

Superintendent's Board Meeting Summary: April 5, 2016

Chair Mary Cordray called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

Coming out of executive session, motions to:

- Accept the superintendent's recommendation for employment listed on the March 1-31, 2016 Personnel Ratification Report. Approved.
- Accept the superintendent's recommendation for the renewal of certified employees for the 2016-17 school year. Approved.
- Accept the superintendent's recommendation that the contract of an annual contract teacher, Employee A, not be renewed for the 2016-17 school year. Approved.
- Accept the superintendent's recommendation that the contract of an annual contract teacher, Employee B, not be renewed for the 2016-17 school year. Approved.
- Accept the superintendent's recommendation that the contract of an induction contract teacher, Employee C, not be renewed for the 2016-17 school year. Approved.
- Accept the superintendent's recommendation that contract of an induction contract teacher, Employee D, not be renewed for the 2016-17 school year. Approved.
- Accept the superintendent's recommendation that the contract of an induction contract teacher, Employee E, not be renewed for the 2016-17 school year. Approved.
- Accept the superintendent's recommendation that the contract of an induction contract teacher, Employee F, not be renewed for the 2016-17 school year. Approved.
- Accept the superintendent's recommendation that the contract of an induction contract teacher, Employee G, not be renewed for the 2016-17 school year. Approved.

Motion to approve the meeting agenda with an amendment adding a second executive session at the conclusion of the meeting. Approved.

Pledge of Allegiance, presentation of Colors by Beaufort High School U.S. Air Force JROTC students.

Performances by the Coosa Elementary Chorale and Lady's Island Elementary Chorus.

Ms. Cordray called for a moment of silence in memory of Marsha Browder, a 25-year district teacher who passed away.

Points of Celebration

As presented by Chief Operational Services Officer Phyllis White on behalf of Superintendent Jeff Moss:

Character Ed Student of the Month

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 that 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 words for February were "honesty" and "integrity." "Honesty" is defined as "telling the truth, admitting

wrongdoing. Being trustworthy and acting with integrity.” “Integrity” is defined as “a firm adherence to a code of especially moral or artistic values.” We’re happy to announce that our February Student of the Month for Northern Beaufort County is a student from Beaufort High School. Would a representative from Beaufort High please come forward to introduce our February Character Education Student of the Month?

Character Ed Student of the Month (March)

The character education words for March was “self-control,” which is defined as “The ability to have control over your feelings or actions oneself, in particular one's emotions and desires or the expression of them in one's behavior, especially in difficult situations.” We’re happy to announce that our March Character Education Student of the Month for northern Beaufort County is from Whale Branch Early College High School. Principal Mona Lise Dickson, would you please come forward and introduce our Character Education Student of the Month?

JROTC

The 2016 Superintendent’s Cup competition was part of a formal dinner held at the Parris Island Marine Corps Recruit Depot. The winner of the 2016 Superintendent’s Cup was Beaufort High’s U.S. Air Force Junior ROTC unit. Would Lt. Col. Robert Johnson please come forward to talk more about the competition and introduce his unit?

AWQ

A team from Beaufort High School took the top spot in Beaufort County’s annual Academic WorldQuest Competition for the fourth straight year. Before we invite the students and their coach forward, we’d like to welcome Carlton Dallas, Heather Brabham and Jayme Grant from the Hilton Head Island World Affairs Council to talk more about the organization’s annual Academic WorldQuest competition.

HOSA

Beaufort High School students earned nine statewide awards at the recent state HOSA-Future Health Professionals conference. Would all HOSA students who are present this evening please stand to be applauded? We’d now like to invite Principal Cory Murphy forward to say a few words and introduce the first-place winner.

Wrestlers (Beaufort High)

Each year around this time, we get excited because we know that we’ll be recognizing state wrestling champions. Tonight I’d like to ask Beaufort High’s athletic director, Linc Lyles, to come forward to introduce his school’s state champs.

Wrestlers (Battery Creek High)

We’ll now recognize our state wrestling champs from Battery Creek High School. I’d like to ask Battery Creek High Wrestling Coach Nate Day to come forward to introduce his state champs.

National Junior Beta Club

We’re always pleased to recognize academic excellence in our schools. And tonight, we’re proud to announce that Whale Branch Elementary School is now a charter member of the National Junior Beta Club. Would Principal Lynn Singleton please come forward to tell us more about this accomplishment?

Public Comment

Eight community members voiced concerns about the Board's decision to change school start times and asked Board members to reconsider their votes. Four community members expressed concerns about the Board's decision to put a one-penny education sales tax on the November 8 general election ballot. A candidate for the Board's District 9 seat said that the Board needs to be more transparent with the public, and he also expressed support for the penny sales tax. A Durham School Services bus driver said that he and other drivers had unanswered questions about drivers' salaries after the school district takes over management of the transportation system on July 1.

Corrections and Comments

Ms. Cordray said that the Board had not recommended or voted on the school district's 2016-17 budget. Ms. White said that the first half of district employees' "locality supplements" have been disbursed; the second half is scheduled to be distributed in May.

Committee Reports

ACE – The committee met yesterday to renew teacher contracts but has not yet voted on ACE's 2016-17 operating budget. ACE Director Jerry Henderson has accepted a principal's position at H.E. McCracken.

Legislative – The committee has changed to ad hoc status and will meet as necessary.

Curriculum and Instruction – The committee will meet April 27 at 4:30 p.m.

Finance and Operations – The committee will meet April 14 at 4:30 p.m.

Human Resources – The committee does not have a meeting scheduled for the month of April.

Student Services – The committee met March 22 and voted to change Right Choice Academy's name to Islands Academy, and also to designate the HHIHS baseball field as Ron Costello Field. No meeting is scheduled for April.

Superintendent's Report

General Counsel Drew Davis reviewed administrative regulations.

Board Business Action

Motion to celebrate National Autism Awareness Month. Motion approved.

Motion to accept the donation from Janis Stewart of a 1976 Mooney airplane valued at \$15,000 to Battery Creek High. Approved.

Request for Board approval to seek an exemption for elementary and secondary teacher certification. Request that 25 percent of teachers be exempt for teacher certification. Ms. White, Mr. Davis and Chief Administrative Services and Human Resources Officer Alice Walton took questions from the Board. Motion to approve the request. Approved.

New Business

Laura Bush asked if a discussion on concussion-related injuries could be added to the next Student Services Committee meeting.

Mr. Campbell said that the Board's decision to change school start times should be revisited.

Consent Agenda

Motion to approve the consent agenda. Approved.

Public Comment

No additional public comment.

Motion to go back into executive session. Approved.

No action coming out of executive session.

Meeting adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

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