

Superintendent's Board Meeting Summary: May 17, 2016

Chair Mary Cordray called the meeting to order at 6:14 p.m.

Coming out of executive session, motion to accept the superintendent's recommendation to appoint Dennis Myers as the district's Director of Transportation. Approved.

Motion to approve the agenda. Approved.

Pledge of Allegiance. Chair Mary Cordray called for a moment of silence in memory of Grace Sulak, a student at River Ridge Academy who passed away this month, and Mr. Vincent Firlicci, a former principal.

Performance by the Red Cedar Elementary RAKtivists Club.

Points of Celebration

As presented by Superintendent Jeff Moss:

Intel International Science and Engineering Fair

At last month's Board meeting here in Bluffton, we recognized students who won four grand prizes at the 2016 Sea Island Regional Science Fair. By earning top honors at our regional event, those students became eligible to attend the 2016 Intel International Science and Engineering Fair in Phoenix, Arizona. About 1,700 students from 75 countries made the trip to Phoenix last week for the world's premier pre-collegiate science competition for original research projects.

It's my pleasure to announce tonight that two of our students won awards at the international science fair in Phoenix. Maile Paulmeier from H.E. McCracken Middle School won a fourth-place award in the Materials Science Division for her project, "Comparative Strength Analysis of an Artificial Monofilament Passive Fiber Skeletal Muscle vs. a Linear Actuator." Maile's award included a \$500 prize. Maile, would you please stand and be recognized?

Hilton Head Island High School student Victoria Hamlin won a special science scholarship from West Virginia University for her project, "Design of a Sounding Rocket for Maximum Altitude." Victoria wasn't able to be with us tonight, but please join me again in congratulating both of these outstanding students.

Character Ed Student of the Month (April)

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. That student goes on to compete for Character Education Student of the Month for the entire school district.

The character education words for April was "forgiveness," which is defined as "to stop feeling anger toward someone who has done something wrong." We're happy to announce that our April Character Education Student of the Month for southern Beaufort County is a student from Okatie Elementary.

Principal Jamie Pinckney, would you please come forward to say a few words and introduce our Character Education Student of the Month? Principal Jamie Pinckney introduced Okatie Elementary student Addison Gourley.

BLMS Donation – James McGinnis

We'd like to recognize several donations to our schools. Before I do that, I'd like to say how much we appreciate the generosity and support from our community. Our schools are able to provide exciting and innovative programs thanks to your support.

The first donation is from Dr. James McGinnis of McGinnis Orthodontics. His \$4,999 donation will enhance the landscaping around the Bluffton Middle School campus. Would Principal Pat Freda and PTO president Maria Robertson please come forward to talk more about this donation and to introduce Dr. McGinnis?

HEMMS Donation – James McGinnis

The next donation we'd like to recognize is also from McGinnis Orthodontics. This \$2,000 donation is for H.E. McCracken Middle School's Garden Project. Would a representative from McCracken please come forward to thank Dr. McGinnis and talk more about the project?

Cinderella Fella Ball Donations

Each year, the district hosts the Cinderella Fella Ball, a prom for Beaufort County students and adults with disabilities. From our caterers, to our DJ, to the photographer and more, this event couldn't happen without strong community support. Here to talk more about the Cinderella Fella Ball and those donations is event coordinator Sheila Wiley.

SCEA Art Contest

Next, we'd like to ask Beverly Dore to come forward to present a South Carolina Education Association Art Contest award. Beverly presented The SCEA Read Across SC Art Contest from the Mountains to the Sea, Read With Me 2015-2016 Winner Division II Grades 6-8 award to Haleigh Anne Gartner, of Hilton Head Middle School.

TOY and SOY

This is definitely one of our favorite points of celebration for the year. Tonight, we have the opportunity to announce and recognize each of our southern schools' teachers and support staff of the year. The professionals we recognize tonight were selected by their peers, which makes the 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.

I will now call up an administrator or representative from each school to introduce that school's 2016-17 Teacher of the Year and Support Staff of the Year.

Bluffton Middle

Bluffton High

H.E. McCracken Middle

Hilton Head School for the Creative Arts and Daufuskie Island Elementary

Hilton Head Early Childhood

Hilton Head IB Elementary

Hilton Head Middle
Hilton Head High
M.C. Riley Elementary
Okatie Elementary
Pritchardville Elementary
Red Cedar Elementary
River Ridge Academy
Islands Academy
Beaufort-Jasper Academy of Career Excellence
Beaufort High

Public Comment

A community member voiced her concerns about a fight that occurred at Robert Smalls International Academy.

Corrections and Comments

Ms. Cordray reminded the Board that the Support Staff Breakfast is at 8 a.m. on Friday.

Committee Reports

ACE – Dr. Michael Lovecchio has been appointed as the director of ACE through June 2017. The committee will meet this Thursday at 5 p.m.

Curriculum and Instruction – The committee met on May 10. The committee approved P.E. 1.3 and P.E. 1.5, approved the innovative course approval for literacy academy and reviewed the summer reading camp. The committee is not scheduled to meet during the summer months.

Finance and Operations – The committee met on May 9 and made recommendations to approve the FY 2016 state flexibility waiver; to move forward with RFP for DESC Solar Project; to approve P.E. 4.7 FY 2016 3rd quarter financial report; to increase student lunch prices by 10 cents as required by national school lunch program for the 2016-17 school year; and to approve FY2018 8% capital projects. The committee will meet May 26 at the DESC at 4:30 p.m. to finalize the project list for the education capital improvement sales tax referendum.

Student Services – The committee has not met. The next meeting is May 24. They will discuss the Student Code of Conduct.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Moss introduced County Auditor Jim Beckert, who discussed building a tax based by putting on the tax rolls more than \$22 million in assets not currently on the tax rolls.

Dr. Moss asked the Board if there were questions about the administrative rules update. There were no questions.

Dr. Moss commended Coosa Elementary for earning being named as the 206th school worldwide to earn the "Lighthouse School" designation from Franklin Covey Co., out of more than 2,500 schools worldwide who work with the Leader in Me leadership development program based on Covey's best-selling book "The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People."

Board Business Action

Motion to extend the meeting until 8:45 p.m.

Motion to certify and forward to Beaufort County Council the school district's FY2016-17 budget in the amount of \$215,451,995 to fund school operations, and \$1,330,981 to replenish the district's fund balance. The anticipated revenue in the amount of \$216,782,986 to be derived from the following sources: (1) \$131,662,584 property tax collections; (2) \$77,261,805 state revenues; (3) \$900,000 federal revenues; (4) \$1,493,500 other local revenues; and (5) \$5,465,087 inter-fund transfers. Approved.

Motion to support National Physical Fitness and Sports Month. Approved.

Motion to accept a donation from the Bluffton Elementary PTO in the amount of \$5,634.95 for the purchase of Scholastic Reading to Read; Story Works Jr; LEGO WeDo; Pre-K and 1st grade graduation.

New Business

Ms. Orischak suggested that we celebrate the accomplishments of students during periodic showcases focused on students in lieu of celebrating them at all BOE meetings.

Mr. Campbell asked when the Board would have a student liaison.

Mary Cordray said the Board would schedule a time to discuss the two items.

Consent Agenda

Motion to approve the consent agenda. Approved.

Public Comment

No public comment.

Motion to adjourn. Approved.

Meeting adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

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