

## **Superintendent's Board Meeting Summary: March 1, 2016**

Chair Mary Cordray called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

Coming from executive session, motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the Personnel Ratification Report from February 1-29, 2016. Approved.

Motion to approve the superintendent's recommendation to hire Jerry Henderson as principal of HE McCracken Middle School. Approved. Mr. Henderson thanked the Board.

Motion to approve the sale of 19.51 acres on Cherokee Farm Road to D.R. Horton for \$430,000. Approved.

Motion to approve the agenda with amendment to move the February 5-6, 2016 Board work session meeting minutes from the consent agenda to Board business action. Approved.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Performance by Robert Smalls International Academy's dance and chorus students.

### **Points of Celebration**

As presented by Superintendent Moss:

#### **BCHS Athletics Donation**

For our first point of celebration, we'd like to recognize Beaufort Wildcats Football and Cheerleading for their donation of \$4,000 to Battery Creek High School athletics. We'd like to thank the Wildcats for their generosity and commitment to our youth. Tonight, we have Battery Creek High School Assistant Athletic Director Jim Shuman here to introduce David Woodruff, owner of the Beaufort Wildcats. Coach Shuman, would you please come forward?

#### **Character Ed Student of the Month**

As you know, 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 the 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. The character word for January was "perseverance," defined as "pursuing worthy objectives with determination and patience while exhibiting fortitude when confronted with failure." We're happy to announce January's Character Education Student of the Month for northern Beaufort County – Trey-Von Chancey, an eighth-grader at Right Choice School. Principal Susan Koves-Guillen, would you please come forward to introduce Trey-Von?

#### **2016 Counselor of the Year Awards**

School counselors are critical components of successful schools. They play vital roles in keeping students on track for success, serving as liaisons with classroom teachers and also keeping parents informed about their children's progress. Tonight, we're pleased to present our District Counselor of the Year as well as our school-level honorees.

The 2016 Beaufort County School District School Counselor of the Year is Michelle Dixon, Beaufort High's lead counselor. Would Principal Corey Murphy please come forward to introduce Ms. Dixon?

The High School Counselor of the Year is Kimberly Brown of Whale Branch Early College High. Would Principal Mona Lise Dickson please come forward to introduce Ms. Brown?

The Middle School Counselor of the Year is Lori Howell of Lady's Island Middle. Would Principal Auman Kates please come forward to introduce Ms. Howell?

Our Elementary School Counselor of the Year is Jennifer Rook of Pritchardville Elementary. Would Principal Brenda Blue please come forward to introduce Ms. Rook?

#### Adult Education

Under the leadership of Dr. Juanita Murrell, Beaufort County School District Adult Education has much to celebrate. I would like to announce the school's recent awards and accomplishments on Dr. Murrell's behalf.

- Beaufort County Adult Education recently received the WorkKeys Career Readiness Certificate, which is presented to the program with the highest number of Career Readiness Certificates awarded by percentage of fundable students to the top program in each enrollment category. Beaufort County Adult Ed awarded 403 certificates for the 2014-2015 school year.
- They also received the New Building Award, which is presented to the superintendent and adult education director in districts who have provided a new facility for the adult education program.
- Mr. Garner Jones received the Part-time Teacher of the Year award for Region 3.
- Ms. Cindi Riley received the Administrative Hall of Fame Award, which is presented to administrative staff with 10 or more years of service to Adult Education.
- Mrs. Marion Coleman, Mrs. Tena Graber and Mr. Garner Jones received the Teachers Hall of Fame Award, which is presented to teachers with 10 or more years of service to Adult Education.

Please join me in a round of applause to congratulate the Adult Education program for their many accomplishments.

#### Public Comment

A community member asked that Mary Cordray recuse herself from discussions about, and any votes on, a sales tax proposal related to USCB, where she is currently employed.

A community member spoke about the Board's conflict of interest policy.

A community member endorsed the Board's creation of a subcommittee tasked with aligning Board procedures with Robert's Rules of Order, and he encouraged the Board to establish guidelines promoting respectful exchanges of ideas.

#### Comment corrections

Chair Cordray said that the Board had not begun discussions about an education sales tax. She said that she would participate in the sales tax discussion and vote and had already planned to excuse herself from possible discussions related to USCB.

Ms. Cordray said that Board members of the Board were aware of information distributed by a local organization and by news media that inaccurately portrays our educators. She said that Board members would be active in correcting misleading or inaccurate information.

Bill Payne suggested that members of the community obtain a copy of the district's 2016 Community Report for accurate information about the Beaufort County School District. He commended the district's educators for their work.

Mr. Campbell said that he feels it is a disservice to our teachers, students and parents to say that our students are not college or career ready.

Ms. Orischak commented that the CARE organization is focused on matters pertaining to the Board and the superintendent.

### **Chair's Report**

Ms. Cordray said there are special Board meetings scheduled for March 3 and March 4, and there is a need to schedule a meeting concerning the ACE Ad Hoc team that met with representatives from Jasper County.

Dr. Moss asked for authorization to send out FAQs on the education sales tax proposal to all School Improvement Council and Board members prior to the March 3 Board-SIC meeting. Ms. Cordray approved.

### **Committee Reports**

ACE – The committee met February 25 for a presentation of a fiscal year draft budget and a presentation by Jerry Henderson on potential programs and restructuring plan for ACE. The next meeting is March 17 at ACE.

Legislative – The committee does not have a meeting scheduled. There are Board members who will be attending the National School Board Conference in Boston April 9-11. Other upcoming conferences are the Advocacy Institute, June 12-14 in Washington, and the School Safety Conference in Orlando, July 25-29.

Curriculum and Instruction – The committee will meet on March 8.

Finance and Operations – The committee will meet March 10 at 4:30 p.m. at the DESC. Review of administrative regulations, construction update, Lady's Island Middle art studio project and e-rate approval.

Human Resources – Committee will not meet Thursday. Joseph Dunkle asked that the committee change to an Ad Hoc committee and meet only when there are items for the HR committee to consider.

Student Services – The committee met February 23 and discussed assignment of students, administrative regulations, and a plan to send a survey to parents about future graduation schedules. The committee's next meeting will be held on March 22.

### **Superintendent's Report**

Dr. Moss announced the Palmetto Gold and Silver Award winners (20 district schools earned either Gold or Silver awards). He took questions from the Board.

Testing update: Dr. Moss gave an update on test data that presented national points of comparison for BCSD students (SAT, ACT, WorkKeys and MAP). He took questions from the Board.

Update on administrative regulations: Dr. Moss gave brief overview of changes and took questions from the Board.

Gifted and Talented update: Carmen Dillard, director of elementary education, provided the Board with information on gifted and talented program and took questions.

Chief Instructional Services Officer. Derek Rhoads presented the testing calendar for the spring semester and took questions from the Board.

### **Board Business Action**

Motion to accept the resolution to celebrate National School Social Worker Week. Approved.

Correction to minutes to reflect 2016 for adding both groups. Motion to approve the minutes from work session with the correction. Approved.

### **New Business**

Geri Kinton suggested that the discussion on moving all school start times to be moved to a committee's agenda. Dr. Moss said it was moved to the Curriculum and Instruction committee.

Ms. Orischak suggested additional training on Board meeting procedure.

Ms. Anderson announced the Lee Jean watch party on Thursday March 3 at Poseidon on Hilton Head.

### **Consent agenda**

Motion to approve the consent agenda. Approved.

### **Public Comment**

A community member expressed concerns about Board members' support for the new conflict of interest policy.

Motion to adjourn. Approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

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