

BEAUFORT COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

May 1, 2007

County Council Chambers, 100 Ribaut Road, Beaufort, SC

Members Present:

Fred S. Washington, Jr. Chairman	Jim Bequette	Reid Eikner	Ronald Speaks
Bob Arundell, Vice-Chairman	Earl Campbell	Margie Jenkins	
Laura Bush, Secretary	Joan Deery	Michael Rivers	

The **Call to Order** for the regular meeting of the Beaufort County Board of Education was made at 5:46 p.m. by Chairman, Mr. Fred S. Washington, Jr. **A motion was made by Ms. Laura Bush to adjourn to Executive Session for the purpose of hearing a confidential employment matter. A second was recorded. The motion carried unanimously with Mr. Michael Rivers and Ms. Margie Jenkins recorded as absent.**

Mr. Rivers arrived at 5:48 p.m. Ms. Jenkins arrived at 6:05 p.m.

The public session of the Board resumed at 6:05 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The wind ensemble from the concert band of Whale Branch Middle School under the direction of Mr. Anthony Gaskin presented a selection, "I Need You To Survive", as the invocation.

Mr. Washington announced the media notification of the date, time, and place of the meeting.

In **Action Coming from Executive Session**, Mr. Bob Arundell moved "to accept the recommendation of Phillip J. McDaniel, Interim Superintendent, that the employment contract with the District of Employee A not be renewed for the 2007-2008 school year subject to the Board's duty to review the matter on the merits should a hearing be requested pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. 59-25-470. A second was recorded. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Arundell moved for **Approval of Agenda**. A second was recorded. In discussion, removal of three items was requested. Mr. Eikner requested placement of the consent agenda item on computers for Bluffton High School on the agenda under Board Discussion. He also requested removal of the April 28, 2007 Minutes. Mr. Arundell requested the adding of a report from the Facilities Ad Hoc Committee to Board Discussion. The motion to approve the agenda, as amended, carried unanimously.

In **Public Conversation**, Ms. Tonya Arnold spoke to the Board of her concerns about very young children being denied access to bus transportation when residing within the 1.5 mile range of the school. Mr. Washington assured Ms. Arnold that the administration would investigate the matter and report back to her.

In the **Chairman's Report**, Mr. Washington shared an article entitled "Putting Aside Differences" with the Board for their review.

Dr. Phillip McDaniel presented the **Superintendent's Report**, and gave a report on personnel vacancies. Ms. Mary Briggs, Assistant Superintendent for Academics and Accountability, shared the testing/assessment schedule with the Board, indicating that with the recent traffic issues arising from the damaged bridge in Beaufort County, the test times will be adjusted to accommodate students. A report showing enrollment capacities at all schools was presented to the Board.

Mr. John Williams, Assistant Superintendent for Information Services, shared that two members of the Office of Communications have been recognized by the S.C. Chapter of the National School Public Relations Association with state awards for excellence in educational publications. Mr. Tom Hudson received the award for his work on the publication "Report to the People 2005," and Ms. Jill Weinberger received the award for her work on the special purpose publication, "Building a Bridge to the Future."

Mr. Chris Barrow, Safety Manager, presented a document to the Board outlining the Hurricane Preparation plan for the District.

Mr. Larry Wilson updated the Board on the status of transportation issues created by the damaged bridge in the county. Mr. Washington commended him for his hard work and commitment to problem resolution in this crisis.

Dr. McDaniel provided the Board with an update on a meeting held recently with Boys and Girls Club officials concerning the use of the Coosa Elementary School. He indicated that it is his belief that an agreement will be forthcoming that will allow the club to continue its programs at the school.

In **Board Discussion**, representatives of the Daufuskie Island Leadership Council and the Daufuskie Island Historical Society spoke to the Board outlining their requests for use of District owned property/facilities on the island. They requested that the Board consider leasing the property/facilities to them. It was agreed that the Board would act on the request at a subsequent meeting.

Ms. Phyllis White, District CFO, presented a list of FY08 contract renewals for Board consideration and approval. Following discussion, **Mr. Arundell moved "to accept the recommendation for approval of FY08 Contract Renewals to include"**

Ross, Sinclair and Assoc.	Financial Advisor
Amerigas	Propane
Waste Pro	Refuse Collection/Disposal
First Student	Transportation
Bates Brokers	Student/Athletic Insurance
Churchich Recreational	Playground Equipment
Pitney Bowes	Mail Room Equipment

A second was recorded. Following discussion, the question was called. The vote on the call carried with nine in favor and one vote opposed placed by Ms. Bush. A call for a vote on the motion was made by the Chairman. The motion carried unanimously.

Following discussion on the agenda item, Computers/Writing and Foreign Language Lab/Bluffton High School, **Mr. Reid Eikner moved to approve the recommendation. A second was recorded. The motion carried unanimously.**

Mr. Arundell presented a report of the meeting of the Facilities Committee including points agreed to by the committee regarding "Public Use of Facilities" and on "Participation in Extra-Curricular Activities." Mr. Arundell requested input from the Board for consideration by the committee.

