

Board of Education Summary
December 7, 2010
School Board Meeting

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

Chairman Fred Washington called for the approval of the agenda

Secretary Laura Bush made a motion to approve the agenda, excluding the minutes from the Board work session, November 12-13, 2010. Motion passed.

Pledge of Allegiance

Media properly notified

Invocation

The invocation was given by the chorus at Hilton Head Island High School. The chorus sang "Jingle Bells."

Points of Celebration

Mr. John Murrie, Store Manager of JC Penney in Beaufort was introduced to receive a Certificate of Appreciation from the Board for JC Penney's recent donation of \$6500 to fund the 2011 First Robotics Team at Battery Creek High School.

First graders at Okatie picked Broccoli Trees to share and taste a healthy snack prior to Thanksgiving. They had such a fun time and the broccoli heads were huge! Mrs. Pinckney can't wait until the collards are ready. Kudos to science teacher Helen Goodman for all of her efforts in bringing fresh veggies to our students!

Bluffton High School's Youth in Government Delegation won top honors at the recent Youth in Government State Conference in Columbia. Among their awards:

- Top Delegation – for the school that had the biggest impact on the conference
- 3 Outstanding Bill Awards...they were: Megan Kelley and Katie Ryan, Jessica Sandusky and Ema Jaklin, and Kirby Ammons and Lincoln Joly.
- 3 Outstanding Statesman awards: Kirby Ammons-Senate, Katie Ryan-Premier Senate, and David Smith-House of Representatives.
- Premier Delegation (given to schools that meet all attendance, paperwork, deadlines, and voting requirements).

Kay Newsome reports that community partner, Dr. Narendra (Naren) Sharma of the Neighborhood Outreach Center, and Beaufort County teachers and volunteers had a tutor training recently at Hilton Head Island Elementary School. Tutors will be used at the various

Neighborhood Outreach Centers in low income housing developments to help students improve their academic performance.

Have you looked at your District Arts Calendar for the month? There is literally something for everyone to get you in the holiday spirit! These photos were taken at the recent Beaufort High School performance of the Voices, Troubadors, and Inner Voices Choral groups.

Daufuskie Island Elementary School has a beautiful new mural. Last week Dr. Med Lutmerding and Chris Lutmerding painted an incredible mural depicting ocean life at Daufuskie Island including some of the Lowcountry's favorite animals (dolphins, sea turtles, jellyfish, a nurse shark, horseshoe crabs, and pelicans). Chris is a renowned muralist and has painted murals for the Columbus Zoo & Aquarium, the Coastal Discovery Museum, and Hilton Head Island Elementary IB. Thank you so very much Dr. Med and Chris Lutmerding for this beautiful addition to our school!

The River of Words multi-discipline environmental learning program is beginning to reap eloquent rewards. This is wonderful work by our budding writers.

Congratulations to those involved in the newly published "What Were We Thinking?!" –An anthology of Beaufort County School District student reflections on daily life and hometown connection. The book was edited by Margaret Rushton as part of Beaufort's Three-Century Project and is an often humorous glimpse into the minds of middle school students.

M.C. Riley Student Council collected food during a Holiday Food Drive to donate to Bluffton Self Help. Students from K-5th grades donated over 3,000 food items. The classroom winners for collecting the most items, Ms. Dowe's 4th grade class.

Public Conversation

Several parents spoke to the Board on behalf of Shell Point Elementary and insisting to the Board to keep the school open. Chairman Washington again stated no decisions have been made at this time regarding the closing of any school and continues to encourage parents and community members to become involved and attend the Community Conversation meetings being held. The last Community Conversation meeting will be December 15, 2010 at Bluffton High School beginning at 6:30pm.

Showcase

Academic Improvement Officer, Dr. Melissa Sheppard, gave a report on the Extended Learning Time (ELT) Programs including Chinese Exploratory throughout the district and an overview of what is to come for ELT in the future. ELT served 36,734 students in grades K-10. ELT provided regular English Language Arts (ELA) and Math programming with an emphasis on support sessions in ELA and Math, English I and Algebra I, and HSAP test preparation. Special cultural and artistic opportunities were offered for the students in the Chinese Immersion

program at BRES and HHIBE. The students worked on Chinese lettering/writing, story-telling as well as Chinese art and sculpture.

Committee Report

The external auditors presented a report on the school district's annual audit. The audit was clean with no findings.

Board Member Jim Bequette made a motion to accept the external auditors report as submitted. Motion passed.

Chairman's Report

Chairman Washington made a comment that after attending the Legislative Advocacy Conference that he wants to combat incorrect information circulating across the state.

Superintendent's Report

Chief Operational Services Officer, Phyllis White, presented Performance Expectation 5.9 – Semi-Annual Maintenance Report and Performance Expectation 8.2 – Preventive Maintenance Program.

Chief Instructional Officer, Dr. Sean Alford, and Principal of Bluffton High School, Mark Dievendorf, presented to the Board a Consideration of Distinguished and STEM Diploma.

Testing Coordinator, Casey Newsome, presented a request for Approval of Comprehensive Health Education Advisory Committee (CHEAC) Members. Board Member George Wilson made a motion to approve the CHEAC Members. Motion passed.

Information Item

- ASCD 2010 Legislative Agenda

Board Business Action

Secretary Laura Bush made a motion to extend the meeting not to exceed 15 minutes. Motion passed.

New Business

Board Member Jim Bequette made a motion to the Chairman for the possibility to reduce the number of reports provided by the administration. The motion will be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

Board Member Michael Rivers made a motion to table the discussions regarding school closings until after the new year. This motion will be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

Board Member George Wilson made a motion to review look at extra-curricular activities and put on the next agenda as a possible budget reduction item. This motion will be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

Vice Chairman Bob Arundell made a motion for the Chairman to bring an update on clarification on Representative Shannon Erikson's motion from the Legislative Delegation meeting. This motion will be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

Board Secretary Laura Bush made a motion to approve the consent agenda minus the minutes of the Nov. 12-13 Board work session. Motion passed.

Consent Agenda

- November 2, 12-13, 2010 Minutes
- Monthly HR Status Report
- Student Services Report – AE/Home Schooling
- Quarterly Spending Report
- Allocate Resources
- Renovations and new Classrooms
- Participate in Community Activities
- Market the District
- Involve Businesses in Education
- Involve Other School Systems and SDE
- County, State and Federal Cooperation
- Value Differences of Opinion
- Interpret Policies to Staff
- Media Coverage
- Timely Flow of Information
- Publish Annual Report to Public
- Meet with Business Groups
- Install School Finder on Website

Adjournment