

Superintendent's Board Meeting Summary: December 11, 2018

Chair Earl Campbell called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Coming out of executive session, motion to approve the Superintendent's recommendation as listed on the November 1-31 2018 Employee Ratification Report (approved). Motion to approve the monthly home school report presented in executive session (approved).

Motion to approve the agenda as presented. Board discussion. Motion approved.

Pledge of Allegiance, invocation, statement of media notification.

Points of Celebration (presented by Dr. Berg)

Character Education Students of the Month – Yael Echeverria, 12th grade at May River High School (August); Kaia Bishop, 1st grade at Hilton Head SCA (September); and Maggie Maine, 3rd grade at Okatie Elementary (October)

Our Character Education program was formed to support parents' efforts to develop good character in their children. School counselors identified a list of character words and definitions that focus on attitudes and personal qualities that build a foundation for success in life and work. A student from each school is selected as that school's Character Education Student of the Month. Then that student goes on to compete for Character Education Student of the Month for the entire school district. Tonight we're celebrating the Character Ed Student of the Month exhibiting the Character Traits "Friendship/Kindness", "Acceptance", and "Courage/Tolerance".

"Friendship" is defined as the emotions or conduct of friends; the state of being friends.

"Kindness" is defined as the quality of being friendly, generous, and considerate. May River High School Principal Todd Bornscheuer introduced the Character Education Student of the Month for August.

"Acceptance" is defined as the action or process of being received as adequate or suitable, typically to be admitted into a group or received by others. Hilton Head School for the Creative Arts Principal Gretchen Keefner introduced the Character Education Student of the Month for September.

"Courage" is defined as doing the right thing in the face of difficulty and following your conscience instead of the crowd. "Tolerance" is defined as realizing that everyone is at varying levels of character development. Okatie Elementary School Principal Jamie Pinckney introduced the Character Education Student of the Month for October.

ACE – South Carolina Association of Cosmetology Schools (SCACS) Skills Competition

Last month, several students from the Beaufort-Jasper Academy for Career Excellence competed and placed first at the South Carolina Association of Cosmetology Schools student

competition. Nail Technician instructor Demetrie Warren shared about the competition and introduce the student.

Youth in Government Awards

Beaufort County School District schools traditionally has an excellent Youth in Government extracurricular program, and each year those students make a strong showing at the annual Youth in Government Conference in Columbia. Erin Reichert (Bluffton High's Youth in Government coordinator) and Jonathan Miller (Beaufort High's Youth in Government coordinator) introduced their students told the Board and audience about their students' performance in Columbia.

Holiday Card design

This year's district holiday card competition was for students in high school grades, and the student whose creation was selected by the judges is a student at Hilton Head Island High School. Bethany Felix designed the card this year. Her art teacher, Ms. Dobbelaere says this about Bethany: "Bethany is a 'super junior' at Hilton Head Island High School, graduating early and pursuing a creative career at the college level. She is presently taking the most rigorous art class offered, IB Art. Bethany has recently had her work exhibited at the 2018 South Carolina State Fair and has submitted to 2019 Scholastics Art and Writing Competition. She is wired with creativity and kindness and her personality reflects in her artwork. We are proud of Bethany's submission for the BCSD Holiday Card! Thank you for recognizing Bethany and her artistic skills!"

Dr. Bill Adams with Hazard Young Attea and Associates updated the Board on the status of the superintendent search firm focus groups and town hall meetings. He addressed the Board's questions.

Public Comment

A community member commented on what he hopes new Board members will bring to the Board and expressed his hope that Board member JoAnn Orischak is named Board Chair. A community member and parent read an e-mail she sent to the Board regarding school start times. A community member questioned the fiscal responsibility of outgoing Board members attending a conference. A community member and Board member-elect encouraged the Board to vote no on a motion to build additions at River Ridge Academy. A community member encouraged the Board to vote yes to design the future additions at River Ridge Academy but to vote no on actual construction. A community member reminded the Board that students are not ink on paper and are affected by the Board's decisions. Two River Ridge Academy teachers shared the challenges they face and encouraged the Board to vote to build additions. A community member spoke regarding a Board member's ethics violation and issues with sharing confidential information. A community member expressed concern that a "yes" vote to building additions at River Ridge will take away from fixing their schools on Hilton Head Island.

