



DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
DOMESTIC DEPENDENT ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS
SOUTH CAROLINA – FORT STEWART – DODDS CUBA SCHOOL DISTRICT
376 DAVIS AVE, FORT STEWART, GA 31315

MINUTES JANUARY 2011

FROM: School Board Chairman

To: Distribution List

Subject: LAUREL BAY SCHOOL BOARD: Minutes of January 13, 2011

1. The Laurel Bay School Board met on Thursday, January 13, 2011 at Bolden Elementary Middle School.
2. The following members were present:

Ms. Denise Stone – President
Ms. Vanessa Astacio
Capt. Reagan Kieff

In addition the following non-members were present:

Dr. Samantha Ingram	Superintendent
Ms. Vicky Parr	Principal Elliott Elementary
Ms. Gladys Blount	Principal Galer Elementary
Mr. Charles Yahres	Principal Bolden Elementary/Middle
Ms. Kim Wiley	School Liaison Officer

3. The Pledge of Allegiance was repeated in unison.
4. **Swearing in New Member:** PO2 Isaiah Holcomb was sworn in as our newest school board member.
5. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** A motion was made to approve the agenda by Ms. Astacio and seconded by Capt. Kieff.
6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** A motion was made to approve the minutes by Capt. Kieff and seconded by Ms. Astacio.
7. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:** Dr. Ingram shared the final report on asbestos is being finalized. The epidemiologist study is in the works. At present time we are under the continuing resolution. Dr. Ingram stated she will be leaving today at 4:45 p.m. Dr. Ingram shared a copy of the District Digest and she will make sure that the board receives a copy by email. The principals received their copy by email.

8. **PRINCIPAL REPORT:** Mr. Yahres, Principal, Bolden Elementary Middle School, shared that Ms. Haught is giving the students the mid-year SRI tests to check on the students' improvement. Mr. Yahres welcomed Ms. Beeler, PTO President to the school board meeting. The dedication ceremony to the playground has been temporarily delayed due to the cold weather and laying the rubber foundation. Report cards will be sent home on January 20th and award ceremonies will be held January 26th, 27th, and 28th. Mr. Yahres briefed the board on the inclement weather plan, which was implemented on January 10th and January 11th. The delay of school worked much smoother on January 11th. The one call was used, but on the first day was not sent out in time. The second day the one call was used the night before informing parents of the delay. The secretaries were able to access the one call from home. The 1-800 emergency weather line number was used both days by all the schools. The radio station 98.7 was notified both days of the delay as well.
9. Ms. Vicky Parr, Principal, Elliott Elementary, shared that the new furniture for the pre-kindergarten and kindergarten arrived over the Christmas holiday. A delay in starting back for Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten students was made so the teachers could set up their new room. A notice was sent out before the holiday break notifying parents of the delay. Enrollment is down at Elliott due to many students moving before the holiday break. Ms. Parr shared she had 99 responses from her customer satisfaction survey. Ms. Parr held a family night for Math Problem Solving. The ELO is still ongoing. Staff Development Day on January 20th will be working reading streets and literacy. They will be having their awards ceremonies. A Family Math Day will be held with parents eating lunch with their child. The last week of January teachers will be testing students on 6 + 1 writing traits. Elliott Elementary School was the 3rd highest school in completing the customer satisfaction survey.
10. Ms. Gladys Blount, Principal, Galer Elementary School, shared they held a family night for the Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten parents to view their new classrooms. The media center was open to view all the new books that had been ordered the same evening. The playground is finished except for the rubber foundation. The students are very anxious to get out there. A parent visitation center has been set up. The Lobby has been rearranged with a slide show on the new 52 inch television mounted in the lobby.
11. **SCHOOL BOARD COMMENTS:** Ms. Stone shared that GySgt Steven Bell was unable to attend the school board meeting. He appreciated being on the school board and will be leaving for Quantico in the next couple of weeks. Ms. Stone would like all principals to please feel free to ask the board if there is anything they can do for them or help in any way. The principals all shared their comments and concerns about the current school uniform policy, including the most common uniform violations. After some discussion, the board has decided to attend the issue in more depth at the next school board meeting on February 10th. Some of the concerns include jeans, belts, shoes and winter gear. One option was to consider following the Beaufort County School District uniform policy. Ms. Parr and Ms. Blount shared that they have had very minor violations at their schools. One concern was due to the cold weather some of the students are wearing colorful tights but that does not seem to be an ongoing issue.

