



# ACE

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for Career Excellence**

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Beaufort-Jasper ACE  
Quarterly School Board Meeting  
April 10, 2025  
5:30 PM Executive Session  
6:00 PM General Session

## **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Mr. Carlton Dallas, Chairman  
Dr. Thomas Balliet, Vice Chairman  
Ms. Carol Bolden

Ms. Priscilla Fraser  
Ms. Leah Frazier  
Mr. Alphonso Small Jr.

Also present was Superintendent Dr. Frank Rodriguez.

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Carlton Dallas called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM

The roll was taken. The establishment of quorum was met.

The media was properly notified, and there were no public comments.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Personnel Contractual Matters

## **OPENING OF GENERAL SESSION**

Mr. Dallas asked if there were any recommendations from the executive session. Dr. Balliet made a motion to approve the recommendation from Dr. Lovecchio regarding the personnel contracts. Seconded by Ms. Bolden. The motion passed 6/0.

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

Mr. Dallas asked if there was a motion to approve the agenda. Dr. Balliet made a motion to approve the agenda. Seconded by Ms. Frazier. The motion passed 6/0.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Mr. Dallas asked if there was a motion to approve the Minutes from the February 6, 2025, Board meeting and the Skills USA National Championships Overnight Field Trip. Ms. Bolden made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Mr. Small. The motion passed 6/0.

### **REPORTS AND INFORMATION: Dr. Michael Lovecchio**

Dr. Lovecchio spoke about the Skills USA Championship that the students attended in March in Columbia, SC. The student did very well. Overall, the students received:

- 4 Gold Medals
- 8 Silver Medals
- 9 Bronze Medals

From Nail Care, Esthetics, EMT, Motorcycle Technology, First Aid-CPR, Cabinetmaking, Teamwork, Marine Technology, Mobile Electronics Installation, Related Technical Math, Customer Service, Job Skills Demonstration Open, and Health Knowledge Bowl.

We have a brand-new licensed Cosmetologist for this season. All students who have gone to Columbia in Barbering and Cosmetology have passed their practical. They will start taking the written portion after spring break.

Perkins report card shows the students with postsecondary Industry certification that they have earned through us. Our percentage is 99.4%, which is very successful. Dr. Balliet asked about the state percentage and why it is so low.

Post Program placement our percentage rate was 96.4% this is the percentage of CTE concentrators who, in the second quarter after exiting from secondary education, are in postsecondary education or advanced training, military service or a service program that receives assistance under title I of the National and Community Service Act of 1990, are volunteers of the Peace Corps Act, or are employed.

This past year, we had 14% of non-traditional students at ACE. 12% of non-traditional students State-wide, which means we were up 2% overall.

In 2026, we have 318 applicants from BCSD and 42 from JCSD. For 2025, we had 376 from BCSD and 61 from JCSD. That is a 17% decrease. Dr. Lovecchio is researching why the numbers are lower than last year.

He is going to work on recruiting and getting the numbers back up to a higher amount. Questions were asked about how ACE goes about recruiting and advertising ACE. He is going to meet with the counselors in the different schools to help them understand what ACE offers.

Dr. Rodriguez asked about Dr. Lovecchio bringing students who attend ACE to talk to other students at the schools when he visits, so that they can understand their experience at ACE. That could help recruit more students. This is something that Dr. Lovecchio has implemented.

Dr. Lovecchio feels we can bring the numbers up for the new school year, and all spots will be filled.

### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- We had 21 students who received medals at the Skills USA Championship
- One will be going to Atlanta to compete in Nationals in June from Marine Technology
- 160 Students and Staff have completed CPR
- Classes are filling up for next year
- Perkins report card was very good

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Spring Break April 14<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>
- Teacher Appreciation Week, May 5<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>
- Completer Ceremonies on May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10 AM and 1:30 PM
- Board Meeting June 12<sup>th</sup>

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Dallas asked for a motion to conclude the Board Meeting. Consent was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 6:28 PM.