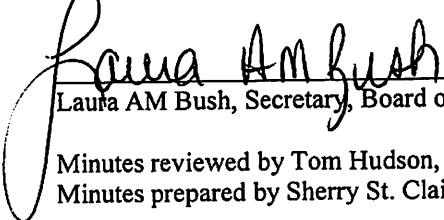
Ms. Bush moved to approve the Consent Agenda. A second was recorded. Mr. Rivers requested removal of Minutes from April 17, 2007. The vote carried unanimously. Items on the consent agenda included:

**Data Center-Uninterruptible Power Supply
Data/Network Electronics - Michael C. Riley Elementary
Minutes 4/26/07**

No further business was presented. The meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

Board Action Summary

Motion to adjourn to Executive Session; carried unanimously
Motion for Approval of Agenda; carried unanimously
Motion to approve contract renewals; carried unanimously
Motion to approve Consent Agenda



Laura AM Bush, Secretary, Board of Education

6-24-08
Date

Minutes reviewed by Tom Hudson, Office of Communications
Minutes prepared by Sherry St. Clair, Executive Assistant

BEAUFORT COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

May 15, 2007

County Council Chambers, 100 Ribaut Road, Beaufort, SC

Members Present:

Fred S. Washington, Jr. Chairman	Jim Bequette	Reid Eikner	Ronald Speaks
Bob Arundell, Vice-Chairman	Earl Campbell	Margie Jenkins	
Laura Bush, Secretary	Joan Deery	Michael Rivers	

The regular meeting of the Beaufort County Board of Education was called to order by Chairman, Mr. Fred S. Washington, Jr., at 5:45 p.m. **At 5:46 p.m. Mr. Bob Arundell moved to adjourn to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing a confidential personnel matter. A second was recorded. The motion carried unanimously.**

The public session resumed at 6:04 p.m. No action resulted from the Executive Session.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. For the Invocation fifth grade students from Beaufort Middle School, members of the "Drumming Seagulls" performed a selection entitled "Amazing Grace directed by Mr. Jordan Culver. Announcement of media notification, the date, time, and place of the meeting, was made by Mr. Washington.

Mr. Washington called for a motion to **approve the agenda. Mr. Earl Campbell moved to approve the agenda. A second was recorded. The motion carried unanimously.**

In **Public Conversation**, Ms. Lisa O'Brien spoke to the Board stating her concern about the content of films being shown in some classes at Beaufort High School. She also registered her disagreement with voting procedures being used on the school uniform budget. Ms. Jasmine Scantling spoke to the Board as a part of Youth Empowerment expressing her concern about the lack of qualified math and science teachers.

In the **Chairman's Report**, Mr. Washington addressed the need for moving forward with policies being assigned an ad hoc committee for review. He also expressed his desire for the Board to join with the county by participating in the Disaster Recovery Plan being developed. **Ms. Joan Deery moved "to work with PBS&J and with the county in to get a scope of work and a price." A second was recorded. The motion carried unanimously.** Mr. Washington noted that the July and October retreat dates will need to be changed.

Dr. Phillip McDaniel addressed various topics in his **Superintendent's Report**. Included were an update on teaching vacancies and an update on traffic issues related to the recent bridge accident. Mr. Larry Wilson, Director of Operations, shared the traffic update with the Board. Ms. Mary Briggs, Assistant Superintendent for Academics, related information on students recently honored by the Continental Math League. Additionally, Ms. Briggs shared updates on MAP testing data. She gave an overview of the partnership with the Arthur Blank Foundation and Bluffton High School and the program "Pathways to Success". Ms. Briggs announced winners in the Continental Math League competition.

Dr. Randy Wall, Assistant Superintendent for Principals, shared names of Award of Excellence winners from district high schools presented by the *Savannah Morning News*. He also shared that two schools, Hilton Head Island High School and Mossy Oaks Elementary, have been named as winners of the Red Carpet Award from the

South Carolina Department of Education. Dr. Wall shared results of recent voting in several schools on the question of school uniforms.

A motion was made by Mr. Reid Eikner "that the administration review a policy in place for voting on uniform changes at schools in our district and bring a recommendation to the Board." A second was recorded. The motion failed with a tied vote.

Ms. Phyllis White, CFO, provided information on the surveys recently submitted by principals concerning maintenance, custodial, grounds, and transportation services. She provided the Board with an overview of the budget including fund balance and millage information that will be submitted to County Council.

The agenda item for approval of leases with the Daufuskie Island Historical Society and the Daufuskie Island Leadership Council was held by request of the Chairman until such time as attorney approval is obtained. The item was added to the agenda for the meeting of May 22, 2007.

In Board Action, Mr. Eikner moved "that the Board approve the administration's recommendation to grant the quit claim easement to the Beaufort-Jasper Water & Sewer Authority as presented to the Board." A second was recorded. Mr. Eikner, the maker of the motion, agreed to an amended motion to "approve the requested easement including a clause for maintenance of the easement in a presentable and safe manner." A second was recorded. The motion to amend carried unanimously. The vote on the original motion as amended was called. The motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Bush moved "to accept the recommendation of the administration on the change of architect for the Red Cedar Elementary School." A second was recorded. The motion carried unanimously.