12. **COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC:** Ms. Kim Wiley shared that Beaufort High School will no longer be a school of choice for out of zone students. The form was given to all 8th grade students at Bolden to fill out if they were interested in attending a school out of zone. Battery Creek High School will be offering the AP classes. The students that live on Parris Island attend Battery Creek High School. The students that live on Laurel Bay attend Whale Branch Early College High School. A question was asked if there were any high school students living at the Naval Hospital, which school would they attend. This will be checked on and information will be updated at the February meeting. Ms. Stone shared that she is concerned about families withdrawing their students from the Laurel Bay Schools and sending them to private schools off base or home school. A concern was made about students being on school grounds after school hours. It does state in the parent student handbook that students are not allowed on school grounds after school hours. A suggestion was made to have signs made so everyone is aware that the school grounds are off limits after school hours.
13. The school board will visit all three schools on January 20th. They will meet at Elliott Elementary first. The next meeting will be at Galer Elementary School on Thursday, February 10th at 4:00 p.m.

Ms. Denise Stone
President



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LAUREL BAY SCHOOLS
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
December 9, 2010
Elliott Elementary School

MINUTES

FROM: School Board Chairman

To: Distribution list

Subject: LAUREL BAY SCHOOL BOARD: Minutes of December 9, 2010

1. The Laurel Bay School Board met on Thursday, December 9, 2010 at Elliott Elementary School.
2. The following members were present:

Denise Stone – President
Vanessa Astacio
Capt. Regan Kieff
GySgt Steven Bell
Ebony Parks

In addition the following non-members were present:

Dr. Samantha Ingram	Superintendent
Mr. Charles Yahres	Principal Bolden Elementary/Middle School
Ms. Vicky Parr	Principal Elliott Elementary
Ms. Gladys Blount	Principal Galer Elementary
Ms. Kim Wiley	Site Liaison Officer
Ms. Lori Crawford	SPED Director

3. The Pledge of Allegiance was repeated in unison.
4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** A motion was made to approve the agenda by Ms. Astacio and seconded by Capt. Kieff.
5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** A motion was made to approve the minutes by Capt. Kieff and seconded by GySgt Bell.

Approved 1/13/2011

6. **BOARD PRESIDENT'S COMMENT:** Ms. Stone discussed setting the date for the school board members to visit each school. The board set the date Thursday, January 20th. The board will start the visit at Elliott Elementary, then to Galer Elementary and Bolden Elementary/Middle School. They will all meet at 8:15 a.m. at Elliott Elementary and begin the tour. Ms. Stone discussed the school board election will take place on Tuesday, December 14th at all three schools from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. A flyer will be sent home on Friday, December 10th concerning the candidate running and election information. A one call notice to parents will be sent out as well on Monday, December 13th informing the parents of the election.
7. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:** Dr. Ingram updated the board on the FLES/Spanish program. The program began in school year 2007-2008 in 10 schools for FLES K-3rd grade. Pierce Terrace was the only school selected for that program grades K – 3rd. Galer Elementary was selected in grades Kindergarten and 1st grade only. The FLES program is currently on hold at this time. Laurel Bay received one unit for FLES and this is split between Galer Elementary and Elliott Elementary for grades Kindergarten and 1st grade. DoDEA currently has no more units available at this time. **COMPARISON DATA REPORT:** A report was prepared comparing Reading, Math, Language, Science and Social Studies. The Bolden Elementary/Middle School scores grades 3-8 were compared to 09/10 DoDEA, DDESS, Ft. Stewart/Cuba scores. Bolden's math scores increased across all grades except for grade 8. The 6th grade scores increased for Bolden in all areas. Copies of the graphs were provided to everyone. The major concern was with the 3rd grade scores being rather lower than the other schools. **SPECIAL EDUCATION REPORT:** Ms. Lori Crawford, Special Education Director, shared a report concerning the Laurel Bay SPED population. The handout was given out and information on how many IEP's at each school, and a breakout of the SPED population at each school. There is a PSCD class held at Galer Elementary School for qualified students starting at age 3. There is also a moderate severe class at Galer Elementary. Dr. Ingram and Ms. Crawford met with staff at the Naval Hospital today to make sure all our families are receiving locally the services needed for diagnosis of our students. The Naval Hospital will be hiring a child psychiatrist and a developmental pediatrician in the next few months. More Professional Development training for SPED teachers is planning to be provided. Dr. Ingram shared that they are trying to expand the support from the area offices. A question was brought up about SPED students taking the standardized testing starting 3rd grade. All students are required to take the standardized test. Modifications are made to the IEP on a case by case basis.
8. **Principal Report:** Ms. Parr, Principal, Elliott Elementary School, shared that a place is being provided for parents to come in and complete the parent survey. She has also sent home many flyers and rewards to students when they returned the coupon for a special lunch. A one call was also sent to all parents informing them to complete the survey. Ms. Parr's Holiday Concert is being held this evening. All students will be participating in this Holiday Concert. Squadron 312 wives used the school to make "Welcome Home Signs" for their husbands returning home in a couple of weeks. The mulch was removed from the playground area and a bonded surface is being put down on the playground area. A new 52" television will be placed in the foyer to scroll events and information for parents. All the kindergarten and pre-kindergarten classes are receiving new furniture for each classroom. The furniture will be delivered over the Winter Break. Students in kindergarten and

