

## **Superintendent's Special Called Board Meeting Summary: July 19, 2016**

Chair Mary Cordray called the meeting to order at 5:57 p.m.

Coming out of executive session, motion to approve the personnel ratification report. Approved. Motion to add public comments to the agenda following the Pledge and at the end of the meeting. Approved. Motion to approve the modified agenda. Approved.

Pledge of Allegiance, invocation by Rev. Rivers. A moment of silence was observed for Rev. Reuben Greene, former board member, and Mrs. Etta Mann, retired teacher and guidance counselor.

### **Public Comment**

A community member expressed concern over the scheduled district bond referendum and the partnerships with the Technical College of the Lowcountry and the University of South Carolina Beaufort. A community member criticized responses by Board members to an e-mail he had sent, and another community member questioned the superintendent's transparency.

### **Information Item**

Lynn Stokes Murray, the Board's legislative lobbyist, reviewed the 2016 session of the South Carolina General Assembly and answered Board members' questions.

### **Board Business Action**

Motion to approve a \$12,050 donation from American Legion Beaufort Post 9 to install a scoreboard at Beaufort High School's baseball field. Approved.

Motion to approve a \$22,200 donation from Covert Aire to install an HVAC system in Bluffton High School's press box and concession stand. Approved.

Motion to approve RFP 16-002 Contract Approval for Solar Energy Consultant, awarded to Due South Solar. Board members discussed the benefits of the solar energy program. Approved.

Motion to approve a lease and facility use agreement for the Beaufort County School District, the Town of Hilton Head Island and the Hilton Head Island Recreation Association. Approved.

Superintendent Jeff Moss and Chief Finance and Operations Officer Phyllis White introduced draft ballot language for the Educational Capital Improvement Sales and Use Tax Referendum vote scheduled for November 8. Bond attorney Frannie Heizer briefed Board members on resolutions that she will present at the August 2, 2016 meeting. Ballot draft language options were presented for the Educational Capital Improvement Sales and Use Tax Referendum, and two options for the language of the Bond Referendum ballot were also presented. Language Option 2 Approved.

Motion to approve a memorandum of agreement covering the participation of the University of South Carolina Beaufort and the Technical College of the Lowcountry in the November 8 referendum. Approved.

Ms. Heizer discussed Referendum Dos and Don'ts and answered Board questions regarding educating the public about the referendum as opposed to advocating for it.

**Public Comment**

A community member presented his concerns about the principal vacancy at St. Helena Elementary and leadership turnover there. A community member commended Board members for their meaningful discussion.

Motion to adjourn. Approved.

Meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

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