

Superintendent's Board Meeting Summary: March 17, 2021

Chair Christina Gwozdz called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Ms. Crosby presented the monthly transparency, monthly \$100K, and Board monthly budget reports and addressed the Board's questions.

Dr. Rodriguez announced schools will have a half day on March 18 due to projected intense weather.

COVID-19 Update: Dr. Rodriguez gave an update on the pop-up vaccination sites.

Deputy Superintendent Dr. Duke Bradley shared an update on extended day instruction (afterschool).

Dr. Rodriguez shared an update about the Equity and Inclusion Advisory Committee's work, sharing that he has had several meetings with students and will be expanding the committee to include employees and community members.

Dr. Rodriguez and Dr. Bradley addressed the Board's questions.

Board Business

Motion that the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent to enter into amendment #11 with Thompson Turner Construction in the amount of \$727,588 for athletics work at Beaufort High School. Chief Operations Officer Robert Oetting provided information pertaining to the motion and addressed the Board's questions. Rob Corbin, with CBRE Herry, also addressed the Board's questions. Motion approved.

Motion that the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent to enter into Amendment #8 with contract Construction in the amount of \$1,100,000 for technology infrastructure work at Whale Branch Elementary School (approved).

Motion that the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent to enter into Amendment #9 with Contract Construction in the amount of \$1,000,000 for technology infrastructure work at Whale Branch Middle School (approved).

Motion that the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent to enter into Amendment #13 with M.B. Kahn Construction Co. Inc. in the amount of \$2,403,172 for technology infrastructure work at Bluffton Elementary School, H.E. McCracken Middle School, Hilton Head Island Elementary School, and Hilton Head School for the Creative Arts. Board discussion. Motion approved.

Motion that the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent to enter into Amendment #9 with Thompson Turner Construction in the amount of \$125,532.00 for technology infrastructure work at Right Choices. Board discussion. Motion approved.

Motion that the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent to enter into Amendment #10 with Thompson Turner Construction in the amount of \$1,974,733 for technology infrastructure work at Beaufort High (approved).

Board member William Smith began a discussion on graduation ceremonies.

Board Chair Christina Gwozdz began a discussion on Board members and electronic communications. Motion that the Board refer to Policy Committee the topic "Board Members and Electronic Communications" for consideration of policy development. Board discussion. Motion approved.

Chair Gwozdz began a discussion about Board meeting locations and participation. Motion that the Board resume its practice of holding meetings alternately between North of the Broad and South of the Broad (approved).

Consent Agenda

Motion to approve the consent agenda items (approved).

Future Agenda Topics

Board member Tricia Fidrych would like to hear from the Professional Advocacy Council. Board member William Smith would like an update on performing arts throughout the district. Board member Rachel Wisniewski would like to discuss COVID protocols for next school year.

Announcements

Chair Gwozdz stated that the next Board meeting is a work session on March 19 and 20 starting at 9 a.m. with public comment.

Dr. Rodriguez reminded everyone that tomorrow is a half day due to inclement weather.

Meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

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