Following discussion on the recommendation by the administration for a pre-construction contract for Red Cedar Elementary School, **Ms. Bush moved "to approve the recommendation of the administration for the pre-construction contract for the Red Cedar Elementary School to H.C. Reynolds." A second was recorded. The motion carried with dissenting votes cast by Mr. Jim Bequette and Ms. Deery.**

Mr. Arundell presented a recommendation from the ad hoc committee for a Facilities' Use Procedure. **Mr. Arundell moved "that it will be the policy of this District that only students enrolled in the District's schools will be allowed to participate in those school's extra-curricular activities." A second was not required. Following discussion the vote was called. The motion carried unanimously.**

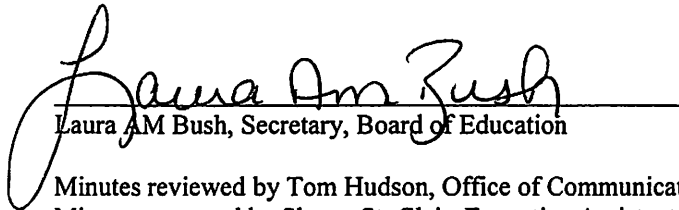
Mr. Arundell moved "that we adopt all items on the Consent Agenda." A second was recorded. The motion carried unanimously. Consent Agenda items include:

Microsoft Office Licensing
Minutes 4/17/07
Minutes 4/28/07
Minutes 5/1/07
Minutes 5/8/07

No further business was brought and the meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

Board Action Summary

Motion to adjourn to Executive Session; carried unanimously
Motion to approve the agenda; carried unanimously
Motion to work with PBS&J and the County on a Disaster Plan; carried unanimously
Motion to review uniform policy; defeated, 5/5/0
Motion to approve easement request; carried unanimously
Motion to approve recommendation for architect change; carried unanimously
Motion to approve pre-construction contract for Red Cedar Elementary; carried 8/2/0
Motion to approve Extra Curricular Activities recommendation; carried unanimously
Motion to approve Consent Agenda; carried unanimously.



Laura AM Bush, Secretary, Board of Education

6-24-08
Date

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BEAUFORT COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

May 28, 2007

Special Meeting

Beaufort County School District

1300 King Street

Beaufort, SC

Members Present:

Fred S. Washington, Jr. Chairman

Jim Bequette

Reid Eikner

Ronald Speaks

Bob Arundell, Vice-Chairman

Earl Campbell

Margie Jenkins

George Wilson

Laura Bush, Secretary

Joan Deery

Michael Rivers

The special meeting of the Beaufort County Board of Education was called to order by Chairman, Mr. Fred S. Washington, Jr., at 5:05 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. A moment of silence was initiated "in recognition of those who sacrificed for us to have the opportunity to do what we're doing now." Press notification was announced.

Information was presented regarding the recommendation presented by the Chair to approve a contract with PBS&J for \$22,000 for the development of a disaster plan coordinating with that of the County. **Mr. Reid Eikner moved "that the Board enter into a contract with PBS&J for producing a hurricane disaster recovery plan that is in conjunction with the county plan." A second was recorded. Discussion followed. The motion carried unanimously with Mr. Bob Arundell recorded as absent.**

Discussion was requested by the Chairman on Whale Branch High School, as it relates to the ACE program. He stated that he believes that the district needs an academic/technical high school.

Mr. Earl Campbell, Mr. Ronald Speaks, and Mr. Eikner serve on the ACE board. Mr. Campbell stated his support of the district remaining as a partner with ACE.

Mr. Eikner presented a report, "The Case for Exiting ACE", outlining a three phase process for the withdrawal of the district and the Board from participation with ACE. He recommended continuing to use ACE for programs the Board elects not to offer at district facilities by purchasing slots from ACE. Discussion was lengthy. All agreed that Whale Branch High School will be an academic high school with the availability of technical education.

Mr. Jim Bequette moved "that the Beaufort County School District adopt the concept that the Whale Branch High School be developed as an academic/technical career opportunity school with the long range objective of separating from dual-owned schools."

The motion was repeated. "I move that Beaufort County School District adopt the concept of Whale Branch High School be developed as an academic high school with technical career opportunities with the long range objective of separating from dual-owned schools." A second was recorded.

The motion was repeated by Mr. Bequette. "I move that Beaufort County School District adopt the concept that Whale Branch High School be developed as an academic high school with technical career opportunities with the long range plan objective of separating from dual-owned schools."

Mr. Arundell arrived at 6:30 p.m.

An amended motion as stated by Mr. Bequette was: "I move that Beaufort County School District adopt the concept that Whale Branch High School be developed as an academic high school with technical career opportunities." A second was received. The amended motion carried with ten votes favoring and one abstention by Mr. Arundell.

Voting was called on the original motion as amended. The motion carried with ten votes favoring and one abstention recorded by Mr. Arundell.

Discussion ensued regarding the concept adopted.

Mr. Eikner moved "that the District provide direction to the existing architect to design an academic high school, under our current programmatic theme of small academies within a school, of a student size which will not exceed a total cost of \$35,000,000 including athletic facilities."

The motion was rescinded by Mr. Eikner.

The motion by Mr. Eikner restated was "that the District provide direction to an architect to design an academic high school, under our current programmatic theme of small academies with a school, of a student size which will not exceed \$35,000,000 in total cost, including athletic facilities." A second was recorded. Discussion was held on the motion.

The question was called by Mr. Arundell. The vote on the call carried unanimously.

The amended motion was repeated by Mr. Eikner. A vote was called on the motion as amended. The motion carried unanimously.

No further business was brought forward. The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.



Laura AM Bush, Secretary, Board of Education

2-17-09
Date

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BEAUFORT COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
June 5, 2007
County Council Chambers, 100 Ribaut Road, Beaufort, SC

Members Present:

Fred S. Washington, Jr. Chairman	Reid Eikner	Ronald Speaks	George Wilson
Bob Arundell, Vice-Chairman	Earl Campbell	Margie Jenkins	
Laura Bush, Secretary	Joan Deery	Michael Rivers	

Members Absent:

Jim Bequette

The regular meeting of the Beaufort County Board of Education was **called to order** at 5:31 p.m. by Chairman, Mr. Fred S. Washington, Jr. Ms. Joan Deery moved to adjourn to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing legal and personnel matters. A second was recorded. The motion carried unanimously. Mr. Jim Bequette and Mr. Michael Rivers were absent for the vote.

