

Board of Education Summary
August 3, 2010
School Board Meeting

Vice-Chairman Bob Arundell called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

Vice-Chairman Arundell called for the approval of the agenda

Board Member, Dr. Wayne Carbiener made a motion to remove the minutes from the July 6th Board Meeting off of the consent agenda. Motion passed.

Board Member Michael Rivers made a motion to remove the classified salary study off of the agenda. Motion passed

Board Secretary, Laura Bush, made a motion to remove the extra-curricular enrichment off of the consent agenda. Motion passed.

Jim Bequette made a motion to remove the nepotism report be removed from the consent agenda. Motion passed.

Pledge of Allegiance

Media properly notified

Invocation

The invocation was given by Board Member Michael Rivers

Points of Celebration

Hundreds of neighbors, educators and students were on hand at the recent Ribbon Cutting Ceremony of Whale Branch Early College High School. The state-of-the-art school opened to a joyous celebration of community spirit and affirmation. We congratulate our facilities planning department on a job well done for all of our recent schools ~ on time and under budget ~ and collaborative curriculum development with the Technical College of the Lowcountry. Bravo!

We have wonderful news from Beaufort High School. Teacher **Jeremiah Young** has been named the American Board for Certification in Teacher Excellence (ABCTE) South Carolina Teacher of the Year. ABCTE is a non-profit organization offering innovative teacher preparation and certification programs. Founded in 2001 via a grant from the U.S. Department of Education, ABCTE has now certified nearly 2,500 teachers.

Qualified by ABCTE as a candidate, Jeremiah was nominated by Principal Dan Durbin and elected by voters online. According to Jeremiah, "I am very humbled and encouraged by the large amount of support poured out by family, friends, and members of the community. The greatest reward has been receiving the support from my students and their parents." Jeremiah is now in the running for ABCTE's national Teacher of the Year.

Hilton Head Island School for the Creative Arts and Lady's Island Elementary School are the recipients of ABC Advancement grants for schools participating in the Arts in Basic Curriculum Project. The ABC Project works to ensure that every child in South Carolina has access to a quality, comprehensive education in the Arts. The project is cooperatively directed by the Arts Commission, the SC Department of Education and the College of Visual and Performing Arts at Winthrop University. Hilton Head received a \$7500 grant and Lady's Island at \$5000 grant. Way to go!

Hundreds of students and parents flocked to Battery Creek High School last Saturday as the school district hosted a free Back to School Expo. Titled "Putting the Pieces Together, Supporting Home, School & Community," the expo provided students and parents with information on good study habits, school uniforms ~ there was a fashion show ~ parent conferences, substance abuse prevention, school attendance requirements, student behavior and discipline, and other important topics. Local, state and federal agencies and organizations were also present to answer questions about their services and to offer information and materials. The expo was designed to provide a direct connection between community service agencies and those who may need services, and provide information for students and parents on the upcoming school year.

P.E.O. Chapter X of Hilton Head Island, a philanthropic organization of women celebrating the advancement of women through education, is pleased to announce the awarding of financial assistance to 2 area women pursuing higher education. Caroline Johnson and Jill Banks, are each recipients of a P.E.O. Program for Continuing Education grant in the amount of \$1000. Both women are studying in the Master of Arts Teaching program at USCB. Caroline will be interning at Red Cedar Elementary in Bluffton this fall and Jill will intern at Hilton head Elementary School.

Comment Corrections

Vice Chairman Bob Arundell and Board Member Earl Campbell addressed the public regarding the misconceptions surrounding the possible renovation of a portion of the old Battery Creek High School, currently the Beaufort County District Education Services Center. Vice Chairman, Bob Arundell, stated some background information regarding this subject. He indicated a previous Board decided to build a centralized district office at a cost of more than \$5 million. The county voters approved the project in a referendum. The current Board decided not to build that office, instead renovate an underused old building. By spending less than \$2 million on renovations, the Board avoided spending \$5 million which saved the taxpayers \$3 million. Taxpayers also saved money by having all district personnel under one roof which cuts down on travel and increases efficiency. The Board also rented a building to Riverview Charter School and put another building up for sale which should bring in \$1 million. The last phase of the renovation of the old Battery Creek High School was the replacement of meeting rooms the Board had at the King Street office. Campbell and Arundell stated the newspapers are misleading, alluding to the fact that the Board decided to go ahead with plans to complete the last phase of the renovations when in truth the Board decided not to move ahead with the renovations, but instead have the administration to come back with more details and possibly consider alternative ways to pay for the projects without adding additional costs or debt to the taxpayers.

