science Fair on March 16<sup>th</sup>, Brian won:

1st Place - Math and Engineering  
US Metrics Award

Recommendation for Google Science Fair  
Lifelong Learning of Hilton Head Island Category Award  
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Brian will be competing at International Science and Engineering Fair in Los Angeles during the week of May 8<sup>th</sup>.

Students at St. Helena Elementary School have recently completed the final portion of a four year arts and science integration program through the Lowcountry Arts Integration Projects. Students worked with Project teachers Melba Cooper and Lisa Rentz observing ecosystems then writing poetry and using their artistic talents in various ways. Many thanks are extended to Melba, Lisa and the Lowcountry Arts team for bringing this wonderful program to St. Helena Elementary School.

HE McCracken students have been working on Project Citizen. Project Citizen is an interdisciplinary instructional program designed to teach cooperative-learning, critical-thinking, problem-solving, and decision-making. This research project provides a model for authentic assessment focusing on learning on the processes of state and local government, real affairs of the community and teaches students to monitor and influence public policy. The students have demonstrated a great eagerness and excitement toward learning and have had the opportunity to work hands on with understanding the processes of real life decision making that affect them every day. By partaking in this research project the students have not only learned about local government but have been able to practice their persuasive writing skills as well as synthesize information for the purpose of arguing their position and proving their point.

Congratulations are extended to Kaylie Richardson, a fifth grade student at Lady's Island Middle School, and Emily Farnham, an eighth grade student at Hilton Head Island Middle School. Kaylie and Emily are recent District Winners of the State Superintendent's Writing Contest. The purpose of this awards program is to support the teaching of the South Carolina Academic Standards and provide fifth and eighth grade students an opportunity to express themselves through the writing process. Other school winners include:

**Participating Elementary schools/winners:**

BES—Decker Paulmeier  
BLES—Adam Park  
Hilton Head IB—Emily Wilbourne  
JSES—Hailey Prince  
LIMS Intermediate—Kaylie Richardson—district winner  
MCRES—Hannah Kennedy  
OES—Kieran Scott Fleming  
PRES—Hannah Barnhardt  
RCES—Harrison Rogers

**Participating Middle Schools/winners:**

BMS—Jesse Bellew  
HEMMS—Diana Campos  
HHIMS—Emily Farnham—district winner

LIMS—Christopher A. Bearden

Christine Wright Brown reports that Bluffton Elementary School's first ever Reading Prize Patrol visited two students' households recently and "caught" everyone reading. The winners were Faith Knudson and Dennis Dougherty. The new Reading Prize Patrol program visits students' houses looking for families "caught" reading. If they are, a prize bag full of books, book marks, pencils and erasers are given to the family. All prizes are donated by BLES PTO. Great job!

A wonderful Point of Celebration is our Gifted and Talented Program. Because of the dedicated and persistent work of Cindy Duyrea and Margaret Rushton, we have increased the number of students marked as G/T academic and G/T artistic in PowerSchool. Cindy and Margaret checked and rechecked the data entry until we had all students identified entered into PowerSchool.

Here is a comparison of the numbers on the 135<sup>th</sup> day reports for 2009-10 and 2010-11.

	2009-2010	2010-2011	Increase
G/T Academic	2097	2354	257
G/T Artistic	797	919	122

Desiree Thrower, a Special Education student attending ACE has been invited to travel and study in Australia in the summer of 2011 with People to People, the educational exploration program founded by Pres. Dwight D. Eisenhower. Her family is so proud.

### **Public Conversation**

Sonya Wilson, Parent of Whale Branch Early College High School addressed the School Board.

### **Comment Corrections**

Board Member, Dr. Wayne Carbiener, address a letter to the editor regarding the School Board and "mustering the courage to make cuts." Dr. Carbiener reminder the audience just a month ago the Board of Education trimmed close to 7 million from the budget. See the full response on the district website under School Board.

### **Showcase**

"Everywhere, All the Time Learning"

Chief Instructional Services Officer, Dr. Sean Alford presented to the Board the virtual pass push using compass learning.

### **Chairman's Report**

Chairman Washington made comments addressing a letter to the editor regarding private and charter schools. See full response on the district website under School Board.