Pre-kindergarten will have a delayed return date of January 5th so teachers can get the classrooms ready. Ms. Blount, Principal, Galer Elementary, shared they are all excited about the new furniture arriving for pre-kindergarten and kindergarten classrooms. Ms. Blount will have her Holiday Program on December 16th. The PTO set up a Holiday Store setting for students to purchase reasonable gifts for their family. The store was open until 8 p.m. on December 16th during the Holiday Program. Ms. Blount has computers set up for parents to come in and use to complete the parents survey. Ms. Blount has handed out many flyers to parents as they come in the office to complete the survey as well. A one call message was sent to all Galer parents asking them to complete the survey. The new playground is going up and the students are anxiously waiting.

Mr. Yahres, Principal, Bolden Elementary/Middle School, shared that in their folders they would find a copy of the calendar and the latest Bolden Bugle and enrollment report. Trevor Romaine came to speak to the students at all three schools. He also spoke to all staff members. The PTO set up the Holiday Shop for the students to purchase gifts at a reasonable price. The volunteers wrapped the gifts for the students. Ms. Chris Beeler, PTO President, attended the meeting and shared that the Holiday Shop was a huge success. They had plenty of volunteers assisting. They had the students using math and figuring out their change. The Holiday Program is on Tuesday, December 14th at 6 p.m. The 6th grade "Beach Buck" auction will take place on Thursday, December 16th. The Chorus will be singing at the Christmas Tree Lighting. The Middle School Chorus will be singing at the Headquarters Building for the CO's Christmas luncheon for his staff. The playground is going up quickly and students are very excited to get outside. There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony in January for the opening of the new playground. The 3rd grade students were given dictionaries by the Kiwanis Club of Beaufort. The students wrote thank you letters to them and they were presented to the Kiwanis Club at their breakfast. The NJHS is collecting mittens, hats and scarves to donate to CAPA. The leadership club collected canned goods and those were donated to HELP of Beaufort. The PSAT was given to our AVID students and results have just come in. The ELO program is taking place with bus transportation provided. Mr. Yahres is rewarding the students with a pencil and candy cane for all who return the survey coupons. A one call was also sent to all parents encouraging them to complete the survey.

- 9. COMMAND'S COMMENTS:** Ms. Kim Wiley shared that COL Snider was unable to attend the School Board Meeting. Ms. Wiley shared a letter concerning the parent survey that was sent to all base commanders and an all hands email was sent. 23 FRO's were also informed to get the information out as well. A suggestion was made to see if we could use the PMO portable signs to encourage parents to complete the parent surveys. Ms. Wiley shared that Trevor Romaine was a huge success and he plans to return in February to speak to the Beaufort County Schools. Kits from Trevor Romaine will be mailed in the next few weeks for every student. The kit includes a video, journal, and book for parents.
- 10. COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC:** Mrs. Stone shared that there are still concerns about teachers being pulled out of the classroom for meetings and training. Administrators stated that the amount of time teachers are pulled out for IEP meetings is minimal. Mrs. Stone suggested that the meetings and training should be held after school. This cannot be done due to the MLA contract. She is still concerned that the sub does not teach like the teacher would teach. "Teachers need to be in the classroom, they need to teach". Dr. Ingram suggested Ms. Stone send her suggestions and she would pass them on to the area council staff.

