

**Board of Education Summary
February 15, 2011
School Board Meeting**

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

Secretary Laura Bush made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent for the suspension from employment and conditionally accept the recommendation for the termination of employment of an individual who holds Continuing Contract teacher rights, Employee A. Subject to the Board's duty to review the matter on the merits pursuant to state law should the individual request a hearing. Motion passed.

Chairman Fred Washington called for the approval of the agenda.

Board Member Earl Campbell made a motion to approve the agenda. Laura Bush made a motion to amend the motion adding a donation to the agenda. Motion passed.

Pledge of Allegiance

Media properly notified

Invocation

Lady's Island Elementary Students show choir presented the invocation with two selections.

Points of Celebration

Secretary Laura Bush made a motion to accept the donation of \$2,500 from the Children's Relief Fund for 8 touch screen monitors for Hilton head Island Elementary School for the Creative Arts. Motion passed.

Elected officials and our District's finest teachers met for spirited discussion and breakfast at the recent **Teacher's Forum Annual Legislative Breakfast**. Officials from the national, state and county levels of government listened and responded to our teachers' many questions and suggestions. It was an exhilarating morning of discussion. Kudos are extended to Colleen Wynn and her Forum members for arranging the event.

Hilton Head Island High School Junior, Jasmyn Howell, has been named a Distinguished Finalist for the Prudential Spirit of Community Award. Jasmyn is one of six students in South Carolina selected for this honor. Every year, the top high school and middle level youth volunteers in each state and the District of Columbia are selected as State Honourees by Prudential for this award. Each receives a \$1,000 award, an engraved silver medallion, and an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C., for several days of national recognition events. In addition, two to 10 runners-up in each state are named Distinguished Finalists and receive a bronze medallion.

Hilton Head Island High School's Jessica Smith, Badlyn Rolfe, Miles Helman, and Michael Richards received honors at the recent SC High School Photography Competition at Winthrop University. Miles and Michael were finalists among the 280 entries from across the state.

Jessica Smith came in first place for her entry- *Only One* – which garnered a \$250 prize. Badlyn Rolfe - *I am the End of the World* – came in 3rd Place – and received a \$50 cash prize with the honor of having his print purchased for Winthrop's permanent art collection. This is Badlyn's second award this year as he is also the recent recipient of an Honorable Mention from the Regional Scholastics Art & Writing Awards.

Thirty members of the Beaufort Senior Leadership were an enthusiastic audience recently learning about our Beaufort County Schools. They traveled up to Whale Branch Early College High School and toured the beautiful campus, learned about the Budget process from Phyllis White, and learning initiatives from Sean Alford and staff. Many thanks to the Whale Branch Early College High School students who served as gracious and enthusiastic campus guides.

M. C. Riley art teacher, Barbara Streitenberger recently announced the school and council winners in the Knights of Columbus Drug and Alcohol Abuse Poster Contest. In the Drug Abuse category, the school winner was Aaliyah Webb. The second and third place council winners were Mara Llorente and Julie Kautler. The school winners in the Alcohol Abuse category were Alina Flores and Destiny Guinan. Congratulations to these students!

One hundred nineteen Middle School eighth grade students were honored at the annual **Junior Scholars Honors Banquet** last week at Hilton Head Middle School. The South Carolina Junior Scholars Program was developed by the State Department of Education during the 1985-86 school year to identify eighth-grade students with exceptional academic talent and to determine strategies for their inclusion in special programs. In order to receive this honor, students must have scored advanced or proficient in English language arts and mathematics on the Palmetto Achievement Challenge Test (PACT) in the seventh grade.

Emily Wilbourne, a fifth grade student at **Hilton Head Island Elementary IB School**, is the winner of the Foundation for Educational Excellence's recent poster contest. Her drawing will be used on the poster announcing the upcoming Foundation Fundraiser, "Celebrate Inspiration." The event will be held Friday, April 29th at the Mall at Shelter Cove to raise money for Teacher Innovative Mini-Grants.

Our students are very giving. I learned this morning at our Student Advisory Council meeting that students at **Beaufort High School** have raised over \$20,000 for various charity causes this year. Wow! Congratulations to these students!

