

**Board of Education Summary
June 9, 2011
School Board Meeting**

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

Dr. Wayne Carbiener made a motion to recommend the immediate suspension of the Summer 2011 renovations at Shell point Elementary School, the Summer 2011 renovations at Lady's Island Elementary School and the Lady's Island Elementary School computer lab addition and façade improvements project until further notice pending a decision on school closure for the FY 2012-2013 school year. Motion passed.

Board Member Bill Evans made a motion to recommend approval of Summer 2011 projects as identified on Exhibit A by amending the FY 2012 8% list approved by the Board July 24, 2010 and as modified on January 18, 2011. Motion failed.

Board member Earl Campbell made a motion to remove the consideration of the 2011-2012 budget from the agenda. Motion passed.

Pledge of Allegiance

Media properly notified

Invocation

Points of Celebration

POINTS OF CELEBRATION – JUNE 9, 2011

- SCSBA Presentation of Champion of Public Education Award to Ed Gillies
- Recognition of Perfect Attendance Award to Theresa Bishop (certificate)
- Kaylie Richardson State Superintendent Writing Award (plaque to be presented)
- Recognition of Retirees (certificates and clocks to be awarded to 18 retirees, additional certificates and clocks available to those who show up without RSVP-ing)

First-Graders at **Pritchardville Elementary School** took the first step towards giving back to the school on Thursday, May 12, 2011 when they planted a tree in the school's courtyard. The planting of the flowering cherry tree signals the beginning of a new annual tradition and the Green the Campus Campaign. The Green the Campus Campaign will provide students the opportunity to participate in projects that enhance the school's environment.

Leading up to the tree planting ceremony, the Pritchardville first graders studied plant life and conservation of natural resources. The integrated curriculum enabled students to learn about the world around them in multiple content areas. Combining writing, reading, mathematics, science and social studies, students learned about plant needs, life cycles, edible plant parts, habitats and the conservation of natural resources.

A special thanks to Sodexo Ground Maintenance for helping the students with their project.

Nine Beaufort County School students have been selected to attend **South Carolina Governor's School for the Arts and Humanities** programs. The prestigious school will host the students for either summer school programs and/or the 2011-2012 high school year-long programs on campus. Congratulations to:

Student Name	School	SCGSAH Program	Arts Area
Matt Osborne	BHS	High School 2011-2012	Dance
Matt Osborne	BSH	Summer Dance 2011	Dance
Tafari Salaam	BHS	Academy 2011	Music
Ivan Estrada	BMS	Discovery 2011	Drama
Celene Lampright	BMS	Summer Dance 2011	Dance
Madison Maddox	BMS	Discovery 2011	Music
Reece Graham	HIIHS	High School 2011-2012	Drama
Keelin Sanz	HIIHS	High School 2011-2012	Drama
Charlie Hickey	HEMMS	Discovery 2011	Drama
Kendall Hinson	HEMMS	Discovery 2011	Music

Whale Branch Middle School has 5 students accepted to the Middle School to College Program for the South Carolina Governor's School for Science and Mathematics (GSSM). From Middle School to College is a five-year initiative being developed by GSSM's Outreach Department to identify, nurture and support academically talented middle school students by targeting intensive individual math, science and writing skill development over the course of the program cycle. The program begins with a 100-student cohort of rising eighth graders that will participate in a one-week session during summer 2011. Each year, the program will expand by one week until it reaches four weeks during the summer following the students' sophomore year. During the final year of the program, students will participate in summer research and complete follow-up sessions.

For five consecutive summers, students will live on the GSSM campus in Hartsville and engage in science, technology, engineering and mathematics while fine-tuning their critical thinking and writing skills and developing their leadership abilities. Students who complete the program and meet GSSM admission requirements will be accepted to GSSM's residential program for their junior and senior years of high school, with college admission and scholarships all but guaranteed.

Whale Branch students accepted into the program include:

Stephon Eugene
 Brooke Everly
 Rana Norris
 Shanelle Webb
 Ashley White

The Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting has been awarded to **Beaufort County School District** by the Government Finance Officers Association for the United States and Canada (GFOA) for its comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR). The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental

accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management.

An Award of Financial Reporting Achievement has been awarded to **Phyllis S. White, Chief Operational Services Officer** designated by the government as primarily responsible for preparing the award-winning CAFR.

