

Superintendent's Board Meeting Summary: March 19, 2019

Chair Christina Gwozdz called the meeting to order at 6:28 p.m.

Coming out of executive session, motion that the Board designate attorney Rob Tyson to serve as the Board's Hearing Officer for the 2018-19 school year consistent with Regulation HRS-33 (approved). Motion that the Board make an offer to LS3P Associates for additional projects at May River High School and River Ridge Academy as recommended by the selection committee (approved). Motion that the Board approve the settlement authority in the pending worker's compensation case in the amount of \$37,888.40 (approved).

Motion to approve the agenda as presented (approved).

Pledge of Allegiance. Statement of media notification.

Points of Celebration

Parker's "Fueling the Community" Donation

Each year we receive a significant donation from Parker's convenience stores as part of the company's "Fueling the Community" promotion. The promotion gives one cent of every gallon of gas sold on the first Wednesday of each month to local schools. Some of the donation comes to the district office to support the school district's annual "Support Person of the Year" recognition program, which honors school nurses, social workers, bookkeepers, office managers, teacher assistants, school secretaries, and technology and data specialists. Money also is distributed to specific schools designated by Parker's customers when they purchase their gasoline. Tonight Parker's was recognized for their ongoing support of our staff and students. President and CEO Greg Parker was presented with a certificate.

Character Education Student of the Month – Nevaeh Duncan, fifth-grader at M.C. Riley Elementary

Our Character Education program was formed to support parents' efforts to develop good character in their children. Tonight we're celebrating the Character Ed Student of the Month exhibiting the Character Trait of "Honesty/Integrity." "Honesty" is defined as telling the truth, admitting wrongdoing. "Integrity" is defined as a firm adherence to a code of especially moral or artistic values. We were happy to announce that our Character Education Student of the Month for February was from M.C. Riley Elementary School. Principal Adrienne Sutton introduced her student.

National Merit Finalists - Pierce Daly and Meaghan Lyons, Hilton Head Island High School; and Faith Shupard, May River High School

About 1.6 million students from more than 22,000 American high schools initially entered the National Merit Scholarship Program competition by taking the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test. About 15,000 students were eventually selected as finalists. To advance to the final round of competition, the semifinalists and their high schools had to submit detailed applications that provided information about academic records, participation in

school and community activities, leadership abilities, honors and awards. In addition, each semifinalist had to be endorsed and recommended by an official from his or her high school, write an essay and earn SAT scores that confirmed the student's earlier score on the qualifying test. We were happy to have two National Merit Finalist with us here tonight.

First, IB Diploma Coordinator Mary Beth White introduced her students, followed by May River High Principal Joseph Bornscheuer introducing his student.

Guidance Counselor of the Year – Carrie Carter, May River High School

School counselors are vital members of the educational team. They help students with academic achievement, personal and social development, and career development, helping to ensure that today's students become tomorrow's productive and well-adjusted adults.

Commended tonight were the district's Middle School Counselor of the Year, Gina Jacobs from Bluffton Middle, and Elementary School Counselor of the Year Nicole Bossak from Coosa Elementary. May River High School Principal Joseph Bornscheuer introduced 2019 Beaufort County School District School Counselor of the Year Carrie Carter.

Public Comment

Community members spoke in support of Hilton Head Island High School's principal. A teacher in the Hilton Head cluster spoke about the need for resources to address students' mental health. A parent thanked the teachers at Hilton Head Island High School for assisting in turning her son's life around. Community members spoke about the demographer's report presented at the last Board meeting.

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve March 5, 2019 Board meeting minutes (approved). Motion to approve March 6, 2019 Board meeting minutes (approved).

Chair's Report

Chair Gwozdz reminded the Board to file their financial statements by March 30.

Committee Reports

Academic Committee: Chair Patricia Fidrych shared a summary of the committee's last meeting. The next meeting is March 27 at the district office.

Ad Hoc Policy Committee: Chair John Dowling shared a summary of the committee's last meeting and thanked attorney Wendy Cartledge for her work with the committee. Board discussion.

Finance Committee: Motion to authorize the filing of E-Rate Year 2019 Category 2 Services and further acknowledge that the Board will budget sufficient funds for the district's share of Service Provider invoices for these services (approved). Motion to hire the district's current auditing firm for one year and begin the RFP process in fall 2019 for a new auditor (approved). Motion to cancel current RFP for auditing services (approved). A recommended motion for

Board Signing Authority of .1% of total budget if not previously approved in a line item budget will be placed on the April work session agenda.

Operations Committee: Chair David Striebinger shared a summary of the committee's last meeting, including William Smith's election as vice-chair. The committee will meet April 10.

Superintendent's Report

Goal #1 Student Achievement

Whale Branch Early College High School Principal Mona Lise Dickson presented her school's academic initiatives and addressed the Board's questions.

Goal #3 Fiscal Responsibility

Chief Financial Officer Tonya Crosby provided an update on the 2019-2020 budget process and addressed the Board's questions.

Board discussion about the monthly board budget.

Other Matters

Administrative Rule Update

Attorney Wendy Cartledge presented IS-61 Employability Credential and addressed the Board's questions.

Ms. Cartledge presented an update on PE.11 FOIA and addressed the Board's questions.

Chief Operations Officer Robert Oetting provided a Project Review Committee update and addressed the Board's questions.

Director of Transportation Eldridge Black gave an update on a bus rider issue and addressed the Board's questions.

Board Business

Motion to accept a donation from the Community Foundation of the Lowcountry valued at \$15,000 for a portion of a playground shade structure at River Ridge Academy (approved).

Motion to amend the agenda to add acceptance of the Parker's donation (approved).

Motion to accept a donation from Parker's "Fueling the Community" program in the amount of \$27, 000 (accepted).

Motion to add Board Secretary's signature to all documents signed by the chair. Board discussion. Motion tabled until the next work session.

Motion for Selection of Board Counsel for Routine Matters tabled until the next work session.

Announcements

Dr. Rachel Wisniewski provided an update on ACE's competition placements at the Skills USA competition. ACE has a career fair scheduled for March 27, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Public Comments

A community member spoke about the project review committee presentation. A community member spoke about lack of support as a reason for teachers leaving. A community member spoke in support of Hilton Head Island High School's principal.

Motion to adjourn approved. Meeting adjourned at 9:54 p.m.

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