Mr. Rivers arrived at 5:44 p.m. Public Session resumed at 6:12 p.m.

In a motion resulting from the **Executive Session**, Mr. Bob Arundell moved **"I move we accept the settlement reached among the parties in John Doe, versus Beaufort County School District and to authorize the Chairman to release a public statement concerning this matter."** A second was recorded. The motion carried unanimously. Mr. Jim Bequette was recorded as absent for the vote.

Following Board action on the settlement, Mr. Washington read a public statement addressing the matter.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Notification of the media of the date, time and place of the meeting was announced by the Chairman.

Mr. Washington shared words of encouragement through a quote from Mother Teresa as the Invocation.

The Chairman called for a motion for **Agenda Approval**. Mr. Arundell **moved to approve the agenda. A second was recorded. During discussion on the motion, Mr. Reid Eikner moved to amend the agenda moving the item listed under Board Action, purchase of "Smart Boards", to Board Discussion. A second was recorded. A vote was called on the motion as amended. The motion carried unanimously. Mr. Bequette was recorded as absent for the vote.**

The Board recognized valedictorians and salutatorians from all four high schools with framed certificates in recognition of their achievement. The students honored were: Erin Horton and Staci Torrey, Battery Creek High School; Robbie Brewer and Sara Johnson, Beaufort High School; Andrew Gwozdz and Rachel Bedosky, Bluffton High School; and Eric Kurtz, Molly Augustine and Brian Harrison, Hilton Head High School. In addition, the Board honored Marcus Robinson with a plaque for perfect attendance during all twelve years of his enrollment in school.

During public conversation, Mrs. Karen Patterson addressed the Board stating her dissatisfaction with the policy regarding redistricting.

In the **Chairman's Report**, Mr. Washington shared a quote by Thomas Jefferson that outlined Mr. Jefferson's goals for public education.

Dr. Phillip McDaniel addressed several topics in the **Superintendent's Report**. Included were updates on hiring and vacancies as reported by Human Resources.

Dr. McDaniel announced the receipt of the designation as an Exemplary Writing Program School by Coosa Elementary. He announced the selection of four district teachers for the Science PLUS Institute program. They are: Mr. Gregory DiOrio, Okatie Elementary; Ms. Carol Green, Shell Point Elementary; Ms. Barbara Silver, H.E. McCracken Middle; and Ms. Sandy Courtney, Hilton Head School for Creative Arts.

An update on the status of the M.C. Riley Expansion Project was presented by the Superintendent. Following discussion, **Mr. Eikner moved to accept the recommendation for the removal of the M.C. Riley classroom additions from the expansion project list due to excessive costing quotes. A second was recorded. The motion carried unanimously.** Mr. Bequette was recorded as absent for the vote.

Mr. Washington introduced Mr. John Webber, TIP Coordinator for Beaufort County. Mr. Webber spoke to the Board regarding the County Disaster Recovery Plan currently being developed. He encouraged the Board to pursue inclusion of the school district in the plan.

Following some discussion on the Open Enrollment legislation being enacted by the South Carolina legislature, **Ms. Joan Deery moved to submit a letter in opposition to the proposed legislation through the chairman to representatives, committees, the Governor, the General Assembly and the State Superintendent. A second was recorded. The motion carried unanimously.** Mr. Bequette was recorded as absent for the vote.

Ms. Phyllis White, District CFO, presented information requested previously by the Board on the status of 8% projects. Mr. Larry Wilson, Executive Director of Operations, was available for questions on detail of FY06 projects; and Mr. Chris Poe, Executive Director for Facilities and Planning, was available for questions on detail of FY07 projects.

Mr. Eikner moved that 8% project reports be provided to the Board on a quarterly basis using a consistent format agreed upon by the administration. A second was recorded. The motion carried unanimously. Mr. Bequette was recorded as absent for the vote.

Ms. Mary Briggs, Assistant Superintendent and Mr. Rod Mueller, Executive Director for Technology Services, presented a recommendation for the purchase of "Smart Boards" for use in district programs. Following discussion, the Board agreed to add the recommendation to the agenda for action at the meeting of June 19, 2007.

A request for the approval of the recommendation for the purchase of "Test View" software was presented by Ms. Briggs. Following discussion, **Ms. Deery moved "to purchase "Test View" software. A second was recorded. The motion carried unanimously.** Mr. Bequette was recorded absent for the vote.

Mr. Arundell moved to approve the Consent Agenda. A second was recorded. The motion carried unanimously. Mr. Bequette was recorded absent for the vote. Consent Agenda items included:

Minutes 5/15/07

Minutes 5/22/07

Minutes 5/28/07

Resolution authorizing Superintendent to apply for, sign and administer grants.

No further business was presented. The meeting adjourned at 9:26 p.m.

