



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
February 22, 2024
6:00 PM

Members Present

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

Also present: Dr. Frank Rodriguez, Dr. Michael Lovecchio, Ms. Adrienne Jones, and Katherine Abar.

Call to Order

Roll call was taken. The establishment of quorum was met.

Col. Richard Geier called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM

Opening General Session

Dr. Frank Rodriguez opened the floor for the nomination of a new Board Chairperson. Ms. Joyce Gerald made the motion to nominate Dr. Thomas Balliet for Board Chairperson. Seconded by Col. Richard Geier. The motion passed 5/0.

Dr. Frank Rodriguez opened the floor for the nomination of a new Board Vice Chairperson. Col. Richard Geier made the motion to nominate Mr. Carlton Dallas. Seconded by Ms. Joyce Gerald. The motion passed 5/0.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and a moment of silence was observed. Jill Pongallo said that the media was properly notified and there were no public comments.

Consent Agenda

Dr. Thomas Balliet called for a motion to approve the minutes from the December 14, 2023, quarterly Board Meeting minutes. Ms. Joyce Gerald made the motion to approve the minutes. Seconded by Mr. Earl Campbell. Ms. Priscilla Fraser abstained from the vote. The motion passed 5/0.

Reports and Information

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

Dr. Lovecchio talked about the Skills USA trip with over forty students attending with their Instructors on March 26th through March 28th. Dr. Thomas Balliet called for a motion to approve the trip. Ms. Joyce Gerald made the motion to approve the trip. Seconded by Mr. Carlton Dallas. The motion passed 6/0.

Dr. Lovecchio requested to change the date for the scheduled Personal Development Day on March 18th to a virtual learning day on March 27th due to Skills USA taking place March 26th through March 28th since many of the teachers will be at the competition with their students. Dr. Thomas Balliet called a motion to accept the calendar change. Ms. Joyce Gerald made the motion to approve the calendar. Seconded by Col. Richard Geier. The motion passed 6/0.

Academic Calendar for Beaufort-Jasper ACE FY25 was brought up for approval. Dr. Thomas Balliet called for a motion to accept the calendar for 2024/2025 Academic year. Ms. Joyce Gerald made the motion to accept the calendar. Seconded by Mr. Carlton Dallas. The motion passed 6/0.

Dr. Lovecchio brought up the issues that ACE is having with the Facility. Some of the items that are an issue are the HVAC system needing replaced in Barbering, heat not working in some of the classrooms, Electrical upgrades in welding, painting in numerous classrooms and shops, transitioning from propane to natural gas, removal of inoperable greenhouse structures and pest problems.

Highlights

- ACE is one of Palmetto's Finalist
- Over forty students attending Skills USA March 26-28
- 127 Completers in December
- 13 Fall Completers on Internships

Upcoming Events

February 26 -Joint Board Meeting with Beaufort County and Jasper County

The week of March 18th Palmetto's Finest 2nd visit

March 21-Governance Meeting

March 26-30- Skills USA

April 23- Palmetto's Finest announcement at 1:30 PM on SC ETV

April 25- Board Meeting

May 24- Completer Ceremony

Adjournment

Dr. Thomas Balliet called for a motion to conclude the Board Meeting. Ms. Joyce Gerald made the motion to conclude the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Carlton Dallas. The motion passed 6/0. The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 6:47 PM.