Chairman Washington announced the upcoming Special Board Meetings on Tuesday, April 12, 2011 at County Council Chambers from 4:30pm – 7pm regarding student reassignments and Friday, April 15, 2011 to discuss the budget for 2011-2012.

Chairman Washington announced the town hall meeting for district 11 to be held Thursday, April 21 at Beaufort Middle School cafeteria beginning at 6:30pm.

Chairman Washington announced the retreat for Lady's Island Baptist Church for mentoring males to be held on June 17-18, 2011. All those interested may contact Carl Gillard at 522-2099 (home) or 263-6379 (cell).

### **Committee Report**

Board member Earl Campbell gave an update regarding ACE.

Mr. Earl Campbell called a special meeting of the ACE board on April 4, 2011. The board of ACE (comprised of three members from Jasper and three members from Beaufort), both board chairpersons (Mr. Washington and Ms. Snooks), and the superintendents (Dr. Washington and Dr. Truesdale) met in executive session.

Upon returning to open session, the following motion was passed unanimously:

Due to recent changes in accounting companies, there have been some delayed postings in employees' retirement payments. The ACE Board tonight takes these actions:

- 1) We direct the Jasper and Beaufort superintendents to conduct an internal inquiry in financial and personnel matters and report back to the ACE Board by April 29.
- 2) We direct the ACE director to prepare an RFP for financial services effective July 1, 2011.

Secretary Laura Bush gave a brief report on the Superintendent's Evaluation committee. Board Member Bush stated the group has met and is progressing forward with setting the criteria for the Superintendent's Evaluation.

### **Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent, Dr. Valerie Truesdale, presented to the Board the FOIA request information regarding the amount of money the district has spent on legal costs. The total amount spent has decreased over \$374,000 in the past two years.

Superintendent, Dr. Valerie Truesdale, presented to the Board an update on Flashing Lights at St. Helena Elementary School. In a letter from the SC Department of Education it stated there will be flashing lights installed for ST. Helena Elementary School on US-21 as soon as the work can be scheduled.

Superintendent, Dr. Valerie Truesdale, presented to the Board an update on the number of students qualifying for Gifted and Talented academic and artistic services.

	2009-2010	2010-2011	Increase
Gifted/Talented Academic	2097	2354	257
Gifted/Talented Artistic	797	919	122

Student Services Officer, Dr. Cynthia Hayes and Director of Alternative Programs, Dee Mathews, presented to the Board an update on the Alternative Education programs, performance expectation 7.1: Provide equal educational opportunity in a safe, healthful, nondiscriminatory and secure environment for all students. It is being proposed to springboard the over age 8<sup>th</sup> graders and seventeen year old high school students with insufficient Carnegie Units into the Alternative Education Program.

Chief Operational Services Officer, Phyllis White, presented performance expectation 5.8: Assure that internal controls are in place and reviewed annually in regards to the Construction Audit. The report from Webster Rogers stated adequate policies and procedures were in place and there were no exceptions for change orders or original contracts. Insurance certificates were reviewed and were found to be in compliance and noted no discrepancies.

Chief Operational Services Officer, Phyllis White, presented the Legislative and Local Update. This update can be found on the district website under School Board.

### **Board Business Action**

*Concept Proposal to Address Minority Achievement*

Motion passed

*Approval of Certified and Administrative Contract Recommendations for the 2011-2012 school year*

Motion passed

### *QZAB Funds (Quality Zone Academy Bonds)*

Vice Chairman George Wilson made a motion to accept the resolution authorizing the issuance and sale of a not to exceed \$2,622,318 general obligation bonds, taxable series 2011B (Qualified zone academy bonds – direct payment), of the school district of Beaufort County, South Carolina; fixing the form and details of the bonds; authorizing the Superintendent of the school district to determine certain matters relating to the bonds for the payment of the bonds and the disposition of the proceeds thereof; designating the bonds as “qualified zone academy bonds” pursuant to section 54(E) of the internal revenue code; and other matters relating thereto. Motion passed.

### **New Business**

None

### **Consent Agenda**

Board Member Earl Campbell made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion passed.

- February 18<sup>th</sup> Work Session; March 1<sup>st</sup>, March 15<sup>th</sup> and March 19<sup>th</sup> Work Session, 2011 Minutes
- Annual Insurance Coverage
- Monthly HR Status Report
- Monthly AE/Home Schooling

## **Adjournment**