Board Action Summary

Motion: Adjourn to Executive Session; carried unanimously

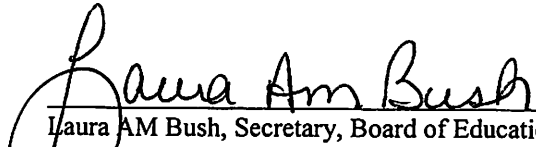
Motion: Approval of Agenda; carried unanimously

Motion: Removal of M.C. Riley classroom additions from expansion projects; carried unanimously

Motion: Send letter to legislature; carried unanimously

Motion: Approve submission of 8% projects reports quarterly; carried unanimously

Motion: Approve recommendation to purchase "Test View" software; carried unanimously



Laura AM Bush, Secretary, Board of Education

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BEAUFORT COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

June 19, 2007

County Council Chambers, 100 Ribaut Road, Beaufort, SC

Members Present:

Fred S. Washington, Jr., Chairman	Reid Eikner	Ronald Speaks	George Wilson
Bob Arundell, Vice-Chairman	Earl Campbell	Margie Jenkins	
Jim Bequette	Joan Deery	Michael Rivers	

Members Absent:

Laura Bush

The regular meeting of the Beaufort County Board of Education was called to order at 5:33 p.m. by Mr. Fred S. Washington, Jr., Chairman. **Mr. Bob Arundell moved to adjourn to Executive Session for the purpose of discussion of a legal matter. A second was recorded. The motion carried unanimously. Mr. Michael Rivers and Ms. Laura Bush were absent for the vote.**

Mr. Rivers arrived at 5:45 p.m.

The public session resumed at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Washington announced that no action resulted from the Executive Session.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited followed by verification that the media had been advised regarding the date, place and time of the meeting.

The Invocation was presented by Ms. Anna Miller, a student at Bluffton High School. Ms. Miller read a quote from Helen Keller. Ms. Miller, who is blind, recently completed a project for translating menus from a restaurant into Braille for use by unsighted customers.

Mr. Reid Eikner made a motion to approve the agenda. A second was recorded. In discussion, Ms. Joan Deery made a motion to amend the agenda by moving the recommendation for the purchase of "Smart Boards" from the Consent Agenda to Board discussion. The motion to amend carried unanimously. The vote was called on the original motion as amended. The motion carried with Mr. Washington and Mr. Eikner opposing. Ms. Bush was absent for the vote.

In the **Chairman's Report**, Mr. Washington shared two quotes, the subjects of which were "listening". Mr. Washington shared information on his activities in recent days related to the budget process and to his position as Chairman of the Board.

Mr. Washington spoke of the accomplishments of Dr. Phillip McDaniel during his tenure as Interim Superintendent and presented him with a gift of student art from the Board of Education.

Dr. McDaniel presented the **Superintendent's Report**. He gave an overview of the status of projects addressed during his administration. Included was the Human Resources update showing the status of vacancies and recent hires. He requested that the Board act on the recommendation of the administration to purchase a state-of-the-art fire alarm system for M.C. Riley Elementary School. The request had been discussed at a previous meeting of the Board.

Mr. Eikner moved to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent to purchase and install a fire alarm system at M.C. Riley Elementary School by allocating up to \$350,000.00 for the project. A second was recorded. The motion carried unanimously. Ms. Bush was absent for the vote.

Dr. McDaniel reported on the status of all items he addressed with the board in September and in January. He indicated that the recommendations made by the firm that evaluated processes and organization of Human Resources are being successfully implemented. He shared information on

alternative programs and encouraged members to consider implementing those deemed appropriate for Beaufort County Schools as funds become available.

A presentation by Mr. Anthony Criscitiello, Beaufort County Planning Director, provided information on recommendations being made by a steering committee charged with developing the Northern Beaufort County Regional Plan.

In **Board Discussion**, it was agreed that presentation of information on the Academic Audit be postponed and added to the agenda for the Board retreat on July 13 and 14, 2007.

Ms. Phyllis White, District CFO, answered questions regarding the 8% projects report recently submitted to the Board. She agreed to organize the report in the manner requested.

Mr. Washington shared information on the status of the budget including his belief that revenue received above the requested total budget amount should be used to increase the fund balance. He requested that the Board reaffirm their vote on the budget that has been presented to the County Council. **Mr. Eikner moved "that the Board reaffirm the budget in the amount of \$161.6 million dollars and reaffirm the principle that should there be a surplus either because of excess revenues or because of designed cuts in expenditures by a collaborative program between the new Superintendent and the Board, that we will reaffirm that we will add to the fund balance."** A second was recorded. Following discussion, the Chairman called for a vote on the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Ms. Bush was absent for the vote.

It was decided that the Board would not hold its regular meeting on July 3, 2007. The meeting was rescheduled for July 10, 2007, at the District Office. **Mr. George Wilson made a motion to change the meeting date from July 3, 2007, to July 10, 2007.** A second was recorded. The motion carried unanimously. Ms. Bush was absent for the vote.

Ms. Deery moved to "withhold action on approval of the Smart Boards until the arrival of the new Superintendent." Mr. Wilson moved to amend the motion to include "any money that we're going to lose if we don't spend it this year in Title I, we do it this year; and anything else in the projects coming in that are not those funds will wait until the new Superintendent comes." A second to the amended motion was recorded. The motion to amend was defeated with Mr. Wilson and Ms Deery in favor. Ms. Bush was absent for the vote.

Mr. Earl Campbell made a motion to approve the recommended purchase of Smart Boards. A second was recorded. The motion carried with Ms. Deery opposed.

Mr. Arundell moved to approve the Consent Agenda. A second was recorded. The motion carried unanimously.