Showcase

Learning Space Showcase – video showcasing new buildings and the culminating success of the last referendum.

Quarterly Capital Improvement Advisory Committee (CIAC) Public Report – Mr. Ed Gillies and Mr. Jim Garman

Chairman's Report

No report

Committee Report

No report

Superintendent's Report

Chief Administrative and Human Resources Services Officer, Dr. Jackie Rosswurm, presented the stipulation report for Bonded Employees. This stipulation is to ensure that all personnel who have access to material amounts of District and/or school funds are bonded. Dr. Rosswurm stated that crime insurance coverage was in force for the previous year and is in force for the current school year. The coverage includes loss or damage to money, securities or other property resulting from theft, forgery or computer fraud committed by an employee. All personnel are covered by the insurance policy.

Director for School and Community Services, Dr. Jesse Washington, presented the stipulation report on Atmosphere of Responsiveness. This stipulation is to establish an atmosphere of openness, civility, and responsiveness that encourages broad-based staff participation. A new initiative the district is beginning is a section being added on the district website called "Fact or Fiction." This will extend an opportunity to clarify comments by stating facts about Beaufort County School District. In this section are facts and updated information regarding school governance, instructional services, financial services, and student services (demographics, enrollment).

Chief Instructional Services Officer, Dr. Sean Alford, presented the results of the school district regarding Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP). Beaufort County School District's compliance index increased from 70% in 2008, 82% in 2009 and 91% in 2010. The sixteen Beaufort County Schools meeting AYP this year is a substantial increase over the twelve schools making AYP in 2009 and four schools in 2008. Every elementary and middle school met all objectives or missed by one or two objectives. Ten schools posted a compliance index over 90%. Schools that met AYP by meeting all objectives are: Broad River, Coosa, Daufuskie, James J. Davis, Shanklin, Lady's Island, M.C. Riley, Mossy Oaks, Okatie, Port Royal, Red Cedar, Shell Point, St. Helena and Whale Branch Elementary Schools. Additionally, Riverview Charter School and Whale Branch Middle Schools met all objectives. Although Beaufort County School District did not meet all objectives, the district continues to experience positive momentum. The district met 30 of the 33 objectives in 2010, an increase from 27 of 33 objectives in 2009 and 23 of 33 objectives in 2008.

Chief Instructional Services Officer, Dr. Sean Alford also presented results of the Compass and Asset Tests for Whale Branch Early College High School.

Chief Operational Services Officer, Phyllis White, presented the Sole Source / Emergency Procurement Procedures. The administration is required by the SC Budget and Control Board to inform of any sole source and emergency purchases that occurred during the school year. This information was presented to the School Board.

Board Business Action

Ratification of New 2010-11 Personnel

Chief Administration and Human Resources Officer, Dr. Jackie Rosswurm, presented new persons being hired this school year. Dr. Rosswurm stated the district is still pursuing diversity in hires for the organization.

Board Member, Earl Campbell, made a motion to ratify the new hires for the school district. Motion passed.

Annual Revision of Strategic Governance Policies: Board Commitment and Responsibilities (BCRs) and Performance Expectations (PEs)

Board Member, George Wilson, made a motion to accept the Annual Revision of Strategic Governance Policies: Board Commitment and Responsibilities (BCRs) and Performance Expectations (PEs). Motion passed.

New Business

Board Member, Earl Campbell, made a motion to approve the amended minutes from the July 6, 2010 Board meeting. Motion passed.

Board Member, Jim Bequette, made a motion to approve the Nepotism Report. Motion passed.

Board Member, Laura Bush, made a motion to approve the extra-curricular enrichments. Motion passed.

Consent Agenda

Human Resource

Engage Parents/Community

Appropriate Class Sizes

Improve Instructional Programs

Professional Learning and Development: Enhancing Staff Voice

Professional Technology Development

Settle Debts

Protect Intellectual Property

Unique ID Serial Numbers Used

Maintain Fixed Asset Registry

Invested Funds

Job Descriptions

Culture of Respect

Evaluate Certified Staff
Evaluate Teaching Staff
Public Use of School Facilities

Board Member, George Wilson, made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.