



ACE

**Beaufort-Jasper Academy
for Career Excellence**

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**Dr. Michael Lovecchio, Director
Ms. Carrie Chappell, Asst. Director**

Beaufort-Jasper ACE
Quarterly School Board Meeting
November 20, 2024
1:45 PM Executive Session
2:00 PM General Meeting

Members Present

Dr. Thomas Balliet, Chairman
Mr. Carlton Dallas, Vice Chairman
Mr. Earl Campbell

Ms. Priscilla Fraser
Col. Richard Geier
Ms. Joyce Gerald

Also present: Dr. Frank Rodriguez and Dr. Sam Whack

Call to Order

Dr. Thomas Balliet called the meeting to order at 1:45 PM.
The roll was taken. The establishment of a quorum was met.
The media was properly notified and there were no public comments.

Executive Session

Dr. Thomas Balliet called for a motion to go into Executive Session. Ms. Joyce Gerald made the motion to go into Executive Session. Seconded by Ms. Priscilla Fraser. The motion passed 5/0. Mr. Carlton Dallas was not present to vote.

- Personnel Contractual Matters

Dr. Thomas Balliet called the meeting back to order at 2:00 PM.

Opening General Session

Dr. Thomas Balliet asked if there were any recommendations from the Executive Session. Col. Geier made a motion to accept the 4th Amendment to the Employment Agreement between the Board of Trustees of Beaufort-Jasper Academy of Career Excellence and Dr. Michael Lovecchio. Seconded by Ms. Joyce Gerald. The motion passed 6/0.

Dr. Thomas Balliet asked if there were any other recommendations from the Executive Session. Col. Richard Geier made a motion that Dr. Michael Lovecchio be granted a \$10,000 bonus in recognition of winning the award for Palmetto's Finest. This is a one-time bonus. Seconded by Ms. Joyce Gerald. Motion passed 6/0.

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

Dr. Thomas Balliet called for a motion to approve the agenda. Ms. Priscilla Fraser made a motion to approve the agenda. Seconded by Mr. Carlton Dallas. Motion passed 6/0.

Consent Agenda

Dr. Thomas Balliet called for a motion to approve the minutes from August 22, 2024. Ms. Joyce Gerald made a motion to approve the minutes. Seconded by Mr. Carlton Dallas. Motion passed 6/0.

Reports and Information

The budget update with Ms. Crosby will be postponed until the next Board meeting. She wanted the board to know that our Audit was all clear. There were no findings.

Dr. Lovecchio mentioned that there might be a joint account but needs to get more information about this and he will talk to Ms. Crosby and Mr. Zimmerman about this.

Thank you and happy retirement to Mr. Earl Campbell for his service to ACE by being on the ACE Board for so many years.

The completer ceremonies will be held on December 18th and December 19th.

- Total Completers is 115 students.
- BCSD Completers is 99
- JCSD Completers is 16
- 100% CCR

January Enrollment for ACE

- BCSD 171
- JCSD 48
- Total is 219
- There are only 4 seats open in Law Enforcement and 1 in Auto Collision

A few things that were taken from the CTE Audit were:

- ACE does not have an established CTE Advisory
- Work Based Learning needs to improve the process for students enrolling in credit-bearing WBL.
- ACE inventory does not align with CTE Guidelines

Positive feedback from the CTE Audit were:

- Serving Special Populations
- Professional Development
- Program of Studies
- CLNA
- Industry Certs

Once we appealed in writing and fixed what we needed to. We had very positive feedback.

Dr. Lovecchio talked about the 462 Intersection Relocation Project and as we get more information, he will be sharing that with the Board. The maps will be sent to the Board Members for them to view.

Beauty Culture needs to improve its graduation rate. We are trying to find ways to improve that. At the end of the year when we look at the budget, we are going to look at adding a Barbering instructor and classroom. We have been given a grant from the Hardeeville Community Transformation Foundation for \$19,718. We hope to use this to fund the program.

Friends and Family Day was very successful we had 85 New Students attend and 62 Current students who helped with the activities.

The Building Construction class was given a grant and part of the agreement with receiving the grant was for us to donate one of the sheds the Building Construction students built. We surprised Palmetto Animal League with the donation of the shed at the Friends and Family Day.

We held Mock interviews on November 19th and again on November 21st. We have different people from businesses come in and coach the students on how to interview for a job. The students bring their resume and some even get hired for a position.

We will do our Board Elections at our next meeting in February. In case there are any changes to either group.

Dr. Lovecchio thanked the Board for the unexpected monetary gift they gave him for winning Palmetto's Finest.

Dr. Thomas Balliet asked when we would have the next Facilities meeting. Dr. Lovecchio will talk with Ms. Crosby and hopes to hold one in early December.

Entrepreneurship is something that we want to discuss with the students. Col. Geier mentioned that Elier Reyes Program Manager for EforAll will be coming in and talking to the students about owning your own business.

Highlights

We have all but 5 spots filled for the new semester starting in January.

ACE received a Grant from the Hardeeville Community Transformation Foundation for \$19, 718.

Additional Barbering Instructor and Classroom for next year.

98% of our students are CCR certified.

Good Audit Review

Upcoming Events

Thanksgiving Break November 27th-29th

Completer Ceremony December 18th at 10:00 AM and 1:30 PM

Completer Ceremony December 19th at 10:00 AM

December 23rd Virtual Learning Day

Christmas Break- December 24th – January 7th

Adjournment

Dr. Thomas Balliet asked for a motion to conclude the Board meeting. Ms. Joyce Gerald made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Carlton Dallas. Motion passed 6/0. The meeting concluded at 2:32 PM.