



ACE

**Beaufort-Jasper Academy
for Career Excellence**

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Dr. Michael Lovecchio, Director
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Beaufort-Jasper ACE
Quarterly School Board Meeting
April 25, 2024
5:30 PM Executive Session
6:00 PM General Session

Members Present

Dr. Thomas Balliet, Chair
Mr. Carlton Dallas, Vice Chair
Mr. Earl Campbell
Ms. Priscilla Fraser
Col. Richard Geier

Also present: Dr. Michael Lovecchio, Ms. Adrienne Jones, Ms. Tonya Crosby, Ms. Katherine Abar, and Ms. Antoinette Heyward.

Call to Order

Dr. Thomas Balliet called the meeting to order at 5:31 PM

Roll call was taken. Ms. Joyce Gerald was absent from the meeting. The establishment of quorum was met.

Jill Pongallo said that the media was properly notified and there were no public comments.

Executive Session

Dr. Thomas Balliet called for a motion to enter Executive Session. Mr. Carlton Dallas made the motion to go into Executive Session. Seconded by Mr. Earl Campbell.

- Personnel Contractual Matters

Dr. Thomas Balliet called the meeting back to order at 6:05 PM.

Opening General Session

Dr. Thomas Balliet asked if there were any recommendations from the Executive Session. Ms. Priscilla Fraser made the motion to accept the Personnel contracts. Seconded by Col. Richard Geier. The motion passed 5/0.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and a moment of silence was observed.

Dr. Balliet called for a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Carlton Dallas made a motion to approve the agenda. Seconded by Col. Geier. The motion passed 5/0.

Consent Agenda

Dr. Thomas Balliet called for a motion to approve the Minutes from February 22, 2024. Mr. Earl Campbell made the motion to approve the minutes. Seconded by Carlton Dallas. Ms. Priscilla Fraser made a motion to amend the minutes until the next meeting for corrections to be made. Seconded by Col. Richard Geier. The motion passed 5/0.

Dr. Thomas Balliet called for a motion to approve the Skills USA National Championship. Mr. Carlton Dallas made a motion to approve the Skills USA National Championship. Seconded by Ms. Priscilla Fraser. The motion passed 5/0.

Reports and Information

- **2024-2025 Budget Update by Ms. Tonya Crosby**

Ms. Crosby said that the Teacher's salary increase will be going up to \$2500 for the new school year. Teacher supply reimbursement will be raised to \$400. The Administration and Classified Personnel will receive a 3% Cost of Living increase. Health insurance will increase 11.7% but will not affect the cost per employee.

There will be a 2% increase to IRS mileage/travel cost. \$100K increase for building repairs and maintenance. A 20% increase for custodial services. Computers will also be replaced over a 3-year period at the cost of \$43K.

Capital Improvements will have a total cost of \$13 million. Facilities will be \$11 million and \$2 million for Technology. With the Jasper County School District and Beaufort County School District splitting it 50/50 for a total of \$6.5 million each.

- **Director's Report by Dr. Michael Lovecchio**

Dr. Lovecchio reported that ACE needs a new HVAC system for Barbering. It went out to Bid and the company that won the bid is Low Country Air Solutions at a cost of \$23,000.

Dr. Thomas Balliet called for a motion to approve using the fund balance to replace the HVAC unit in Barbering. Col. Richard Geier made a motion to approve using the fund balance to replace the HVAC unit. Seconded by Mr. Carlton Dallas. Motion passed 5/0.

ACE had several Skills USA winners. Four students won Gold, two won Silver and five won Bronze.

ACE had a Career Fair in April with many different companies coming to ACE and interviewing for positions. It was a remarkable success.

Enrollment for next year is 215 with acceptance letters sent out. We have a waiting list for Health Science, Cosmetology and Barbering.

ACE also was voted "Palmetto's Finest" for 2024! There will be many responsibilities that go with this.

Highlights

Palmetto's Finest Winner
Several Skills USA winners
Good Enrollment for next year

Upcoming Events

NTHS Ceremony May 16th at 6:00 PM
Completer Ceremony May 24th at 10:00 AM
Board Meeting June 13th at 6:00 PM

Adjournment

Dr. Thomas Balliet called for a motion to conclude the Board meeting. Mr. Earl Campbell made the motion to conclude the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Carlton Dallas. Motion passed 5/0. The meeting was adjourned at 6:47 PM.