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| <b>Academic Committee Meeting</b> | <b>Date: February 20, 2019</b><br><b>Location: H.E. McCracken Middle School</b>   |
| Members Present                   | Chair: Tricia Fidrych<br>Members present: Melvin Campbell, Cathy Robine,  |
| Others Present                    | Christina Gwozdz, William Smith, John Dowling, Wendy Cartledge, Bonnie Almond   |
|                                   | Meeting called to order at 4:30 p.m. (The Chair asked William Smith to be a part of the committee since Mr. Melvin Campbell had not arrive yet to have a quorum.)   |
| Action Item                       | <b>Motion to Approve the Agenda</b>   |
| Highlights                        | <b>Mrs. Cathy Robine made the motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Mr. William Smith. The motion passed 3/0.</b>  |
| Action Item                       | <b>Public Comments</b>  |
| Highlights                        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Buffy Snider of Bluffton, spoke on counseling Services and technology in the classroom.</li> <li>➤ Amanda Walrad of Bluffton, spoke on SPED and student performance.</li> <li>➤ Sarah Hurst of Bluffton, spoke on SPED teachers and support staff.</li> <li>➤ Amanda Henzler of Bluffton, spoke on special education support and resources in the schools.</li> <li>➤ Maria Galente of Bluffton, spoke on administration support, and teacher support with special education.</li> <li>➤ Jodie Srettek of Bluffton, and achievement gap, and special education.</li> <li>➤ Lisa Dorobiala of Bluffton, spoke on ABA services in schools for autistic children, and the need for a Board-Certified Autism Director</li> <li>➤ Sophia Townes of Bluffton, spoke on special needs, and autism classroom issues.</li> <li>➤ Winston Stubbart of Bluffton, spoke on special education needs at the school.</li> <li>➤ Hanan Mouhaoues of Bluffton, spoke on ABA services at the schools.</li> <li>➤ Christina Roberts of Beaufort, spoke on special education needs and services at the schools.</li> </ul> |
| Action Item                       | <b>Welcome and Election of Vice Chair (Mr. Melvin Campbell had arrived during public comments)</b>  |
| Highlights                        | Tricia Fidrych welcomed the public, and had the committee introduced themselves.<br><b>Mrs. Cathy Robine made the motion to nominate Mr. Melvin Campbell for Vice Chair. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Fidrych. The motion passed 3/0.</b>  |
| Action Item                       | <b>Discussion of Scope</b>  |
| Highlights                        | <p>The committee discussed what the Scope of the committee would be. After discussion, the committee believe the scope should include Special Education, K-8, Alternative Education, CATE, Curriculum and Instruction. Discussion to include Achievement Gap, but was excluded because the full Board is already focusing on the Achievement Gap, and if the committee focused on the other areas, the Achievement Gap will be addressed.</p> <p><b>Mrs. Cathy Robine made the motion to propose the following for the Scope of the Academic Committee:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Curriculum and Instruction</b></li> <li>➤ <b>Career and Technical Education (CATE)</b></li> <li>➤ <b>Ad Hoc K-8 Committee</b></li> <li>➤ <b>Alternative Education</b></li> <li>➤ <b>Special Education and 504s</b></li> </ul> <p><b>The motion was seconded by Mr. Melvin Campbell. Mrs. Cathy Robine amended the motion to include the Performance Expectations and Administrative Regulations and other areas as recommended by the BCSD BOE. The motion passed 3/0.</b></p>  |
| Action Item                       | <b>Discussion of Meeting Schedule and Location</b>  |

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| Highlights  | The committee decided that they will meet on the third Wednesday of every month with the location to be determined. The committee also agreed that they would schedule any additional meetings as necessary. |
| Adjournment | <b>Mrs. Cathy Robine made the motion to adjourn, and the motion was seconded by Mr. Melvin Campbell. The motion passed 3/0. The meeting adjourned at 5:42pm.</b>   |

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Date: March 6, 2019

Tricia Fidrych, Board of Education Academic Committee Chair  
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