

## Board of Education Summary

May 4, 2010

### School Board Meeting

#### **Chairman Fred Washington called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.**

Dr. Wayne Carbiener made a motion to purchase land from the Herritt Family 1.25 acres to include a fifty foot easement adjacent to Bluffton Middle School for a purchase price of \$263,158 utilizing capital funds. Motioned passed.

Vice-Chairmen Bob Arundell made a motion to enter into an official short-term land lease with the Bluffton Township Fire District for property situated at the corner of Burnt Church Road and Bridge Road. The lease agreement shall not allow for any further expansion of existing facilities or land use. Motion passed.

Vice-Chairmen Bob Arundell made a motion to sustain the Superintendent's suspension and recommendation for the dismissal of a professional employee, Employee A, for the reasons provided by the Superintendent subject to the Board's duty to review the matter on the merits pursuant to the South Carolina Code Ann. 59-25-470 should the employee request a hearing. Motion passed.

Secretary Laura Bush made a motion to approve the consent agenda with changes in the minutes (dates should have read 4/20/10 not 4/16/2010). Also a donation from Tanger Outlets to Hilton Head High School needed to be added to the consent agenda. Motion passed.

#### **Chairman Washington called for the approval of the agenda**

The agenda was approved

#### **Pledge of Allegiance**

#### **Media properly notified**

#### **Invocation**

The invocation was by Hilton Head Island Early Childhood Center students. The students sang two songs.

#### **Points of Celebration**

Dr. Truesdale announced Beth Bournias will be the Assistant Principal at Bluffton Middle School. Congratulations!

Tonight we are honored to present our 2010-2011 Teachers of the Year. These men and women represent the very best educators in our school district. They were nominated and elected by their peers having met stringent criteria established by our Teachers' Forum. As I read each of your names, please come forward to be honored.

#### **2010-2011 Teacher of the Year**

<b>Name</b>	<b>School</b>
Kathy Ingram	Lady's Island Middle School
Barbara Kulisek	Whale Branch Elementary School
Carolyn Hicks	Davis Early Learning Center
Roderick Williams	Shell Point Elementary School

Charles Holbrook  
Renee Woods  
Mary Rizzi  
Rebecca Compton  
Gerald Greene  
Harriet Luce  
Suzi Prekop  
Linda Annand  
Denise Ondishko  
Kristen Munroe  
Jorja Scott  
Julia LaGrone  
Karen Perdue  
Elise Kozier  
Dawn Sumner  
Erin Berglind  
Brian Forshey  
Elizabeth Burke  
Colleen Price  
Tennille Scheriff

Diane Bosco  
Lindsey Widener  
Deborah Holland  
Maggie Pope  
Peter Burvenich

Beaufort High School  
Lady's Island Elementary School  
Hilton Head Island Middle School  
Port Royal Elementary School  
Shanklin Elementary School  
Broad River Elementary School  
Mossy Oaks Elementary School  
Coosa Elementary School  
Hilton Head Island Early Childhood  
Robert Smalls Middle School  
Okatie Elementary School  
Beaufort Elementary School  
Hilton Head IB Elementary School  
Bluffton Elementary School  
HE McCracken Middle School  
Red Cedar Elementary School  
Battery Creek High School  
M.C. Riley Elementary School  
ACE  
Hilton Head Island School for the Creative Arts  
St. Helena Elementary School  
Bluffton High School  
Hilton Head Island High School  
Beaufort Middle School  
Whale Branch Middle School

On Friday, April 23, the Foundation for Educational Excellence Committee hosted an excellent event at the Mall at Shelter Cove to support the fund's teacher innovative mini-grant initiative. I am pleased to report their net income from the evening was a little over \$12,000. We sincerely appreciate the hard work of the foundation committee. Kudos also to our presenting sponsor and business partner, Sodexo, guest Jonathan Green, contributing artists of all ages, our art teachers and fine arts coordinator, Margaret Rushton, the Hilton Head Rotary Club, and the over 300 guests who attended.

Nine Beaufort County Schools are among the 403 schools state-wide to be recognized by the State Board of Education for high levels of academic achievement and improvement.

Daufuskie Island Elementary and Mossy Oaks Elementary received the Palmetto Gold Award based on their state report card rating for the 2008 – 2009 school year for outstanding general performance. Michael C. Riley Elementary, Shell Point Elementary, Bluffton Elementary, Hilton Head Island School for the Creative Arts, Hilton Head Island Elementary and Bluffton High School received the Palmetto Silver Award based on its state report card rating for the 2008 – 2009 school year for outstanding general performance.

In addition to the General Performance Gold and Silver Awards, Mossy Oaks Elementary, Michael C. Riley Elementary, Bluffton Elementary, Hilton Head Island School for the Creative Arts, Bluffton High School and Hilton Head Island High School received the Palmetto Silver Award for Closing the Achievement Gap.

Hilton Head High School senior Corey Bell is a 2010 Scholastic Art *National* Silver Medalist for his photography portfolio. On the regional level, Hilton Head High photography students also received accolades. Two were gold key winners -- Corey Bell

& Cody Yeager -- and 3 received honorable mentions Hilary Kerr, Brady Nichols, & Maraia Tremarelli.

Instructional Technology Coach, John Woodring of H E McCracken has been awarded the Top 50 Education Innovator Award from eCollege.com for blogging. The Education Innovator Award recognizes the top 50 Internet-based resources that contribute to the advancement of learning into new and innovative formats. By promoting the emerging trends in education, *John Woodring* facilitates such change by building on traditional techniques while embracing new tools for sharing information and encouraging the desire to learn.