The CAFR has been judged by an impartial panel to meet the high standards of the program including demonstrating a constructive “spirit of full disclosure” to clearly communicate its financial story and motivate potential user groups to read the CAFR. The GFOA is a nonprofit professional association serving approximately 17,500 government financial professionals with offices in Chicago, IL and Washington, D.C.

Hilton Head Island resident **Annette Rothwell has been named District Support Staff Employee of the Year** by the Beaufort County School District.

A computer lab assistant at the Hilton Head Island School for the Creative Arts, Mrs. Rothwell was nominated by her peers on the basis of job excellence, community involvement, and volunteer work. Since 2007, Mrs. Rothwell has been part of the school’s technology team assisting teachers and students with technology projects, collaborating with teachers on technology curriculum and administering MAP testing to 740 students three times per school year. In addition to technology related work, she co-chairs the school’s “Bus Buddy” program, assists in a variety of student health programs, and is a volunteer in her child’s classroom. Outside of the school, Mrs. Rothwell is a volunteer in her church, the Hilton Head Baseball Association, Girl Scouts, Island Recreation Roller Hockey League and member of the school’s PTA. Congratulations!

Hilton Head Island High School has been ranked 550 in a field of 1900 high schools in the Washington Post’s National High School Challenge. The Challenge, devised by writer Jay Mathews, uses the following formula: divide the number of Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate or other college-level tests a school gave in 2010 by the number of graduating seniors. While not a measure of the overall quality of the school, the rating can reveal the level of a high school’s commitment to preparing average students for college. According to the Challenge results, HHIHS is the fourth highest ranked high school in South Carolina. The Washington Post’s National High School Challenge has replaced Newsweek’ Annual High School Ranking,

All **Beaufort County middle school students** will have the opportunity to participate in Keyboarding classes next fall thanks to a team effort in Instructional Services. The goal and spirit of this effort was to allow as many middle school students to satisfy the Keyboarding prerequisite before they enter high school. Middle schools benefit by extending their technology offerings as well as Carnegie credit bearing courses. Students will be able to get .5 credit for successful completion of the course. According to Dr. Alford, high school CATE departments will spend a good deal of time during the 11-12 school year planning for the extension of their technology courses as well.

Nineteen eighth- and ninth-grade students at **H.E. McCracken Middle School** were honored

recently for improving their English proficiency levels on the English Language Development Assessment, a test given each spring in South Carolina schools. The English for Speakers of Other Languages students received ELDA Achievement awards and gift certificates from Chick-fil-A and Mi Tierra restaurants.

Thirteen eighth- and ninth-grade students scored a five on the ELDA, signaling their exit from the ESOL program because they are now proficient in English as their second language, according to ESOL teacher Sarah Gallop.

These students exited the program with a five on the ELDA test: Mirco Cavallarin, Yensy Umana, Annadet Giles, Kimberly Alvarez, Gerardo Govea, Maria Fernanda Arizmeni, Cristian Lobos, Sarah Berganza, Tiffany George, Jose Patlan, Maria Tellez, Morgan Philoxene and Yerovy Tovar.

The eighth-grade students who improved one or more levels on the ELDA include Orlando Alonzo, Marco Carrillo, Leticia Castro, Wilber Garcia, Edith Hernandez, Sergio Hernandez, Eymi Morales, Dario Munoz, Stephanie Polanco, Rudo Sewell and Yelitza Sombredero. The ninth graders who improved one or more levels are Alanis Amaral, David Astacio, Leonardo Boyd, Jennifer Manzano, Samantha Mendez, Marvin Nunez, Cesar Parra and Victor Silva.

A team of students representing **Bluffton Elementary School** recently won highest honors in the WordMasters Challenge, a national language arts competition entered by 220,000 students annually, and held in three separate meets during each school year.

Competing in the very difficult Gold Division of the Challenge, and coached by Nicole Sparks, the school's fourth graders tied for seventh place in the nation in the year's third meet, held in April, among 261 school teams.

One of the school's students won highest honors for year-long individual achievement as well: fifth grader Joey Zhou, who made only two mistakes in the course of the year's three meets, was one of the 21 highest-ranked fifth graders in the entire country on the year-end cumulative standings.

