

Superintendent's Board Meeting Summary: April 7, 2020

Chair Christina Gwozdz called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

Dr. Gwozdz went over housekeeping procedures for the Board's online virtual meeting.

Motion to approve the agenda (approved). Pledge of Allegiance. Moment of silence to honor the victims of the COVID-19 pandemic. Statement of media notification.

Chair's Report

Dr. Gwozdz named David Striebinger, Earl Campbell, Tricia Fidrych, Cathy Robine and Rachel Wisniewski to serve on the Policy Committee with David Striebinger serving as committee chair. Board discussion. Dr. Gwozdz recommended discussing Board meeting formats at a future meeting.

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Dr. Rodriguez introduced Ted Barber, Chair of the Citizen Lead Oversight Committee (CLOC), who provided the first CLOC quarterly bond referendum monitoring report and addressed the Board's questions.

Dr. Rodriguez introduced Karinda Barrett of MGT Consulting Group, who presented the results of an efficiency study and addressed the Board's questions. Dr. Rodriguez also addressed the Board's questions.

Dr. Rodriguez provided a COVID-19 update on the proactive measures the district took to prepare, procedures to implement at-home learning, preparations for students returning to school and an after-action report when students do return. Dr. Rodriguez introduced Mark Chauhan, Technical Services Officer, who presented information on teachers and students using the Zoom platform for online learning. Dr. Rodriguez and Mr. Chauhan addressed the Board's questions. Chief Instructional Services Officer Dr. Mary Stratos also addressed questions.

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the February 18, 2020 Board meeting minutes (approved).

Motion to approve the February 28-29, 2020 Board Work Session meeting minutes (approved).

Motion to approve the March 3, 2020 Board meeting minutes (approved).

Committee Reports

Ad Hoc Bluffton Growth Committee

Chair Rachel Wisniewski stated the committee will bring forward its scope to the full Board.

Ad Hoc Coherence Governance Committee

Chair David Striebinger shared that the committee has one more item to review.

Operations Committee

Chair Mr. Striebinger shared that the committee reviewed Administrative Regulations OS-19 School Properties Dispositions and OS-29 Use of School Facilities and the revised River Ridge Academy mascot, which will be brought before the full Board for approval.

Superintendent's Report

Goal #3 Fiscal Responsibility

Chief Financial Officer Tonya Crosby addressed questions on the monthly transparency report, monthly \$100K report and monthly Board budget report.

Ms. Crosby provided an update on the 2020-2021 budget and addressed the Board's questions. Dr. Rodriguez addressed the Board's questions.

Board Business

Board discussion regarding approval of an emergency resolution relating to COVID-19 response. Motion to adopt the draft resolution as written. Board discussion. Motion that the resolution be tabled until a second legal opinion has been received (approved). Motion that the second legal opinion come from the Attorney General's office (approved).

Motion to accept the textbook adoption as presented (approved).

Dr. Mary Stratos and Daniel Fallon, Director of Accountability, presented 2020-2021 academic calendars and addressed the Board's questions. Motion to accept both calendars with the second calendar as a back-up should the Board's start-date waiver be approved by the State Board of Education. Board discussion. Motion approved.

Dr. Stratos presented the draft district strategic plan and addressed the Board's questions. Motion to approve the 2020 strategic plan as presented. Board discussion. Motion approved.

Motion to suspend the Board of Education Strategic Policy 2.4 VI. F for the duration of the state of Emergency in S.C. Board discussion. Motion approved.

Motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussion of RFQ #20-030 Professional Auditing Services Firm pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. §30-4-70 (a)(2); discussion of negotiations incident to proposed memorandum of agreement between Beaufort County School District and Beaufort County Sheriff pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. §30-4-70 (a)(2); review of the contract for the purchase of radios and radio network equipment pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. §30-4-20 (c); discussion of CBRE Heery Amendment for Referendum Program Management Staffing pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. §30-4-70 (a)(2); employment Matters re: Personnel Ratification Report; discussion of 2020-2021 employment recommendations pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Section 30-4-70(a)(1); Adult Ed/Home School Report. Amended motion to include student discussion regarding health and safety. Board discussion. Amended motion failed. Original motion approved.

Motion to recess approved at 12:08 a.m.

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Coming out of the executive session approved at the April 7 meeting, Dr. Gwozdz reconvened the Board in open session at 8:38 p.m.

Motion for the BOE to authorize a Memorandum of Agreement with the Beaufort County Sheriff's Office for the enhancement of radio service for the Beaufort County School District. Board discussion. Motion approved.

Motion to approve the Superintendent's March 1-31, 2020 Personnel Ratification Report (approved).

Motion to approve the Superintendent's recommendation for re-employment of certified staff for the 2020-2021 school year as listed on the Certified Administrators and Teacher Contract Recommendation Report. Board discussion. Motion approved.

Motion that the Beaufort County Board of Education approve and award RFP #20-0303 for Professional Auditing Services to Mauldin & Jenkins for an annual amount not exceeding \$51,000 (approved).

Motion that the Board of Education approve Amendment #1 with CBRE-Heery, which authorizes a not-to-exceed limit for the referendum program management plan and establishes the 2020 staffing plan (approved).

Motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation for the monthly Adult Education/Home Schooling Report as presented (approved).

Motion that the Board authorize the Superintendent to enter into a contract with Motorola Solutions for network equipment and installation, portable radios, bus radios and installation, bus control stations and installation, and programming in the amount of \$3,381,270.95. Board discussion. Motion approved.

Board members reviewed a letter drafted by Dr. Gwozdz to the South Carolina Attorney General seeking an opinion on the legality of an emergency resolution. Board discussion. Motion that the chair's letter be attached to the resolution and the letter be limited to the first sentence. Board discussion. Motion failed. Motion for the letter to be attached to the resolution and be sent to the Attorney General (approved). Board discussion on follow-up after the letter is sent.

Motion to adjourn approved at 9:07 p.m.

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