

Board of Education Summary
June 15, 2010
School Board Meeting

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

Motions from Executive Session

Bob Arundell made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to employ Marvelle Ulmer as principal at Lady's Island Elementary School for the 2010-2011 school year. Motion passed.

Chairman Washington called for the approval of the agenda

Pledge of Allegiance

Media properly notified

Invocation

Students from St. Helena Elementary gave the invocation by singing two songs.

Points of Celebration

These past two weeks have been ones of transition and milestones as students moved up a grade, on to another school, and on to a new chapter in their lives. Congratulations to the 1146 seniors who graduated from the Beaufort County high schools. We wish them the very best as they pursue new educational heights and careers.

We have received word that yet another Beaufort County student has been accepted to a prestigious South Carolina Governor's School. Beaufort High School student **Sara Wilson** will begin her studies in the Governor's School for Math and Science in the fall.

Jasmine Femia, a junior at Battery Creek High School and daughter of Robert and Tina Cituk, has been awarded the 2010 Embarq Directory cover. Jasmine is a student in Mr. John Cullinen's Photography 1 class. The photography class project "Beautiful Beaufort County" is designed to encourage students to explore the natural beauty and history of the community in which they live. Battery Creek students from Photo I through Photo III, including the IB class were invited to submit images. This is the tenth consecutive year that a Battery Creek High School Photography student has won this award

Students at the **Hilton Head Island School for the Creative Arts** recently created and dedicated a "Wall of Remembrance" for the Holocaust. The "Wall" was a multi-disciplinary project that began with the study of the Holocaust followed by the creation of a memorial dedicated to those who perished. With the assistance of community partner, The Arts Center of Coastal Carolina, students made ceramic tiles depicting scenes and symbols of the Holocaust. The tiles were set into a concrete and wood frame that has been placed in the school's courtyard. A special dedication ceremony was held at the school attended by students and members of the Arts Center Board and staff.

The recent **Spoletto Festival** in Charleston featured performances by students from two Beaufort County schools –the Hilton Head School for the Creative Arts and Beaufort High School. On June 4th, 180 students from Hilton Head School for the Creative Arts performed “The Charleston,” an original musical about Charleston’s Jenkins Orphanage Band. More than 600 viewed the performance. The Spoleto organizers were very pleased and have invited the school to perform again next year. Beaufort High students from the school’s Gingerbread Children’s Theatre performed “The Seussification of Romeo and Juliet” on the main stage at Piccolo Spoleto on June 11th. Once again, our students performed to rave reviews. Being invited to perform at the Spoleto Festival is a very, very big honor. We are so very proud of our students!

Hilton Head IBE Principal **Jill McAden** will be traveling to China this week. Mrs. McAden was selected in the 2010 Chinese Bridge Delegation: Taking the Next Step trip, a one week educational program in China, June 19-29. As a delegate, she will have an outstanding opportunity to deepen her understanding of China, share best practices, and build partnerships with Chinese schools. This program is sponsored by Hanban / Confucius Institute and she will be traveling as a guest of Hanban.

Congratulations to thirty-eight eighth grade students from Beaufort **Middle School** who are members of Junior Leadership Beaufort’s Class of 2010. As part of the Junior Leadership Program, the students spent the past year learning more about their community, how it works, and various agencies and departments serving citizens.

Robert Smalls Middle School and Hilton Head Early Childhood Center have been recognized by the state for their fidelity and quality in implementing Positive Behavior Interventions and Support (PBIS) programs. Both schools have achieved Ribbon Status. Congratulations!

Public Conversation

None

Showcase

Chris Poe, Executive Director for School Facilities, presented a report pertaining to the capital improvements at Pritchardville Elementary School and to acknowledge the land the school is built on was donated New River Farms, L.P., Holly Branch farms, L.P., Jones and Associates, L.P., The Barbara Bailey, L.P., Lillian R. Stephenson, Dorothy R. Zetterowner, and Christopher C. Ryalse.

Chairmen’s Report

Board Chairman, Fred Washington, introduced two representatives from the Office of Civil Rights to share the status the Desegregation Plan.

Committee Report

Board Member, Jim Bequette, made a motion accept the recommendation from the audit committee to change PE 5: Asset Protection: Item 9. Delete current language and replace with, “assure that internal controls are in place and reviewed annually.” Motion passed.

