

Superintendent's Board Meeting Summary: March 16, 2021

Chair Christina Gwozdz called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Coming out of executive session, motion that the Board of Education authorize the execution of a contract award to Thompson Turner to provide Pre-Construction/Construction Phase (CM at-Risk) Services for Renovation at Hilton Head Middle School as described in RFP #21-025 (approved).

Motion to approve the agenda as presented (approved).

Pledge of Allegiance. Moment of silence in honor of DJ Fields and Shirley Perry, both of whom passed away earlier this month. Statement of media notification.

Student Performance: May River High School cast performing a number from the spring musical *Into the Woods* under the direction of Jason Snyder.

Performance: <https://youtu.be/43lmd2QFZgQ>

Points of Celebration

Character Education Students for the Month of February

Our Character Education program was formed to support parents' efforts to develop good character in their children. Tonight, we celebrated the Character Ed students for the month of February.

February's character traits were "Honesty" and "Integrity." Honesty is defined as telling the truth, being trustworthy and acting with integrity. Integrity is defined as a firm adherence to a code of especially moral or artistic values, or being honest, trustworthy, and incorruptible.

February's student of the month for north of the Broad is Isaac Smalls, seventh grade student at Lady's Island Middle School.

Isaac's teacher nominated him as student of the month because he was recently in a position where he stepped up and told the truth in a strenuous situation. His teacher shared that "We live in a time where many people believe that "snitches get stitches." Despite his nervousness, and whatever else he felt, Isaac shared the truth of what happened in a difficult situation. We are very happy that he chose to be honest. He also shows integrity."

For south of the Broad, the January student of the month is Briana Santiago, a seventh grader at Hilton Head Island Middle School.

Briana's teacher shared the following in her nomination form: "Briana is a star student. She is the kind of student everyone wants in their classroom for many reasons. Every teacher who has ever had her in their classroom feels lucky to be around such a kind-hearted and caring individual. She demonstrates empathy, understanding, patience, and caring for other students.

That is something rarely seen in students her age. She is always willing to lend a hand in any way they need, not judging one for their limitations but encouraging and praising their accomplishments. Two more reasons she is a Stellar Stingray are her honesty and integrity. In 6th and 7th grade I have been able to count on her for her honesty. Briana will tell the truth regarding any situation. This has helped me make better decisions when teaching and working with other students. She knows what is right and makes the right choices on her own. Briana encourages others to do the same. She wants to do well in school and anyone who knows her can see that through her hard work and determination. She asks questions and takes pride in her work! Briana demonstrates honesty and integrity daily. Briana is more than just an amazing student, she is an amazing person! We are lucky to have her at Hilton Head Island Middle School!"

Congratulations Isaac and Briana!

Foundation for Educational Excellence

Representatives from the Foundation for Educational Excellence, a local nonprofit that raises funds to support the mission and goals of Beaufort County School District by furthering student instructional activities and projects through Innovative Teacher Grants and Innovative School Resource Grants, announced that everyone within Beaufort County School District is the recipient of the 2021 Peggy May Inspiration Award (https://youtu.be/SNO_D6Eq6w).

Quarterly CLOC Update

CLOC Chair Ted Barber presented the quarterly CLOC update and addressed the Board's questions.

Committee Reports

Ad Hoc Results Committee – Committee Chair Cathy Robine stated the committee had their first meeting where they discussed the metrics that have yet to be used due to the pandemic.

Finance Committee – Motion that the Board authorize the filing of E-rate Year 2021 applications for eligible E-rate Category 2 Services and further acknowledge that the Board will budget for sufficient funds to pay for the District's share of Service Provider invoices for these services. Chief Financial Officer Tonya Crosby presented information pertaining to the motion and addressed the Board's questions. Motion approved.

Motion that the Board of Education of the Beaufort County School District authorizes the Superintendent or in the absence of the Superintendent, his/her designee, and/or the Chief Instructional Officer/Chief Financial Officer to apply for, sign, submit, and administer federal, state, local, and foundation grant applications and cooperative agreements for the 2021-2022 school year. Ms. Crosby presented information pertaining to the motion and addressed the Board's questions. Motion approved.

Ms. Crosby presented a summary of CARES Act funding and addressed the Board's questions.

Motion that the Board approve the Minority/Women Owned Business Enterprise Report (M/WBE) monitoring report according to the schedule set by the Beaufort county Board of Education for the period of July 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020. Ms. Crosby presented information pertaining to the motion and addressed the Board's questions. Motion approved.

Operations Committee – Committee Vice Chair William Smith shared that the committee met and received a Construction update O.E. 9 and the Maintenance Report O.E. 8. Chief Operations Officer Robert Oetting presented O.E.8 (formally PE.7.5) and addressed the Board's questions. Motion that the Operations committee recommend to the full board the acceptance of the Cleaning and Maintenance Report March 10, 2021. Board discussion. Amended motion to strike "operations committee recommend to the full board acceptance" and replace with "the Board accepts the Cleaning and Maintenance Report March 10, 2021." Board continued discussions. Amended motion approved.

Rob Corbin, with CBRE Herry, shared a brief construction update.

Policy Committee – Committee Chair Rachel Wisnefski said the committee met on March 9 to identify documents that need to go into the Handbook at the end of the policy manual.

Superintendent's Report

Goal #1 Student Achievement

TSI Schools Update – Chief Instructional Services Officer Dr. Mary Stratos and Daniel Fallon, Director of Data Services, presented a TSI schools update and addressed the Board's questions.

Motion that this topic be placed on a special called work session.

Amended motion to call a special called work session or Board meeting to discuss the achievement gap. Board discussion. Amended motion that the topic of the Achievement Gap Results be placed on a Special Work Session in June 2021 (approved).

Motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 9:13 p.m.

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