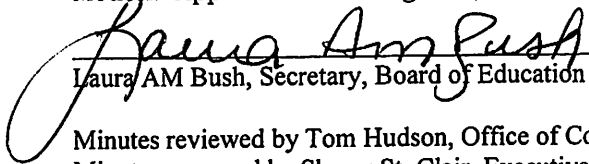
The **Consent Agenda** included: Minutes 6/5/07
Food Service Contract Approval

No further business was presented. **Mr. Arundell moved to adjourn.**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Board Action Summary

- Motion: Adjourn to Executive Session; carried unanimously
- Motion: Approval of Agenda as amended; carried unanimously
- Motion: Approval to purchase fire alarm system for M.C. Riley; carried, unanimously
- Motion: Reaffirmation of the budget; carried unanimously
- Motion: Approval of change of meeting date; carried unanimously
- Motion: Withholding of approval of Smart Boards; defeated, 2/8/0
- Motion: Approve of purchase of Smart Boards; carried, 9/1/0
- Motion: Approve Consent Agenda; carried unanimously



Laura AM Bush, Secretary, Board of Education

10-27-08
Date

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BEAUFORT COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

July 10, 2007

1300 King Street, Beaufort, SC

Members Present:

Fred S. Washington, Jr., Chairman	Reid Eikner	Ronald Speaks	George Wilson
Bob Arundell, Vice-Chairman	Earl Campbell	Margie Jenkins	
Jim Bequette	Joan Deery	Michael Rivers	

Members Absent:

Laura Bush

The regular meeting of the Beaufort County Board of Education was called to order at 5:22 p.m. by Chairman, Fred S. Washington, Jr. Mr. Ronald Speaks, Mr. Michael Rivers, Ms. Joan Deery and Ms. Laura Bush were recorded absent.

Mr. Bob Arundell moved for Approval of the Agenda. A second was recorded. The motion carried unanimously. Ms. Bush was absent for the vote.

Mr. Arundell moved to adjourn to Executive Session for the purpose of discussion of a Personnel issue and to receive legal counsel. A second was recorded. The motion carried unanimously. Ms. Deery arrived a 5:25 p.m. Mr. Speaks arrived at 5:30 p.m. Mr. Rivers arrived at 5:45 p.m.

The Board returned to public session at 6:25 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited followed by verification that the media had been advised regarding the date, place and time of the meeting. A moment of silence was observed.

Mr. Washington welcomed Dr. Valerie Truesdale, Superintendent of Schools on behalf of the Board. She was greeted with applause from the Board and others in attendance at the meeting.

Dr. Truesdale shared Points of Celebration.

- The award of two 21st Century Community Learning Center grants to the district for after school programs at Whale Branch Elementary/Whale Branch Middle and Battery Creek High/Beaufort High;
- Ms. Tonya Crosby, Executive Director of Finance for the district, has achieved designation as a Certified Government Financial Officer;
- Dr. Melissa Sheppard, Executive Director for Academics and Accountability, recently received the SC International Baccalaureate Schools Consortium Excellence Award for Administrators;
- Whale Branch Middle and H.E. McCracken Middle have recently received \$50,000 grants for literacy coaches;
- The district has received a \$275,000 federal grant for the Arts in Education program;
- For the 17th consecutive year, the district has received the national Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting.

In Action Resulting from Executive Session, Mr. Arundell moved to approve the recommendation by the administration for non-renewal of the contract for Employee A. A second was recorded. The motion carried unanimously. Ms. Bush was absent for the vote.

Mr. Arundell moved "I move to amend the District's 2007-2008 certified general fund budget for school operating purposes as follows:

- (1) Increase expenditures for school operating purposes by \$4,550,000 to pay the amount required to comply with the court order dated and filed June 5, 2007, in the cases encaptioned Doe v.

Beaufort County School District, Civil Action numbers 04-CP-07-791 through 796 ("Court Order");

(2) Increase revenue from collections from property taxes for school operating purposes by \$4,550,000 for the purpose of compliance with the Court Order;

(3) Suspend the millage rate limitation of S.C. Code § 6-1-320 (A) and increase the millage rate by an additional 2.9 mills of property tax millage for fiscal year 2007-2008 only, to pay for the District's compliance with the Court Order as a separate surcharge, pursuant to S.C. Code § 6-1-320 (B)(3); with the following explanation: "Surcharge to comply with Court Order of June 5, 2007, in the cases of Doe v. Beaufort County School District;"

(4) Authorize the Board Chair and/or his representatives to take all lawful and appropriate steps to recover all funds due to the District by its insurance carriers and to take proper steps to minimize the impact of this court-ordered settlement on taxpayers of the Beaufort County School District; and

(5) If the District recovers funds from its insurance carriers before August 27, 2007, (or other date by which tax notices are prepared), the Board will rescind this action for a surcharge for any amount so recovered; if the District recovers funds from its insurance carriers thereafter, the amount received will be used as revenue to offset property taxes in the fiscal year after the recovery.

A second was recorded. The motion carried unanimously. Ms. Bush was absent for the vote.

In the **Chairman's Report**, Mr. Washington shared four inspirational statements addressing trust, happiness, freedom, and attitude. Mr. Washington announced the appointment of Mr. Earl Campbell and Mr. Jim Bequette to the Northern Beaufort County Regional Planning Commission Steering Committee. Additionally, he announced the appointment of Mr. George Wilson and Ms. Joan Deery to the Southern Beaufort County Regional Planning Commission Steering Committee.

In the **Superintendent's Report**, Dr. Truesdale requested consideration of a date change for the fall Board Retreat. She shared information on a plan for policy governance development. She presented an update on Human Resources and information regarding an improved storm water drainage system master plan for the Hilton Head Island schools campus.

