

Board of Education Summary – Tuesday, June 5, 2012

Mr. Washington called the meeting to order at 5:15 PM.

Statement of Media Notification

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation

Mr. Burnes delivered the invocation.

The Board went into executive session. Coming out of executive session, the Board unanimously approved the administration's recommendation of Dereck Rhoads to become Chief Instructional Services Officer, effective July 1, 2012.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Truesdale said that the district would be forming a new partnership with America's Promise and joining with 200 communities in the "Grad Nation" campaign, whose goal will be to increase the nation's high school graduation rate to 90 percent, with no school in the community's target area having a graduation rate below 80 percent. Two hundred communities are participating across the nation. Several Board members discussed the general subject of how graduation rates are calculated and also expressed a desire to study the issue more thoroughly at a future meeting..

The Utah State Department of Education recently earned a federal grant to translate instructional materials into Chinese, Spanish and French, and Dr. Truesdale said that part of that grant requires Utah to share materials with other states. Utah has offered to share the materials it's developing with Beaufort County's language immersion schools. Three South Carolina districts – Beaufort, Lexington District 1 and Rock Hill District 3 – are participating. In addition, the South Carolina Department of Education is one of three state departments of education that is partnering with Utah in a consortium to build a national infrastructure that will substantially increase the pool of students completing their K-12 educations with proficiency in Chinese.

Business action items

The Board discussed a resolution to authorize a tax anticipation note not to exceed \$17 million. Mr. Washington explained that due to cyclical cash flow issues that all school districts must deal with, it is necessary to borrow money periodically to meet basic operating costs. He added that the TAN had been discussed with County Council. Mr. Wilson moved to approve the resolution, seconded by Mr. Burnes. Board approval was unanimous.

The Board considered a request to waive certain provisions of its facilities use policy to allow a YMCA summer program to use the cafeterias and computer labs at Whale Branch and Port Royal elementary schools. Mr. Wilson moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Morello. Board approval was unanimous.

On behalf of the Ad Hoc Superintendent's Goals Committee, Ms. Bush presented a set of proposed goals for 2012-13 for the Board to review. She noted that most goals from the previous year would be maintained. Dr. Truesdale briefly discussed some key changes proposed for next year's goals.

Mr. Wilson made a brief statement in support of pre-kindergarten programs.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 PM.