Chair's Report

Board member Bill Payne gave an update on issues discussed at the SCSBA Legislative Advocacy Conference that eight Board members recently attended.

Mr. Campbell announced the ribbon-cutting on Friday, December 14 at 2 p.m. for the new Whale Branch Early College High School gymnasium. A ribbon-cutting for the performing arts center will be held in the spring.

Committee Reports

David Striebinger reported that the Board's Finance Committee has not met since the last meeting but will meet on Thursday at the district office.

Superintendent's Report

Director of Accountability Daniel Fallon presented a detailed explanation of the school report card and addressed the Board's questions.

Chief Instructional Officer Bonnie Almond presented the state's action plan for Multi-Tier System of Support (MTSS) and addressed the Board's questions.

Chief Financial Officer Tonya Crosby presented the P.E. 3.6 annual external audit and introduced Marcus Tomlinson of Elliott Davis, who reported on the annual audit. Motion to approve P.E. 3.6 annual external audit (approved).

Board Business

Motion that the Board of Education give the Superintendent or his designees authority to assign new neighborhoods located in a school's zone where enrollment is over 95 percent capacity to a different school zone with a lower capacity usage. Board discussion. Amended motion give the Superintendent or his designees the authority to assign new neighborhoods which have no students currently assigned to a school where enrollment is over 95 percent capacity usage to a different school zone with a lower capacity usage and notify the Board. Motion approved.

Board discussion regarding a motion from the November 27 Board meeting to construct addition at River Ridge Academy for \$6,000,000 (Actual Cost \$6,377,000). Motion to separate the motion (approved). Motion that the Board approve the use of FY 2021 8 percent funds for the design, permitting and construction of a 16-classroom additions planned for River Ridge Academy in the amount of \$6,337,000. Board discussion. Motion to table until January. After Board discussion, the motion to table failed. The original motion to approve the use of FY 2021 8 percent funds for the design, permitting and construction of a 16-classroom addition planned for River Ridge Academy in the amount of \$6,337,000 was approved. Motion that the Board approve the use of FY 2021 8 percent funds for the design, permitting and bidding of a two-story classroom addition planned for May River High School in the amount of \$1,150,000 (approved).

Chief Operations Officer Robert Oetting addressed questions on the student reassignment options previously presented. Motion to adopt option two with grandfathering (failed).

Chief Administrative Services and Human Resources Officer Alice Walton presented an update of the New P.E.12 – FOIA Report. Motion to approve the new P.E. 12 – FOIA report (approved).

Motion to approve a donation of \$7,786.80 to Battery Creek High School for payment for football cleats (approved).

Motion to post Board members' e-mails to the Board website on a monthly basis. Board discussion. Amended motion to post all district e-mails on the website (failed). Board discussion. Motion that the Board publish all e-mails sent by the Board members or received by Board members that do not contain protected information to Board website on a monthly basis starting January 2, 2019. Board discussion. Motion failed.

Motion to approve the use of FY 2021 Facility's Assessment Fees not to exceed \$95,000 for Robert Smalls International Academy, Lady's Island Middle School and Hilton Head Island High School. Board discussion. Motion approved.

Motion to approve the IB Sports, Exercise and Health Science HL (approved).

Motion there is no rezoning for the 2019-2020 school year (failed).

Consent Agenda

Motion to approve the consent agenda of Board Meeting Minutes – 11/13/18; 11/16-17/18 Work Session; 11/27/2018. Board discussion. Motion approved with corrections to the 11/13/18 minutes.

Public Comment

A community member spoke regarding threats of violence occurring within the school district with little to no discipline. A community member thanked outgoing Board members for their service, emphasized that rezoning still needs to be addressed, and the idea that additions at RRA would take away from repairs in HH schools, stating she hopes the Board gives them correct information. A community member reflected on the service of Board members over the past year and not making a decision on rezoning. A community member and Board member-elect thanked outgoing Board members and expressed his disappointment in how the meeting went.

Outgoing Board members shared their farewells and thanks for time served on the Board. Mr. Campbell thanked the outgoing members for their service and gave advice to the incoming Board members.

Motion to adjourn approved. Meeting adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

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