Congratulations to TJ Melanson of Hilton Head High School for being named one of the very few winners of the NASA tilt rotor contest! He submitted his essay as a part of his science honors requirements. Mrs. Harriman was his mentor teacher for the essay. In this national contest, it is a huge deal to be named as a winner! According to his teacher, his essay was beautiful, scientific and informative! Congratulations!

Okatie Elementary School has paired up with Callawassie Garden Club and Laura Lee Rose of Clemson Extension Service to use water runoff from the school roof as the way to keep the "Monet Garden" beds properly moist.

The rain barrel, donated by Laura Lee Rose was installed this week at the school- just in time to recycle the water for Earth Day! Mrs. Julie Ann Aaron's second grade boys worked with the Callawassie volunteers planting flowers, making hanging baskets, weeding, mulching the beds and pruning shrubs. This hands-on approach has been a joyful time for the boys now that they can see how beautiful the gardens are growing.

In other Okatie news, Okatie Elementary School's 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Foot Flight took place on Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup>. Although the morning shed a few raindrops and brought its share of bugs, both held off just long enough for a successful event. There were over 190 participants. Karen Floyd of Play Hard Sports once again provided the chip timing. All proceeds are used to benefit Okatie's Kids on the Run club.

Mrs. Munchmeyer, English teacher at Battery Creek High School, recently developed an innovative, real world learning experience with several diverse student groups. Her junior IB World Literature students had just finished a unit on the novel The Stranger and one of the culminating activities was a mock trial which the students wrote and presented. The trial was a two day, collaborative activity with IB students, Mr. William Kinsey, social studies chairperson, as judge, Mr. Todd Hunnicutt's self-contained LD students as jurors, and Mr. Jordan Grey's TMD students as the audience. Everyone involved learned much more with the interaction of the three classes, and the IB students were involved with teaching the other students information that they had learned throughout their reading. This opportunity created by Mrs. Munchmeyer provided classroom instruction in the area of World Literature for the Special Education classrooms and also allowed the students to experience a valuable student

Lady's Island Middle School 8<sup>th</sup> graders are making a name for themselves on the high school level in sports! Josh Fickes, has qualified to play in the State Golf Tournament and Hunter Pylant made the 4A All region Tennis team for Beaufort High. Hunter went undefeated in region 8-4A play. Congratulations to both students!

Way to go.....the Hilton Head High School Girls and Boys Soccer Teams and the Track Team have been crowned Region Champions! We send our support to all athletes as they move forward in competition.

We also want to congratulate an alumnus of Battery Creek High School, Tiffany Anisette, for her success as an entrepreneur in launching her own designer bag company. B.A.G. stands for Business Active Girl which has just received a patent from the US patent office.

### **Comment Corrections**

Vice Chairmen Bob Arundell spoke about incorrect blogs this past week in the local paper and encouraged readers to learn all the facts before making such accusations.

### **Showcase**

Kay Newsome shared great news from Hilton Head Elementary IB, Shell Point Elementary, and Whale Branch Middle School about the new Parent Resource Centers opened in the schools. Principals, Mary Ellen Parks, Mona Lise Dickson, and Adrienne Sutton all spoke how these parent resource centers have helped their parents and schools.

Sarah Owens, ESOL/World Language Coordinator, shared an update on the English Language Learners Program with a video.

### **Committee Report**

Board Member Earl Campbell passed around a letter that was sent to the legislation delegation seeking support in facilitating policies that help the school district increase the number of certified Minority and Women Business Enterprises to be awarded procurement contracts.

### **Audit Committee**

No report from the Audit Committee

### **Superintendent's Report**

Dr. Jackie Rosswurm, Chief Administration and Human Resource Services Officer, shared an update on the Riverview Plan.

Casey Newsome, testing Coordinator, shared an update on Healthy Students. Dr. Cynthia Hayes, Student Services Officer, shared an administrative rule on Student Fundraising Activities.

Dr. Sean Alford, Chief Instructional Services Officer, presented Dr. Anthony Baxter to give a report on the status of the district in closing the achievement gap.

Dr. Sean Alford, Chief Instructional Services Officer, shared a report on Project Climb.

Dr. Jesse Washington, Director of School and Community Services, shared an administrative rule on Staff Participation in Political Activities, Distribution of Promotional Materials and Political Solicitations in Schools.

Phyllis White, Chief Operational Services Officer, shared an overview for the FY 2011 Budget Proposal.

Secretary Laura Bush made a motion to approve the budget subject to changes that may arise due to public hearings. Motion Passed.

### **Board Business Action**

- 2010-11 Ratification of Certified Personnel Contracts - Approved
- Adjustment of Referendum Funds For Roofing Projects - Approved
- Reduction of Referendum Program 2008 Authorize Funding - Approved

- Recommendation of Fund Balance Percentage - Approved
- Certification (Approval) of FY 2010-2011 Budget - Approved

### **New Business**

Items for next Board meeting – to be placed on the agenda:

Dress Code

Right Choices

Update on Call Me Mister Program

Gentleman's Club

### **Consent Agenda**

The consent agenda was approved with the changes.

- Donation by the Children's Relief fund of \$1,500 for the Cinderella-Fella Ball
- Donation by the Disabilities foundation of Beaufort County of \$1,000 for the Cinderella-Fella Ball
- 04/06/10; 04/20/10 Minutes
- Monthly AE/Home Schooling – (No items this month)
- Donation to Hilton Head Island High School of \$1,000 from Tanger Outlet
- HR Status Report

### **Meeting Adjourned**