In addition, seven of the school's students won highest honors for individual achievement: Third grader Shane Hanley, fourth graders Kayla Aiken, Jordan Barrow, Hannah Cheatham, Hanna Giblin and Alyssa Morgan, and Zhou (a fifth grader) all received perfect scores in the meet, while in the nation only 90 third graders, 161 fourth graders and 102 fifth graders did so.

In other news from Bluffton El, Principal Christine Wright Brown and **the Bluffton Elementary Reading Prize Patrol** was on the prowl again after school on May 31. "Caught" reading were third-grader Juliet Taylor of Wanda Davis' class and Austin Addressi, a first grader in Angela McDaniel's class. Mrs. Brown presented the winners with a bag full of treats for being "caught." These past few weeks have been a time of boundless creativity by our students. To name a few, our two creative arts oriented **elementary schools, Lady's Island and Hilton Head Island**, have presented several live performances featuring song, dance and drama. Lady's Island presented two shows – D'Arts Alive and *Pinocchio* – and Hilton Head Island Elementary School

for the Creative Arts presented an evening of visual and performing arts featuring hundreds of art projects, chorale, drama and dance presentations. Bravo to all participants! Students at Mossy Oaks Elementary School enjoyed their “Chalk It UP” event recently decorating the sidewalks around the front of their school. As you can see by the pictures, the students really got into their work (chalk covered hands in photo) and created many a masterpiece (great picture of dolphin in photo.)

Hilton Head Island High School junior, Jasmyn Howell, was recently presented with an engraved bronze medallion to signify her selection as a Distinguished Finalist in the 2011 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program. Jasmyn was honored for creating a six-week program through the Boys & Girls Club to help sixth-grade girls improve their self-esteem and teach them about diversity and acceptance.

Blake Bishop, Hilton Head Island High School Track Coach, has been named the SCHSL 3A male track coach of the year. He was honored for this distinction at a banquet recently in Columbia. According to Blake, “This is purely the result of great athletes and my luck on coaching them. I have a terrific coaching staff who made this possible!” Great job Blake

Public Comment

Several parents and community members addressed the Board regarding school closures and student transfers.

Parents addressed the Board urging them to reconsider having students to be able to opt out of Pritchardville Elementary School to Bluffton Elementary School.

Parents addressed the Board regarding the make-up of the District Task Force. They expressed that the task force representatives should at least be parents. The current make-up of the task force do not include parent representatives at all schools, but community members.

Comment Corrections

Showcase

Strategic Plan Annual Update 2011-2012

Superintendent’s Report

Chief Instructional Services Officer, Dr. Sean Alford, presented performance expectation 1.14: Maximize Instructional Time. Also presented was the 2011 District Selection for Textbooks and the Teacher Content Knowledge (CORE) Grant.

Chief Operational Services Officer, Phyllis White, presented an update on energy savings from the energy grant with Jack Thompson. Also presented was an update for the Task Force on Student Assignment and School Closure/Consolidation.

Information Items

- Class of 2011
- Back to School Expo 2011

- LIBPA Newsletter

Board Business Action

Board member Earl Campbell made a motion to move forward with the approved task force list with the additional people from the community.

Board member Stephen Morello made a motion to amend the motion that the Board admit one additional person per cluster from the business community. Motion failed.

Board Member Bill Evans made a motion that the task force meet at the scheduled time and at that meeting discuss changing their schedule if needed. Motion passed.

Board member Earl Campbell made a motion to approve Memorandum of Understanding entered into on January 18, 2011 between the Beaufort County School District and the Neighborhood Outreach Connection. Motion passed.

Board member Earl Campbell made a motion to approve the contract with **Willis of North Carolina** for Property & Casualty Insurance with a correction: Three (3) year contract with the option to renew annually for two (2) additional years. Extensions beyond this contract period must be approved by the **Board of Education**. Motion passed.

Board Secretary Laura Bush made a motion to accept the Student Code of Conduct. Motion passed.

Board member Bill Evans made a motion to accept the Accelerated Learning Schools Evaluation Report. Motion passed.

Board member Earl Campbell made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion passed.

Consent Agenda

- May 17, 2011 Minutes
- HR Status Report
- Monthly Adult Education

Board member Julie Bell made a motion to recommend approval of Summer 2011 projects as identified on Exhibit A items 4-115 and excluding item 117 by amending the FY 2012 8% list approved by the Board July 24, 2010 and as modified on January 18, 2011. Motion passed.