Ms. Stone was also concerned about parents voluntarily dis-enrolling their children from the Laurel Bay Schools. Ms. Stone was concerned as to why students dis-enroll. Do the parents feel they are not being pushed enough? She felt that the students who are exceeding the standards, the teachers should really be pushing them. Dr. Ingram shared that more professional development and training is going to be provided. Ms. Stone shared concerns again concerning the 6th grade classroom size. The 6th grade falls under the elementary school pupil teacher ratio and not the middle school pupil teacher ratio. We do not have enough staff to move the 6th grade to the middle school. Some of the 6th grade students are taking AVID which is a middle school class. Another discussion was made about moving the 3rd grade to Galer Elementary and Elliott Elementary. This would impact the entire staff at Bolden Elementary/Middle School.

- 11.** The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m. and the next meeting will be at Bolden Elementary/Middle School on Thursday, January 13th at 4 p.m.

Denise Stone
President

Approved 1/13/2011



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Laurel Bay
November Minutes

From: School Board Chairman
To: Distribution List

Subject: LAUREL BAY SCHOOL BOARD: Minutes of November 18, 2010

1. The Laurel Bay School Board met on Thursday, November 18, 2010 at Galer Elementary School.
2. The following members were present:

Denise Stone – President
Vanessa Astacio
GySgt Steven Bell

In addition the following non-members were present:

Dr. Gael Coyle	Assistant Superintendent
Ms. Vicky Parr	Principal Elliott Elementary
Ms. Gladys Blount	Principal Galer Elementary
Mr. Charles Yahres	Principal Bolden Elementary/Middle

3. The Pledge of Allegiance was repeated in unison.
4. The meeting was called to order at 1600 and the board conducted business as follows:
5. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** A motion was made to approve the agenda by Ms. Astacio and seconded by GySgt Steven Bell.
6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** A motion was made to approve the minutes by GySgt Steven Bell and seconded by Ms. Astacio.
7. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:** Dr. Ingram, Superintendent was not able to attend and Dr. Gael Coyle, Assistant Superintendent was there in her place. The Spanish/FLES update was tabled until the December meeting. Dr. Coyle gave an update on the Phase II Air Quality briefing. There were six classrooms reported, but the issues were housekeeping problems. Changing air filters, cleaning the rooms, dusting the rooms. A final report will be made available soon. A Power Point Presentation was prepared with District Student Achievement Trend Data. Handouts were given out on the power point presentation. The Terra Nova test will be given in March to grades 3-8. The principals are spending 95% of their day in classrooms. Bolden Elementary/Middle School has an SMSS position due to their enrollment. Mr. Young takes on the duties of facilities, buses and supply to relieve the principals. This will allow the principals to spend more time in the classroom.

8. **TREND DATA REPORT:** Mr. Yahres, Principal Bolden Elementary/Middle School reviewed the trends and goals for Bolden. The slide presentation showed a comparison with Terra Nova Scores from 2009 and 2010. Ms. Vicky Parr, Principal Elliott Elementary reviewed the trends and goals for Elliott Elementary. The slide presentations were covering the DRA scores for grades K-2nd. The slides covered 04-05 to 09-10. Ms. Gladys Blount, Principal, Galer Elementary School reviewed the trends and goals for Galer Elementary. The slide presentations covered the DRA scores from grades K-2nd. The slides covered 08-09 and 09-10.
9. **Principal Report:** Mr. Yahres, Principal, Bolden Elementary shared that this was the third year with the middle school 7th and 8th grade Terra Nova scores. Teachers are getting ready for the ELO After School Program. Approximately 25 students will be attending the program. Bus transportation will be provided for bus students. Mr. Yahres provided a copy of the new Bugle, the school calendar for November and December the PTO will be holding their Holiday Shop for students to buy gifts for their family members or friends. Students will be previewing the Holiday Shop on November 22nd. The Holiday Shop will be open from November 29th to December 3rd. A Veteran's Day and USMC Birthday Celebration took place on Wednesday, November 10th. On December 14th the Winter Music Program will be at 6 p.m. Thirty new Smart Boards will be ordered for Bolden. Bolden will be getting new playground equipment, a new sound system in the gym and cafeteria will be installed as well. Dr. Ulmer received new risers for his chorus program. A new HVAC for the cafeteria and gym has been ordered.

