

Superintendent's Board Meeting Summary: May 7, 2019

Chair Christina Gwozdz called the meeting to order at 6:47 p.m.

Coming out of executive session, motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to appoint Lindsey Skirtich as principal of H.E. McCracken Middle School (approved).

Pledge of Allegiance. Moment of silence. Statement of media notification.

Motion to approve the agenda as presented (approved).

Broad River Elementary Starfish Singers performed "A Million Dreams" under the direction of Laura Boozer.

Points of Celebration

Character Education Student of the Month – Keona Dopson, 12th grade, Whale Branch Early College High School

Our Character Education program was formed to support parents' efforts to develop good character in their children. Tonight we celebrated the Character Ed Student of the Month exhibiting the Character Trait of "Self-control." "Self-control" is defined as the ability to have control over your feelings or actions oneself, in particular one's emotions and desires. We were happy to announce that the Character Education Student of the Month for March was from Whale Branch Early College High School. Assistant Principal Chloe Gordon introduced student Keona Dopson.

WordMasters Challenge – Angela Estrada, 5th Grade, Broad River Elementary School

We recognized a student who earned a perfect score in the second round of the WordMasters Challenge. Broad River Elementary Principal Constance Goodwine-Lewis introduced her "perfect" WordMasters student Angela Estrada.

River of Words cover art - Paul Luzny, 4th Grade, Riverview Charter School

"River of Words" is a collection of art and poetry by Beaufort County School District students. The complex ecology and peaceful beauty of the Port Royal Sound serves as the inspiration for this annual collection. Teachers and students take their learning beyond the classroom and become inspired by the environment. Each year, one student's artwork is selected for the cover of the publication. This year, fourth-grade student Paul Luzny from Riverview Charter School captured the essence of the Lowcountry.

School Nurse Day Proclamation

Wendy Cartledge read a proclamation recognizing School Nurse Day.

Teacher of the Year and Support Staff of the Year recognitions

This is one of our favorite points of celebration as we honor each of our schools' teachers and support staff of the year. The professionals we recognize tonight were selected by their peers,

which makes their awards even more meaningful. On behalf of the district, we support each of you and appreciate your dedication to providing excellent educational opportunities to our students. The 2019-2020 Teacher of the Year and Support Staff of the Year for the following schools are:

ACE

TOY: Raquel Bryan

SOY: Antoinette Heyward

Adult Education

TOY: Jannie Mae Williams

SOY: Willie Mae Lewis

Beaufort Elementary

TOY: Christene Johnson-Holmes

SOY: Sharlene Washington-Robinson

Beaufort Middle

TOY: Rhonda McCauley

SOY: Cynthia Ytyarte

Beaufort High

TOY: Wendy Lacombe

SOY: Melissa Lather

Broad River Elementary

TOY: Arriel Young

SOY: Austin Major

Coosa Elementary

TOY: Cynthia Jeffrey

SOY: Tammi Ivey

Joseph S. Shanklin Elementary

TOY: Keisha Miller

SOY: Whitney Watson

Lady's Island Elementary

TOY: Kwame Thorton

SOY: Julie Riddle

Lady's Island Middle

TOY: Vicki Shockley

SOY: Haleem Barnes

Mossy Oaks Elementary

TOY: Amy Squires

SOY: Sherry Heyward

Port Royal Elementary

TOY: Corey Hollis

SOY: Brooke Sanders

Right Choices

TOY: Nancy Wolff

SOY: Alexander McBride

Robert Smalls International Academy

TOY: Ashley Holland

SOY: Mindy Brown

St. Helena Island Elementary

TOY: Sharonda Coaxum

SOY: Nicole Smalls

Whale Branch Early College High

TOY: Freda McCanick

SOY: Malicia Alston

Whale Branch Elementary/Davis ECC

TOY: Gerald Greene

SOY: Angela White

Whale Branch Middle

TOY: Karen Tooman

SOY: Mary Singleton

Transportation Department

SOY: Jerry Green

District Office: Dominique Degraffenried

National Teacher Appreciation Day Proclamation

Dr. Gwozdz read a proclamation recognizing National Teacher Appreciation Day.

Public Comment

A community member spoke about referendum options. Community members spoke about the district's budget shortfall. BCSD bus drivers asked the Board to consider raising the starting pay and pay cap for bus drivers. Beaufort County Education Association representatives invited

Board members to their annual Teacher Appreciation Gala. A BCSD bus driver offered the Board his perspective of working with students. Community member thanked the Board and district for their support of the May 1 teacher rally in Columbia and spoke about budget priorities and referendum options.

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the April 2, 2019 meeting minutes (approved). Motion to approve the April 13, 2019 Special Called Executive Session Meeting Minutes (approved). Motion to approve the April 16, 2019 Board Meeting Minutes (approved). Motion to approve April 27-28, 2019 Board Work Session Minutes (approved).

Chair's Report

Dr. Gwozdz initiated a discussion about the results section of the Strategic Governance Policy. Board discussion. Dr. Gwozdz will form a committee. She asked Board members to email their interest in serving on the committee by Friday at 5 p.m.

Committee Reports

Academic Committee: Chair Patricia Fidrych shared topics the committee discussed during its April 23 meeting. The committee requests that Dr. Gwozdz dissolve the Ad-Hoc K-8 Committee that was established in 2018 for the purpose of allowing the Academic Committee to pursue the mission of determining the feasibility and educational impact of K-8 schools in the district. Board discussion. Motion to dissolve the Ad Hoc K-8 committee (approved). The next meeting is Wednesday, May 15, at DESC at 4:30 p.m.

Board member Earl Campbell shared information from the Joint ACE Board meeting.

Superintendent's Report

Goal #1 Student Achievement

Director of Academic Initiatives Dr. N'Kia Campbell provided an update on former students of Islands Academy and addressed the Board's questions.

Goal #3 Fiscal Responsibility

Chief Financial Officer Tonya Crosby presented a 2019-2020 budget update.

Other Matters

Karen Gilbert, Director of CATE, presented information on the CATE program and addressed the Board's questions.

Dr. Berg presented his recommendation for a possible November 5, 2019 referendum and addressed the Board's questions.

Board Business

Motion to inform the Board of any purchase and/or contract valued at \$100,000 or more on a monthly basis, tabled from the April 27 work session. Ms. Crosby provided estimates on the

information the Board would receive if the motion were to pass, and she addressed the Board's questions. Motion approved.

Chief Operations Officer Robert Oetting gave a background and addressed the Board's questions. Motion to fund referendum cost estimate services provided by Cumming Construction Management using FY2021 8% funds at an amount not to exceed \$84,704 (approved).

Public Comment

A community member spoke about "Look Back" and "Roll Back" from the budget presentation. A community member reminded the Board that the Community Project Review Committee worked hard to specify district facilities needs. A community member spoke about the budget and referendum.

The Board returned to executive session. Coming out of executive session, motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendations for employment listed on the April 1, 2019 to April 30, 2019 Personnel Ratification Report. (approved).

Motion to adjourn approved. Meeting adjourned at 11:10 pm

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