

Superintendent's Board Meeting Summary: June 6, 2017

Vice Chair Earl Campbell called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

Coming out of executive session, motion to approve the Personnel Ratification Report. Motion approved. Motion to approve the home school report. Motion approved. Motion to approve the superintendent's recommendation to employee William Saunders as Financial Officer. Motion approved.

Motion to approve the agenda. Motion approved.

Pledge of Allegiance, invocation. Moment of silence in memory of Pamela Darden, Battery Creek High School's media assistant.

Presentation of the colors by Beaufort High School's Air Force JROTC, which recently was honored to present the colors at a Major League Baseball game in New York City.

Points of Celebration (announced by Dr. Moss)

Character Education Student of the Month Katrina Schroeder (9th grade, WBECHS)

Character Education Student of the Month Jeremiah Williams- Pringle (1st grade, SHES)

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. Tonight we're celebrating two Character Ed Students of the Month. We're celebrating 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 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 a student from Whale Branch Early College High School. Principal MonaLise Dickson, would you please come forward to introduce our Character Education Student of the Month?

"Forgiveness" is defined as "to stop feeling anger toward someone who has done something wrong or to stop blaming someone". We're happy to announce that our April Character Education Student of the Month for northern Beaufort County is a student from St. Helena Island Elementary School. Principal Tara Mack, would you please come forward to introduce our Character Education Student of the Month?

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.

Boys and Girls Track and Field State Championship – Cameron Wilson, WBECHS

Last month, the Whale Branch Early College HS Boys and Girls Track and Field team competed at the State Championships held at Spring Valley High School in Columbia. Here to talk about the competition and introduce a state champion is Athletic Director Carlos Cave.

Northern Beaufort County Retiree Recognition

Our school district's mission is to prepare graduates who compete and succeed in an ever-changing global society and career marketplace. Tonight we honor a group of dedicated professionals who have dedicated years of personal service to fulfill that mission. In fact, many of the people we're celebrating tonight didn't actually see their jobs as "work" in the traditional sense. They arrived each day with smiling faces and energy. They didn't see the hours they stayed after school to help students achieve their potential as "extra work." And they didn't see long evenings as a hassle. They can all look back and know that they were fulfilling a mission... a calling. On behalf of the entire school district, our community, and the many lives you have touched, we say thank you. Thank you and congratulations to our Beaufort County School District retirees. I cannot express enough how much we appreciate your efforts.

I will now call up each of our Northern Beaufort County School District retirees in alphabetical order, by school. When your name is called, please come forward to receive your gift and remain standing at the front of the room for a group picture once all of your names are called.

I'll introduce each retiree based on where they were working at the time of their retirement, but their total years of service might have involved several schools, either in our school district or in other South Carolina school districts.

Battery Creek High School

Linda Aragon and Edmond Burnes are retiring from Battery Creek High School. Ms. Aragon is retiring from with 27 years of service, and Mr. Burnes is retiring with 37 years of service.

Beaufort Elementary School

Joan Linyard is retiring from Beaufort Elementary School, as is Debra Manyin and Fredell Reed. Ms. Linyard is retiring with 28 years of service. Ms. Manyin is retiring with 17 years, and Ms. Reed with 18 years of service.

Beaufort High School

Dolores Fuller, Clyde Simmons, and Linda Truax are retiring from Beaufort High School. Ms. Fuller is retiring with 21 years of service; Mr. Simmons with 33 years; and Ms. Truax with 11 years of service.

Beaufort Middle School

June Kirkland is retiring from Beaufort Middle School with 29 years of service. Kathleen Nojd is retiring with 15 years of service.

Coosa Elementary School

Carol Patterson is retiring from Coosa Elementary with 35 years of service, and Darlene Wilborn is retiring with 34 years.

Lady's Island Middle

Barbara Holmes is retiring from Lady's Island Middle with 34 years of service. Hycinthia Muhammad is retiring with 28 years of service.

Mossy Oaks Elementary

Susan Davis, Donald Gruel, Terry Nash, Deborah Smalls and Marguerite Tempel are retiring from Mossy Oaks Elementary. Ms. Davis is retiring with 12 years of service; Mr. Gruel with 29 years; Ms. Nash with 39 years; and Ms. Tempel with 20 years of service.

Robert Smalls International Academy

Ginger Garner is retiring from Robert Smalls International Academy with 28 years of service. Susan Presley is retiring 14 years of service.

Joseph Shanklin Elementary

Gail Burnes, Deborah Moore, and Janis Sparks are retiring from Joseph Shanklin Elementary. Ms. Burnes is retiring with 33 years of service; Ms. Moore with 35 years of service; and Ms. Sparks is retiring with 26 years of service.

St. Helena Elementary

Mary Ann Holmes, Sarah Paul, Dorothy Pope, Sara Reynolds, and Patricia Singleton are retiring from St. Helena Elementary School. Ms. Holmes is retiring with 35 years of service. Ms. Paul is retiring with 12 years of service; Ms. Pope is retiring with 33 years of service; Ms. Reynolds is retiring with 18 years of service; and Ms. Singleton is retiring with 29 years of service.

