

Superintendent's Board Meeting Summary: May 21, 2019

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

Coming out of executive session, motion to approve the Superintendent's recommendations for the monthly Adult Education/Home School report for May 2019 (approved).

Motion to approve the agenda as presented. Board discussion. Motion to amend the agenda to move agenda item "Consideration of a Resolution for a Referendum on November 5, 2019" to after public comments and agree to adjourn at 9:15 p.m., with unfinished business to be moved to a special called meeting on May 28. Motion to amend the agenda to move the referendum discussion to last Board business item. Board discussion. Motion to amend the agenda to move the referendum discussion to last Board business failed. Original amended motion failed. Motion to approve the agenda as presented approved.

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

The Bluffton High School band performed "Sack of Woe" by Julian "Cannonball" Adderley, arranged by Mark Taylor and under the direction of Anthony Granquist.

Points of Celebration

Character Education Student of the Month - Erin Zoffoli – 2nd grade, M.C. Riley Elementary; Giuliana Roda Miranda – 1st grade, Red Cedar Elementary; and Micheiya Lee – 10th 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 students of the month for March and April, exhibiting the Character Traits of "Self-control" and "Forgiveness." "Self-control" is defined as the ability to have control over your feelings or actions oneself, in particular one's emotions and desires. "Forgiveness" is defined as to stop feeling anger toward someone or to stop blaming someone.

We were happy to announce that the Character Education Student of the Month for March was from M.C. Riley Elementary and the Students of the Month for April were from Red Cedar Elementary School and Whale Branch Early College High School.

WordMasters Challenge

Tonight, we recognized several students who earned perfect scores in the WordMasters Challenge national vocabulary competition. From Bluffton Middle school – Warren Facenda, Cyndney Lyon, Alexandria Larionova, and Sosie Spires. From Hilton Head School for the Creative Arts – Katie Gutierrez and Abby Pratt. From Red Cedar Elementary – Kensley Kaney and Reagan Michael. And from Hilton Head Island Elementary – Anna Williams. Congratulations on a job well done!

Zaner-Bloser Handwriting Contest - Atticus Enfinger, Bluffton Elementary

Bluffton Elementary Principal Christine Brown explained about the Zaner-Bloser Handwriting Contest and introduced her state grade-level winner. It was then announced that Atticus had also won the national competition, a victory that included a \$500 scholarship.

National Merit Scholars

1.6 million students from more than 22,000 American high schools initially entered the National Merit Scholarship Program competition by taking the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test. About 15,000 students were eventually selected as finalists. Two of our finalists were recently named National Merit Scholars.

Faith Shupard, a senior at May River High was unable to attend the meeting. Faith has always had a passion for working with animals and plans to major in Veterinary Studies at Clemson University next year.

Meaghan Lyons, a senior at Hilton Head Island High School, is currently ranked #1 in her class and has a 5.252 GPA going into the end of her last grading period. She will attend the University of Notre Dame and plans to double-major in Business Analytics and Applied Mathematics. Meaghan will also be a member of the Fighting Irish Women's Swim and Dive Team. Upon graduation, Meaghan wants to become a statistician.

Congratulations to Meaghan and Faith!

May River State Championships - Emma Peluso - Girl's Track; DJ Robinson, Melvin Livermon, Beau Bischoff and the Boy's Track Team; Boys' Soccer Team; Ryan Humel – Weightlifting State Championships; and Clayton Boyles – Swimming Championships

Earlier this month, the May River High School Sharks won state championships for the first time ever. Principal Joseph Bornscheuer told the Board and audience more about those champions.

Teacher of the Year and Support Staff of the Year recognitions

This is one of our favorite points of celebration. We recognized each of our schools' teachers and support staff of the year. The professionals recognized 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:

Battery Creek High

TOY: Beth Ann Melton

SOY: Barbara Layman

Beaufort Jasper Academy for Career Excellence

TOY: Raquel Bryan

SOY: Antoinette Heyward

Bluffton Elementary/Early Childhood Center

TOY: Rachel Gauvreau

SOY: Nancy Toggweiler

Bluffton High

TOY: Michelle Gordon

SOY: Bryant Kitty

Bluffton Middle

TOY: Dr. Donna Floyd

SOY: Monica Prieto

H.E. McCracken Middle

TOY: Emily Rietveld

SOY: David Welch

Hilton Head Early Childhood Center

TOY: Kimberly Bambeck

SOY: Caroline Wallin

Hilton Head High

TOY: Josh Wall

SOY: Diana Santos-Lopez

Hilton Head IB Elementary

TOY: Denise Bell

SOY: Michele Dewan

Hilton Head Middle

TOY: DeAnna Campbell-Holmes

SOY: Cathy Woloszyk

Hilton Head School for the Creative Arts

TOY: Lyn Raichle

SOY: Katherine Todd

May River High

TOY: Julie Collins

SOY: Kristy Campbell

Michael C. Riley Elementary

TOY: Jill Exley

SOY: Ana Burkart

Okatie Elementary

TOY: Amanda Hogshead

SOY: Kari Dollar

Port Royal Elementary

TOY: Corey Hollis

SOY: Brooke Sanders

Pritchardville Elementary

TOY: Deree Ward

SOY: Laura Dimaria

Red Cedar Elementary

TOY: Leanne Black

SOY: Jennifer Krieger

River Ridge Academy

TOY: Kim Fields

SOY: Ashley Herrington

Public Comment

A community member spoke regarding the new Hilton Head Island High School principal. A parent spoke about a bullying incident at River Ridge Academy. A community member spoke regarding the FY 2019-20 budget. District employees spoke regarding the budget and advocated for raises for data clerks. A community member spoke regarding school start times and the budget. A community member spoke regarding the budget and commended the district's Chief Financial Officer.

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the May 7, 2019 Board meeting minutes (approved).

Motion to approve the May 13, 2019 Special Called Executive Session meeting minutes (approved).

Committee Reports

Academic Committee: Chair Tricia Fidrych provided an update. Motion to accept the committee's recommendation to continue monitoring P.E. 1.3 - Comprehensive Assessment System with adjustments (approved). Motion to accept textbook adoptions for Mathematics/Algebra I; Algebra II; Geometry (CP and Honors) and two Career and Technological Education (CATE) courses as presented by the Committee (approved).

Ad Hoc Policy Committee: Chair John Dowling provided an update and requested that the Chair grant an indefinite extension of the committee's work.

Finance Committee: Chair JoAnn Orischak provided an update. Motion to accept the committee's recommendation to the full Board for the procurement staff to put out an RFP or RFB (to be determined by procurement) for an outside grant writer. Board discussion. Chief Financial Officer Tonya Crosby addressed the Board's questions. Motion approved. The next meeting will be June 13, and a procurement audit will be one of the agenda items.

Operations Committee: Chair David Striebinger provided an update. Motion to create cluster-specific impact studies to engage communities on school start times (approved). Motion to approve the operations of propane bus fueling stations. Board discussion. Motion approved. Motion to accept Option 3B in the amount of \$19,715,649 for the 2020 CIP Work Plan. Board discussion. Motion approved. Motion to roll all unused 8% funds forward to the current bonding cycle and reduce the current cycle bond issuance accordingly. Board discussion. Chief Operations Officer Robert Oetting addressed the Board's questions. Motion approved. Motion to dedicate \$479,980 from previous 8% projects to be used for the replacement of the Hilton Head High School Rooftop Unit #1 (approved).

Superintendent's Report

Goal #3 Fiscal Responsibility - Board Monthly Budget and Monthly Transparency Report – Ms. Crosby addressed the Board's questions.

Other Matters

The Beaufort County School District Professional Advocacy Council (BCSDPAC) shared results and solutions from their district-wide survey on school start time impacts and discipline and addressed the Board's questions.

Board Business

Consideration of a Resolution for a Referendum on November 5, 2019

Dr. Berg updated his recommendations for a referendum. Dr. Berg, Mr. Oetting and Jeff Holstein (representing a private-sector firm contracted to develop cost estimates) addressed the Board's questions. Frannie Heizer of the McNair Law Firm went over language for possible referendum resolutions. Motion to table the discussion (approved).

P.E. 3.7 – Quarterly Financial Report – Ms. Crosby presented the quarterly financial report ending March 31, 2019 and addressed the Board's questions.

Motion to table P.E. 3.7 and budget certification until the next regularly scheduled Board meeting. Board discussion. Motion to amend the motion to table the discussion until a special called meeting on Tuesday, May 28. Board discussion. Motion withdrawn. Motion to move P.E. 3.7 to the next regular Board meeting (approved).

FY2020 Budget Certification – Motion that the Board direct administration recommend FY 2019-20 budget cuts that equate to an overall 2% reduction. Motion to amend to state that the recommended budget reductions include no significant cuts to classrooms. Board discussion.

Motion approved. Motion to table the budget discussion until a special called meeting on Tuesday, May 28. Board discussion. Motion approved.

Announcements

There will be a special called Board meeting to discuss the new Superintendent's contract on Thursday, May 23, at the district office.

Motion to adjourn approved. Meeting adjourned at 10:12 p.m.

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