

<b>Academic Committee Meeting</b>	<b>Date: March 6, 2019</b> <b>Location: H.E. McCracken Middle School</b>
Members Present	Chair: Tricia Fidrych Members present: Melvin Campbell, Cathy Robine
Others Present	Christina Gwozdz, Earl Campbell, John Dowling, William Smith, Wendy Cartledge, Bonnie Almond, Brenda Hunt, Dana Archibald, Oana Bejan, Dietra Holmes, Rita Jaklitsch, Amy Nelson, Carlene Zierfuss – Special Education Coordinators, and Juliette Ewing, - Autism Manager; and community members.
	Meeting called to order at 4:30 p.m.
Action Item	<b>Motion to Approve the Agenda</b>
Highlights	<b>Mr. Melvin Campbell made the motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Cathy Robine. The motion passed 3/0.</b>
Highlights	Mrs. Tricia Fidrych had committee members to do introductions. Mrs. Fidrych shared that there were about twenty-five community members that came to the first committee meeting and shared concerns. The committee decided to address some of the concerns at this committee meeting. Mrs. Brenda Hunt was invited to the meeting and Mrs. Hunt brought her staff.
Action Item	<b>Public Comments</b>
Highlights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Hann Mouhaouess of Bluffton, special education.</li> <li>➤ Amanda Walrad of Bluffton, special education</li> <li>➤ Nancy Ungvarsky of Bluffton, teacher involvement in formal leadership roles in academic initiatives.</li> </ul>
Action Item	<b>Approval of February 20, 2019 Meeting Minutes</b>
Highlights	<b>Mrs. Cathy Robine made the motion to approve the minutes from February 20, 2019. The motion was seconded by Mr. Melvin Campbell. The motion passed 3/0.</b>
Action Item	<b>Report from Special Education Services – Brenda Hunt and Staff Members</b>
Highlights	<p>Mrs. Brenda Hunt introduced her staff, and presented a Special Education Overview – Background and Special Education Law. The presentation highlighted the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ The Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act (IDEA) is the Nation’s Special Education law.</li> <li>➤ Specific criteria must be met for eligibility as a student with a disability under one of the 13 categories as identified by IDEIA. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Speech-Language impairment (SLI)</li> <li>❖ Developmental Delay (DD) (ages 3-9)</li> <li>❖ Intellectual Disabilities (ID) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mild – 48- 70 IQ</li> <li>Moderate – 25 – 48 IQ</li> <li>Severe 0 – 25 IQ</li> </ul> </li> <li>❖ Other Health Impairment (OHI)</li> <li>❖ Deaf/hard of Hearing (D/HH)</li> <li>❖ Orthopedic Impairment (OI)</li> <li>❖ Autism (AU)</li> <li>❖ Deaf-Blindness (DB)</li> <li>❖ Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI)</li> <li>❖ Emotional disability (ED)</li> <li>❖ Visual Impairment (VI)</li> <li>❖ Multiple Disabilities (MD)</li> <li>❖ Specific Learning Disabilities (SLD) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8 Areas: Oral Expression</li> <li>Listening Comprehension</li> <li>Written Expression</li> <li>Basic Reading Skills</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<p style="text-align: center;">Reading Fluency Reading Comprehension Mathematics Calculation Mathematics Problem-solving</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ The District provides Special Education services to 2,226 students with disabilities in 32 schools.</li> <li>➤ There was an overall increase of 144 students identified with disabilities from 2017-18 school year to 2018-19 school year.</li> <li>➤ The Special Education Personnel in BCSD for the 2018-2019 school year includes; 123 Special Education Teachers; 140 Special Education Paraprofessionals, 23F/T, and 4.6 P/T Speech-Language Pathologist; 11 Occupational Therapist; 3 F/t and 2 P/T Physical Therapist; 12, School Psychologists and 2 Interns and 3 Nursing Services.</li> </ul> <p>The presentation continued to highlight the various services, curriculum and programs that are used to address specific needs of students with disabilities.</p> <p>Mrs. Hunt did take questions from the community. Because of the time constraint, Mrs. Fidrych asked if the staff could speak with community members one on one after the committee meeting.</p> <p>The committee was not able to discuss the remaining agenda items. Those items will be discussed at the March 20<sup>th</sup> meeting, beginning at 4:30 at the District Office.</p>
Adjournment	<p><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></p>

(Signature on Official File Copy) \_\_\_\_\_  
Tricia Fidrych, Board of Education Academic Committee Chair  
Minutes prepared by Robyn Cushingberry, Executive Assistant

Date: March 27, 2019