Board Member, Jim Bequette, made a motion accept the recommendation from the audit committee to change BCR 9: Item 5. Delete current language and replace with, “establish an audit committee which shall recommend to the Board specific areas for internal audit, and shall recommend to the Board specific areas for internal audit, and shall coordinate annual audit requirements with administration.” Motion passed.

Board Member, Jim Bequette, made a motion accept the recommendation from the audit committee that the Annual Audit contract with Webster Rogers, LLC be amended to add \$2,500 for the P-Card audit’s additional work. Motion passed.

Superintendent’s Report

Dr. Sean Alford, Chief Instructional Services Officer, introduced Mike Brandau and Steven Holland of technology services to present an updated policy pertaining to the Acceptable Use Policy.

Board Member, Earl Campbell made a motion to accept the administrators recommendation for Administrative Rule on I40 Network/internet Acceptable Use including Internet Safety Policy. Motion passed.

Phyllis White, Chief Operating Officer, shared a report on Priorities for 8% Projects.

Dr. Jackie Rosswurm, Chief Administrative and Human Resources Services Officer, shared with the Board that job descriptions are being updated as part of the implementation of WinOcular. And that job descriptions are reviewed and updated by the hiring office prior to positions being posted.

Dr. Jackie Rosswurm, Chief Administrative and Human Resources Services Officer, shared with the Board that the district continues to establish a culture of respect which treats all staff members in a fair and balanced manner.

Dr. Valerie Truesdale, Superintendent, shared with the Board the first newsletter from Whale Branch Early College High School.

Board Business Action

Acceptance of Office of Civil Rights Recommended Changes to Title VI Desegregation Plan

Board member Earl Campbell made a motion to accept the OCR recommended changes to Title VI Desegregation Plan. Motion passed.

Food Services Contract

Vice Chairman, Bob Arundell, made a motion to table discussion of the food services contract. Motion passed.

Tax Anticipation Note Approval

Vice Chairman, Bob Arundell, made a motion authorizing the issuance of a not exceeding \$14,000,000 tax anticipation note, series 2010, of the school district of Beaufort County, SC;

authorizing the sale of said note to the South Carolina Association of Governmental Organizations pursuant to the terms of its SC tan program; prescribing the terms and conditions under which the note may be issued; providing for the form of the note; providing for the payment thereof; authorizing certain officials of the school district to determine certain matters relating to the note; and other matters relating thereto.

Riverview School Committee's Plan for Increasing Diversity of Staff and Leadership

Dr. Jackie Rosswurm, Chief Administrative and Human Resource Officer, presented Riverview Charter School's Plan for Increasing Diversity of Staff and Leadership.

Board Member Earl Campbell, made a motion to accept Riverview Charter School's Plan. Motion passed.

Supplemental Athletic Training Services Contracts Approval

Vice Chairman, Bob Arundell made a motion to accept the administrations recommendation to award the one year contract to Drayer Physical Therapy (South of the Broad). Motion passed.

Earl Campbell made a motion to accept the administrations recommendation to award the one year contract to Carolina Sports (North of the Broad). Motion passed.

New Business

Board member, Earl Campbell requested a report on the agreement with McNair Law Firm.

Board Member, Earl Campbell, requested to have Dr. Anthony Baxter at the July work session to continue the discussion of the achievement gap.

Vice Chairman, Bob Arundell requested a report from the Athletic Directors and what they are doing to market their sports and community involvement in the county.

Board Secretary, Laura Bush, requested a report regarding how many athletes received academic and athletic scholarships.

Consent Agenda

Board Member, Earl Campbell made a motion to approve the consent agenda excluding the Atmosphere of Openness. Motion passed.

May 18, 2010 Minutes

Annual Student Achievement

Measure of Academic Progress – May Report

Maximize Instructional Time

Evaluation of Instructional Programs

Monthly New Construction Update – January 19, 2010 & April 20, 2010

FY 2010 Second Quarter Financial Statement

Semi-Annual Maintenance Report

Health and Wellness Programs

Preventive Maintenance Report

Land Acquisition

Safety Training

Emergency Management Plan, Safety Drills, Safe Effective Transportation

Nutritional Food Served

Vice Chairman, Bob Arundell questioned why the district received a grade of “B” and not an “A” on the Atmosphere of Openness.

Vice Chairman, Bob Arundell made a motion to adopt the Atmosphere of Openness PE. Motion passed.

Adjournment