During **Board Discussion**, Phyllis White, District CFO, shared information on the administrative recommendation to approve the resolution presented for initiation of action to secure a tax anticipation note. **Mr. George Wilson moved to approve the resolution as presented. A second was recorded. The motion carried unanimously.** Ms. Bush was absent for the vote.

Mr. Arundell spoke regarding his belief that a public disclosure policy is needed. He encouraged Board and District transparency and full disclosure of information to the public unless otherwise prohibited by law. He agreed to present a draft policy at a future meeting of the Board.

Mr. Earl Campbell moved to change the dates for the Fall Retreat to October 26-27, 2007. A second was recorded. The motion carried unanimously. Ms. Bush was absent for the vote.

Mr. Arundell moved for approval of the Consent Agenda. A second was recorded. The motion carried unanimously. The Consent Agenda included Minutes, 6/19/07.

No additional business was presented. The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Board Action Summary

Motion: Adjourn to Executive Session; carried unanimously

Motion: Approval of Agenda; carried unanimously

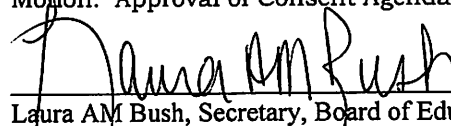
Motion: Approval of Contract non-renewal; carried, unanimously

Motion: Approval of Amendment of Budget to comply with court order; carried unanimously

Motion: Approval of change to Fall Retreat dates; carried unanimously

Motion: Approval of Tax Anticipation Note recommendation; carried unanimously

Motion: Approval of Consent Agenda; carried unanimously



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BEAUFORT COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
July 13, 2007
BOARD RETREAT
Bluffton High School
Media Center
Bluffton, SC

Members Present:

Fred S. Washington, Jr. Chairman	Jim Bequette	Reid Eikner	Ronald Speaks
Bob Arundell, Vice-Chairman	Margie Jenkins	Joan Deery	Michael Rivers
George Wilson			

Members Absent:

Laura Bush, Secretary
Earl Campbell

Chairman, Fred S. Washington, Jr., called to order the retreat meeting of the Beaufort County Board of Education at 9:11 a.m.

Mr. Ronald Speaks moved to approve the agenda. A second was recorded. The motion carried unanimously.

The morning session was dedicated to the presentation by Mr. Kelley Carey of Associated Planning & Research of the Long Range Facilities Plan for the district.

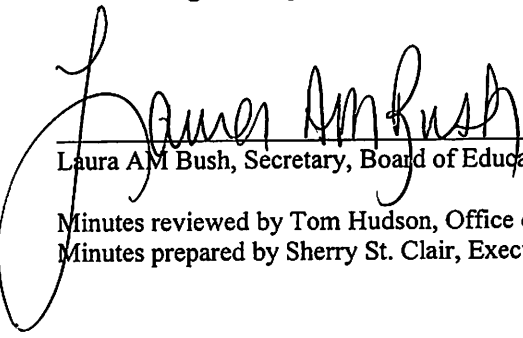
The Board participated in the dedication ceremony for the new classroom wing at Bluffton Elementary School.

Mr. Michael Rivers arrived at 12:00 p.m.

Dr. Valerie Truesdale, Superintendent of Schools provided an overview of the Education & Economic Development Act. Mr. Bill Evans, district administrator assisted with the presentation.

Mr. Frank Koltonski and Dr. Truesdale briefed the Board on the status of the Red Cedar Elementary, Bluffton Middle and Whale Branch High construction projects. The Board requested that more detail be provided on the Red Cedar Elementary School project at the July 17, 2007, meeting of the Board.

The meeting was adjourned by the Chairman at 6:30 p.m.



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BEAUFORT COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

July 14, 2007

BOARD RETREAT

Beaufort County School District, 1300 King Street, Beaufort, SC

Members Present:

Fred S. Washington, Jr. Chairman
Bob Arundell, Vice-Chairman
George Wilson

Jim Bequette
Margie Jenkins

Reid Eikner
Joan Deery

Ronald Speaks
Michael Rivers

Members Absent:

Laura Bush, Secretary
Earl Campbell

The retreat meeting of the Beaufort County Board of Education was called to order by Chairman, Mr. Fred S. Washington, Jr., at 9:04 a.m.

Mr. Bob Arundell made a motion to approve the agenda. A second was recorded. The motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Valerie Truesdale briefed the Board on the Academic Audit. She noted that the briefing was a review of academics, and that it was not an audit of programming.

The remainder of the morning session was focused on a report by Dr. Don Thomas, academic consultant to the Board. He addressed academic achievement in the schools.

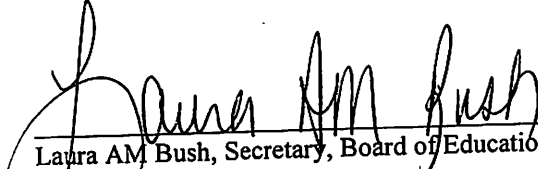
A budget update was presented by Ms. Phyllis White. Her update addressed an increase in the Reserve Fund.

Mr. Arundell moved to adjourn to Executive Session for the purpose of discussion on contractual legal matters and a personnel issue. A second was recorded. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Arundell moved to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent for the appointment of Mr. Robert Anderson as Principal of Bluffton High School. A second was recorded. The motion carried unanimously with Ms. Laura Bush and Mr. Earl Campbell absent.

