

Superintendent's Board Meeting Summary: April 18, 2017

Vice-Chair Earl Campbell called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Coming out of executive session, there was no action.

Motion to approve the agenda. Motion approved.

Pledge of Allegiance, invocation.

Points of Celebration (announced by Dr. Moss)

Character Ed Student of the Month (Hunter Dail, Red Cedar Elementary)

Our Character Education program was formed to support parents' efforts to develop good character in their children. School counselors identified a list of character words and definitions that focus on attitudes and personal qualities that build a foundation for success in life and work. A student from each school is selected as that school's Character Education Student of the Month. Then that student goes on to compete for Character Education Student of the Month for the entire school district. Tonight we're the character trait "Honesty," defined as "telling the truth, admitting wrongdoing; being trustworthy and acting with integrity." We're happy to announce that our Character Education Student of the Month demonstrating "Honesty" for southern Beaufort County is a student from Red Cedar Elementary. Would Principal Kathleen Corley please come forward and introduce our Character Education Student of the Month?

River of Words

"River of Words" is a collection of art and poetry by Beaufort County School District students. The complex ecology and peaceful beauty of the Port Royal Sound serves as the inspiration for this annual collection. Each year, one student's artwork is selected for the cover of the publication. Here to talk more about "River of Words" is Project Coordinator Heather Brabham.

WordMasters Challenge

Beaufort County schools were well represented during the WordMasters Challenge, a national vocabulary competition involving nearly 150,000 students. Tonight, we recognize 12 students from three schools who earned perfect scores during the Blue Division competition of the recent WordMasters Challenge. Would River Ridge Academy Principal Gary McCulloch please come forward and introduce his "perfect" WordMasters students? Would Bluffton Elementary Principal Christine Brown please come forward and introduce her "perfect" WordMasters students? And would Red Cedar Elementary Principal Dr. Kathy Corley please come forward and introduce her "perfect" WordMasters students?

South Carolina High School Wrestling Championship and Sportsmanship Award

The Beaufort County School District was well represented at the South Carolina High School wrestling tournament with two champions from Hilton Head Island High School. Hilton Head Island High was also 1 of 15 schools to receive the Sportsmanship Award, given by the South

Carolina Wrestling League to schools who demonstrate good sportsmanship during the season. Would Principal Amanda O’Nan please come forward and introduce her school’s two champions?

Regional Science Fair

More than 300 Beaufort County students – all top finishers at individual school science fairs across the county – competed for honors at the 2017 Sea Island Regional Science Fair. Tonight we recognize first-place award winners. Would H.E. McCracken Principal Jerry Henderson come forward to introduce his winner? Hilton Head Island Middle Principal Neodria Brown, would you please come forward to introduce your winner? And finally, would Bluffton Middle Principal Pat Freda please come forward to introduce your Science Fair winner?

Public Comments

Community members spoke regarding transparency and governance at the district. A community member commented on student attendance and make-up seat time. Community members thanked the Board for voting to construct a performing arts center and gymnasium at Whale Branch Early College High School.

Comment Corrections

Board member Evva Anderson addressed a public comment regarding e-mails. Board member Geri Kinton addressed a public comment regarding an item on last month’s consent agenda. Board member Mary Cordray stated that work sessions are videotaped and available to the public.

Chair’s Report

Vice-Chair Earl Campbell stated that the Board’s next two-day work session is scheduled for April 21-22 at the district office.

Committee Reports

Curriculum & Instruction

JoAnn Orischak said the committee reviewed and discussed district selections for 2017-2018 state-adopted textbooks and the gifted and talented program update. The March 14 minutes were tabled until the next meeting. She announced that the next meeting will be May 9 at 4:30 p.m. at H. E. McCracken Middle.

Finance

Bill Payne stated that agenda items for the May meeting would be the third-quarter financial report and 8 percent capital projects. The meeting has been changed to Wednesday, May 10, 4:30 pm at the district office.

Legislative

Mr. Campbell reported that the Jacob Hall Bill is going to the South Carolina Senate.

Policy

David Striebinger said that the next meeting is Monday, April 24 at 5 p.m. at the district office.

Student Services

Ms. Anderson said that the next meeting will be scheduled in early May.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Moss addressed the public comment regarding student attendance and make-up seat time. Bluffton High School Principal Denise Garison and May River High School Principal Todd Bornscheuer presented first-semester student achievement data as well as notable initiatives and achievements at their schools.

Brian Nurick of Compass Municipal Advisors presented a capital funding program update and addressed the Board's questions.

Board Business Action

Motion to approve a \$5,000 donation from Norah O'Neil to River Ridge Academy toward shade canopies. Motion approved. Motion to approve a donation, valued from \$4,600 to \$5,000, from Sun City Community Chorus to May River High School to be used for vocal/chorus ensembles. Motion approved. Dr. Moss discussed the RFP process in selecting an architect for the Whale Branch Early College Gym and Performing Arts Center. Motion to approve contract negotiations with McMillan Pazdan Smith as the architect for the two WBECHS projects. Dr. Moss answered the Board's questions. Motion approved. Dr. Moss presented the Riverview Charter School calendar waiver request, to be presented to the State Board of Education. Motion approved. Motion to approve Policy 2.4, School Board Meetings, third and final reading. Motion approved.

Consent Agenda

Motion to approve the consent agenda. Motion approved.

Public Comment

A community member clarified his comment on making Board meeting videos available to the public. A community member thanked the Board for voting to construct a gym and performing arts center at Whale Branch Early College High School.

Motion to adjourn approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

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