Whale Branch Early College High School

James Childs is retiring from Whale Branch Early College HS with 9 years of service.

Whale Branch Middle School

Larry Martin is retiring from Whale Branch Middle School with 18 years of service, and Joyce Shores-Dunn is retiring with 23 years.

ACE

Kenneth Browning retired from the Academy for Career Excellence with 17 years of service.

District Office

Richmond Simmons is retiring from the Maintenance Department at the District Office with 33 years of service. Mary Gillies is retiring from the Operations Department at the District Office with 11 years of service. Joseph Cook is retiring from the District Office with 10 years of service. Marian Gasque is retiring from the Finance Department at the District Office with 12 years of service. Virginia Walsh is retiring from the Special Education Department at the District Office with 19 years of service. Janet Dempsey is retiring as a substitute teacher with 12 years of service in many of our schools.

Public Comment

A community member spoke regarding the December 13 Board meeting and called for the former chair to resign. A community member called on the Board to fund an independent legal review of the Board and their policies. A community member spoke regarding the former Board chair's hiring of an outside attorney and called for her to resign and reimburse the attorney's fee. A community member spoke regarding Board members' behavior and against their

consideration of hiring a professional parliamentarian. A community member spoke regarding the Board's treatment of a Principal after her presentation at the last Board meeting. A community member criticized Board actions and called for a forensic audit of the district.

Committee Reports

Curriculum & Instruction

JoAnn Orischak said the committee has not met since the last Board meeting. The next meeting is June 13 at H.E. McCracken Middle School at 4:30 p.m.

Finance

Bill Payne said the committee will meet on June 8 at 4:30 p.m. at the district office, and provided the agenda items. He said they now have an ad hoc committee that will meet on June 27 at Okatie Elementary beginning at 2:30, and the meeting is open to the public.

Policy

David Striebinger said the committee met on June 5 at 5 p.m. at the district office. The committee agreed to have the South Carolina School Board Association review policies for legality pending Board approval. The next meeting is July 3, 4:30 p.m. at the district office to review administrative rules and Board policies.

Human Resources

Joseph Dunkle said the committee met on May 22. Policies 16 and 16.1 were reviewed, and he suggested a policy on paternity leave.

Student Services

Evva Anderson said the committee met on May 23 and reviewed AR SS-39 and SS-42.

Superintendent's Report

Instructional Services Director Dereck Rhoads presented third-grade reading results and provided an update on the "100 Voices Project." General Counsel Drew Davis presented information on four administrative regulations, and he responded to Board members' questions. Dr. Moss discussed the district's process of addressing information requests and discussed a forensic audit. He responded to the Board's questions.

Board Business Action

Chief Financial and Operations Officer Tonya Crosby provided an update on the 2017-2018 budget. Motion to approve and recertify the FY 2017-2018 General Fund Budget in the amount of \$225,764,555 to fund school operations. Ms. Crosby addressed the Board's questions. Motion approved.

Mr. Davis presented a quit-claim deed to the Town of Port Royal. Motion to approve the quit-claim deed to the Town of Port Royal. Motion approved.

Motion to approve a donation from the Hilton Head Island School for the Creative Arts PTO in the amount of \$20,000 to add to funds for a planned playground upgrade. Motion approved.

Mr. Davis presented changes to Policy 2.4. Motion to remove Section 8C. Motion approved. Motion to amend and add "Comment Corrections" to follow "Public Comments" under Section

D. Motion failed. Motion to remove section 9 on page 5 failed. Motion to approve Policy 2.4 School Board Meetings, Second Reading as amended to remove Section 8C. Motion approved.

Mr. Davis presented changes to Policy 3.2. Motion to approve Policy 3.2 Board Committee, Second Reading. Motion to amend to strike the portion of Section 8. Motion failed. Motion to amend and remove Section 8 in its entirety. Motion failed. Original motion approved.

Mr. Davis presented changes to Policy 4.1. Motion to approve Policy 4.1 Public Comment at Board of Education Meetings, Second Reading. Motion to strike the revision on page 2, section G. Motion passed. Motion to strike “the removal of participant from the board or committee room and BCSD grounds by law enforcement” on page 3, Article 4B. Motion failed. Motion to approve Policy 4.1 Public Comment at Board of Education Meetings, Second Reading with amendment. Motion passed.

Motion to appoint Board member Joseph Dunkle as Parliamentarian. Motion to table the matter until the chair is present. Motion failed. Original motion passed.

Consent Agenda

Motion to approve consent agenda. Motion approved.

Public Comments

A community member added to his comments from the first Public Comment section about Board actions. A community member congratulated the Board on its decision to use a Board member as Parliamentarian rather than hire one. A community member addressed Dr. Moss' comments on financial transparency and a financial audit. A community member commented on Board members' behavior toward one another. A community member distributed material that he said described school board corruption and talked about the need for a forensic audit. A community member spoke about the Board's public comment process and the firing of bus drivers.

Motion to adjourn approved. Meeting adjourned at 9:46 p.m.

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