

## **Superintendent's Board Meeting Summary: July 18, 2017**

Vice Chair Earl Campbell called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Coming out of executive session, Board member Geri Kinton motioned to approve the Superintendent's recommendation for employment listed on the June 1-June 30 Personnel Ratification Report. Motion approved. Motion to approve Home School report for July 2017. Motion approved.

### **Election of Board Chair and/or Officers**

Board member David Striebinger moved to table the elections until all Board members could be present. Motion failed. JoAnn Orischak nominated Earl Campbell as Board Chair. All in favor. Mary Cordray nominated Geri Kinton as Vice-Chair, and Christina Gwozdz nominated Mr. Striebinger. Ms. Kinton was elected. Ms. Cordray nominated Mr. Striebinger as Secretary, and Evva Anderson nominated Ms. Orischak. Mr. Striebinger was elected.

Pledge of Allegiance, invocation.

Motion to approve the agenda. Motion to remove the June 20, 2017 Board meeting minutes from the agenda. Motion approved as amended.

### **Points of Celebration (announced by Dr. Moss)**

#### **Battery Creek High School Track State Champions (Jonathan Witt and Tyrone Washington)**

Two students from Battery Creek High School have won individual state championships in track and field. Here to introduce the students and tell us more about their achievements is Battery Creek High School Principal Chad Cox.

Dr. Moss recognized three Board members – Dr. Gwozdz, Ms. Anderson and Mr. Striebinger – for advancing in School Board Association training.

### **Public Comment**

A community member spoke about school start times. A community member spoke regarding district finances and a forensic audit. A community member spoke about school start times and a recent Student Services committee meeting she attended.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Chair's Report**

Mr. Campbell spoke regarding the Chair's Report and information shared with the public. He said that the Board should focus 100 percent on the students of the county. He announced that there would be a law conference in August and a South Carolina School Boards Association Region Advocacy meeting in September. Mr. Campbell said there would be a Board work session August 11-12, and Board members should submit topics to Robyn Cushingberry.

**Curriculum & Instruction**

Ms. Orischak said the committee has not met since June. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for August 8.

**Finance**

Bill Payne said the next meeting will be on August 10 at 4:30 p.m. at the district office. Tentative agenda items include summer building repairs and construction, P-Cards and a forensic audit.

**Policy**

Mr. Striebinger said the committee met on July 3. Items discussed will be covered under Board business. The next meeting will be August 9 at 4:30 p.m. at the district office.

**Human Resources**

Dr. Gwozdz said the committee had not met.

**Student Services**

Ms. Anderson said the committee met on June 27 and discussed student athlete GPAs, student expulsion, and SSR 60. She briefly spoke regarding school start times. The next meeting is scheduled for August 22. Board members discussed school start times.

**Superintendent's Report**

Director of Elementary Education Carmen Dillard provided an update on the extended year summer school reading program. She addressed the Board's questions.

Dr. Moss said a budget update will be provided at the August 1 meeting.

General Counsel Drew Davis provided an Administrative Regulation update to SSR-60. Mr. Davis addressed the Board's questions.

Dr. Moss provided an update on current district and school teacher and administrative vacancies. He reminded the Board about the B3 Scholarship golf tournament on July 24 and the Coach's Convocation on July 27. Dr. Moss invited the Board to attend the Senior Leadership meetings July 25 and 26. He said the district would address P-card transactions in a Facebook post. Dr. Moss shared a letter from County Administrator Gary Kubic and a draft of new transparency reports. Dr. Moss addressed the Board's questions regarding the transparency reports.

**Board Business Action****Policy Committee's Recommendation for SCSBA to Review Board Policies**

Motion to approve the Policy Committee's recommendation for the South Carolina School Boards Association to review Board policies at a cost of \$2,000. After a discussion, motion approved.

**Policy 3.6 – Cost of Board Governance, First Reading**

Mr. Davis presented updates to Policy 3.6 (Cost of Board Governance) on first reading, and he addressed the Board's questions. Motion to amend Policy 3.6 Section I.B.3 to include "and/or."

Motion approved. Motion to approve Policy 3.6 as amended and waiving the three readings. Motion approved.

**Ad Hoc Committee's Recommendation Regarding Approval of Board Use of Outside Counsel**

Board discussion on the Ad Hoc Committee's recommendation. Motion to approve the Ad Hoc Committee's recommendation regarding approval of Board use of outside counsel. Motion to amend the Ad Hoc Committee's recommendation to stipulate that each instance should be brought to the full Board. Motion to table the topic. Motion to table approved.

**Public Comments**

A community member responded to Dr. Moss' comments about a local organization. A community member spoke regarding the Board's use of outside counsel and school start times. A community member spoke about the Board's demeanor, her special-needs student and high school orientation, and expressed her appreciation to former Beaufort High Principal Corey Murphy for advocating for her special needs son. A community member suggested expanding the summer reading program to include a "refresher" 8-9 days prior to the beginning of school.

Motion to adjourn approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

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