Dr. Truesdale presented a brief discussion about the speed of trust, based on the Covey book.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:20 p.m.



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BEAUFORT COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
July 17, 2007
County Council Chambers, 100 Ribaut Road, Beaufort, SC

Members Present:

Fred S. Washington, Jr. Chairman	Reid Eikner	Ronald Speaks	George Wilson
Bob Arundell, Vice-Chairman	Earl Campbell	Margie Jenkins	
Jim Bequette	Joan Deery	Michael Rivers	

Members Absent:

Laura Bush, Secretary

Chairman, Fred S. Washington, Jr. called the meeting of the Beaufort County Board of Education to order at 5:31 p.m. Mr. Washington announced the notification of the media of the time, place and date of the meeting.

Mr. Bob Arundell moved to amend the agenda to delete discussion on the Tax Anticipation Note; delete discussion on Smart Boards installation packages; add discussion to include an update on Red Cedar Elementary School; and include expansion of discussion of the Daufuskie Ferry to include "Transportation Issues" as it is listed. A second was recorded. The motion carried unanimously with one member absent.

Mr. Arundell made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session for the purpose of discussion on a personnel issue and to receive legal advice regarding a settlement. A second was recorded. The motion carried unanimously with one member absent. Executive Session began at 5:35 p.m.

The open session resumed at 6:02 p.m.

Mr. Arundell made a motion to approve the transfer of Dr. Kathy Corley from Principal at Bluffton Elementary School to Academic Improvement Officer for the Bluffton Cluster and to approve the appointment of Christine Wright as Principal at Bluffton Elementary School. A second was recorded. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Arundell moved to authorize the Superintendent to advertise for the new position of Chief Instructional Services Officer with pay in the range of Deputy Superintendent. A second was recorded. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Washington introduced Dr. Valerie Truesdale, new Superintendent of Beaufort County Schools.

Dr. Valerie Truesdale shared Points of Celebration. She announced the successful opening of year-round school programs and thanked the principals and their staffs for making it a wonderful first day. She also thanked Mr. Larry Wilson and his maintenance team for making sure that all buildings were ready for the openings.

Dr. Truesdale celebrated the opening of the new classroom wing at Bluffton Elementary School. She praised Mr. Frank Koltonski and Mr. Joe Cook for making it successful. She praised Ms. Wright and Dr. Corley for preparing their staff to greet new learners in the newest addition.

Dr. Truesdale praised the Board and the Chairman for the successful Board retreat that was held on July 13-14, 2007.

The Invocation was delivered by Mr. Michael Rivers.

There were no citizens requesting to speak before the Board.

Mr. Washington presented the Chairman's report. He shared a quote from Malcolm Forbes, "To get understanding, you must give understanding".

Dr. Truesdale presented the Superintendent's Report. She updated the Board on vacancies reported by Human Resources. She announced the plan to assign veteran administrators to support schools with academic achievement initiatives. Ms. Mary Briggs will support the Hilton Head Island Cluster; Dr. Randy Wall will support the Beaufort Schools; Dr. Frankie Middleton will support the St. Helena Schools; Dr. Melissa Shepherd will support the Battery Creek Schools;

and Dr. Kathy Corley will support the Bluffton area schools. She shared information with the Board on Sole Source/Emergency Procurement Procedures.

Ms. Phyllis White and Ms. Cynthia Hayes addressed the Board on transportation issues including the use of the Daufuskie Ferry Service. Ms. White suggested that the Board support the request from Beaufort County to allow Daufuskie Island residents to use the ferry service. Board action will be required.

Mr. George Wilson moved to authorize the administration to enter negotiations with Beaufort County for combined student/resident ferry service. A second was recorded. The motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Hayes reported on out-of-zone transportation issues and provided a recommendation. **Following discussion, Mr. Earl Campbell moved "to develop a memorandum of agreement to provide out-of-zone transportation as recommended by the administration." A second was recorded. The motion carried unanimously.**

Dr. Truesdale provided an update on the status of planning for Red Cedar Elementary School. Information on enhancement and redesign recommendations were presented and modifications were proposed.

Mr. Jim Bequette moved "that we support the Superintendent's recommendation to expand the plans for Red Cedar Elementary School to an 800 student capacity". A second was recorded. The motion carried unanimously with one board member absent.

Mr. Jim Bequette moved that the Board adopt the revised Policy P17 as amended. A second was recorded. The motion carried unanimously with Ms. Laura Bush shown as absent.

Mr. Reid Eikner made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. A second was recorded. The motion carried unanimously. Items included were: Minutes, 7-10-07

Mr. Campbell moved that the Board return to Executive Session at 7:18 p.m. for the purpose of discussion on personnel and to receive legal advice on a settlement. A second was recorded. The motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment was called at 9:00 p.m.

Board Action Summary

- Motion: Approval of Agenda; carried unanimously
- Motion: Approval of recommendation for transfer of Principal and appointment of replacement; carried unanimously
- Motion: Approval of recommendation to advertise for Chief Instructional Services Officer; carried unanimously
- Motion: Approval of negotiations with county on Daufuskie Ferry services; carried unanimously
- Motion: Approval of development of memorandum of agreement on out-of-zone transportation; carried unanimously
- Motion: Approval of recommendation to expand Red Cedar Elementary; carried unanimously
- Motion: Approval of amended Policy P17; carried unanimously
- Motion: Approval of Consent Agenda; carried unanimously



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