Many thank you's are extended to the **Bluffton Police Department and Chris Barrow** for their fast action on a possible, but actually non-event today at HE McCracken. A student had overheard talk about a gun yesterday and believed it was on the bus today. When the Bluffton Police heard of the incident they acted immediately to maintain a safe and secure learning environment. No gun was found, and no action was taken against any student. Thank you all for your vigilance.

In closing tonight, I would like to invite **Margaret Rushton and Cory Tressler** to come up here and talk to us about the **PASS PUSH initiative**. As you may remember Dr. Alford told us last

fall of the approximately 2000 students that were part of our virtual summer school program. PASS PUSH is another way to use virtual technology to help our students learn.....

Public Conversation

Parents and community members addressed the Board showing support and urging them to keep the IB Program implemented at Hilton Head High School.

Community members addressed the Board stating that only 30% of impact aid forms were collected and that the district must strive to collect 100% of the forms. These forms equal funds for the school district.

Faculty and PTO Members came to share highlights of Whale Branch Early College High School and their experiences and successes since the opening of the new school.

Comment Corrections

Chairman Washington stated the numbers for the Impact Aid Forms will be published and made public.

Showcase

Chris Poe, Officer of Facilities, shared the renovation plan for Battery Creek High School.

Chairman's Report

Chairman Washington presented the results of the legal opinions from the attorneys regarding Parliamentary Procedures and motions (See attached).

Board Business Action

- Motion: "We continue to fund all of our county schools in their current building and under their current name."

Clarification:

This motion shows that we agree to fund all of our current schools at a level to at least remain operational, in their current buildings, in the upcoming budget year. This does not exempt any school from reasonable budget adjustments as mandated by the Superintendent of the School Board. This motion is designed as a re-assurance to all of our schools that they can count on enough funding to at least keep their doors open in the upcoming budget year.

Board Member Dr. Carbiener made a motion to amend the original motion and substitute with the clarification of motion.

We agree to fund all of our current schools at a level to at least remain operational, in their current buildings, in the upcoming budget year.

Secretary Laura Bush made a motion to table the motion until the Board work session this coming Friday, February 18, 2011. Motion failed.

Final Motion: We agree to fund all of our current schools to a level to at least remain operational in their current building in the upcoming budget year. Motion passed.

- Recommendations for IB Diploma Program

Board Member Bill Evans made a motion to adopt the recommendations of the administration presented to discontinue the IB Program at Battery Creek High School and continue the IB Program at Hilton Head Island High School. Motion passed.

Board Secretary Laura Bush made a motion to extend the meeting up to 30 minutes. Motion passed.

- Board Policy Revisions – BCR Proposals

Board Member Dr. Wayne Carbiener made a motion to adopt Chairman Washington's proposed revised BCR 2: Vision, BCR 4: Board Role and Job Description, BCR 5: Governance Commitment, BCR 12: Process for Addressing Violations Policy and PE 9: Community Relations. Motion passed.

Committee Report

None

Superintendent Report

Director of Data Services Elaine Morgan presented to the Board the new link to the district website titled Quick Data. This section includes student enrollment and demographic data, testing data and accountability and report cards.

Quarterly Financial Report Performance Expectations 4.7, 3.B.3 and 4.1 were presented. 4.7 (Includes PE 3.B.3 and PE 4.1) – Provide the Board with quarterly financial reports for operations, referendum projects and 8% projects.

The Minority Women Owned Business Enterprise Semi-Annual report was presented. The list includes contracts awarded between July 1, 2010 and December 31, 2010.

Information Items

- Determining Awareness of Hilton Head Island High Strengths in Order to Effectively Increase Enrollment
- Mitchelville Preservation Project
- Letter from Congressman Joe Wilson
- University of South Carolina Confucius Institute
- Teacher Career Fair

New Business

None

Consent Agenda

Board Member Bill Evans made a motion to approve the consent agenda.

- January 7-8 Work Session & January 18, 2011 Minutes

- Safety Training

Adjournment