Ms. Parr, Principal, Elliott Elementary School shared her ISS teachers are assisting the classroom teachers with small group instruction. Elliott will be receiving 27 new Smart Boards. The KILM in the art has been fixed and working. Elliott will not be receiving a new playground but a new rubber surface will be put down. Ms. Parr shared her calendar of events and Elliott Express. Trevor Romaine will be coming to all three schools to speak to the students on bullying. There will be a parent session with him from 10:30 to 11:30 on December 1st at Elliott Elementary. The additional Pre-K made a world of difference at Elliott. The Pre-K classes are now down to 17-18 students per class.

Ms. Blount, Principal, Galer Elementary shared her Galer Gazette and calendar of events. Ms. Blount stated she sent a letter home inviting parents to come to the school to do the customer satisfaction survey. She is meeting parents in the hallway and encouraging them to complete this. External lights are being put up at Galer. Galer Elementary will be getting new playground equipment.

10. **SCHOOL BOARD COMMENTS:** Copies of the By-Laws were presented and the By-Laws were approved by Ms. Astacio and seconded by GySgt Steven Bell. GySgt Steven Bell suggested that each school adopt a military group of volunteers. Bolden has been using a group from MCAS and Letters of Appreciation have been given to each volunteer. Identify Best Teacher Practices. Some teachers are doing a better job than other teachers. A suggestion was made to figure out what teachers are doing better than other teachers. Why are some teacher's scores better than others? What works and what didn't work? Ms. Stone suggested decreasing the amount of volume of work the students are doing and concentrate on improving the one assignment. Ms. Stone shared that maybe we need the PTO to get more volunteers to assist in the classrooms and in the schools. Mr. Yahres shared that Bolden Elementary/Middle School, at the present time there are plenty of volunteers. Ms. Parr shared that she is

serving “pie” at her PTO meeting and she will talk to them about more volunteers. The PTO at Elliott is losing three board members due to transferring.

11. The next school board meeting will be on Thursday, December 9th at Elliott, 4:00 p.m. The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Denise Stone
President



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October Minutes

From: School Board Chairman
To: Distribution List

Subject: LAUREL BAY SCHOOL BOARD: Minutes of October 14, 2010

1. The Laurel Bay School Board met on Thursday, October 14, 2010 at Bolden Elementary Middle School.
2. The following members were present:

Denise Stone – President
Vanessa Astacio
GySgt Steven Bell
Ebony Parks
Capt. Regan Kieff

In addition the following non-members were present:

Dr. Samantha Ingram	Superintendent
Ms. Vicky Parr	Principal Elliott elementary
Ms. Gladys Blount	Principal Galer Elementary
Mr. Charles Yahres	Principal Bolden Elementary/Middle
Col. Snider	CO, MCAS

3. The Pledge of Allegiance was repeated in unison.
4. The meeting was called to order at 1630 and the board conducted business as follows:
5. SWEARING IN NEW MEMBER: Dr. Ingram requested Col. Snider to swear in Ms. Ebony Parks to the Laurel Bay School Board.

Approved 11/18/10

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6. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: A motion was made to approve the agenda by Ms. Astacio and seconded by Ms. Ebone' Parks. The agenda was approved unanimously.
7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made to approve the minutes from September 7, 2010 by Ms. Astacio and seconded by Ms. Ebone' Parks. The minutes were approved unanimously.
8. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT: Dr. Ingram gave an update regarding transportation as it relates to the pre-kindergarten student being transported to the CDC on MCAS and Laurel Bay. Transportation is being provided for transporting pre-kindergarten students to the Child Development Center. There are approximately 10 students transported to the MCAS Child Development Center, 12 students to the Laurel Bay Child Development Center, and 24 students to the Parris Island Child Development Center. We have not denied a pre-kindergarten student from attending our pre- school program. Our program is for every student that has turned four years old by September 1st of the current school year. The Air Quality results of Phase II have been completed and will be presented to the staff on November 1st at Bolden Elementary/ Middle School at 3:00 p.m. The water analysis results from Phase I have been published and completed. Based on the results, drinking water at Bolden, Galer, and Elliott Schools meet state and federal drinking water standards for safe drinking water. Wipe and air samples analyzed for asbestos do not indicate negative impacts to indoor air quality. Col. Snider asked about the epidemiologist being brought in to meet with staff but at this time, this has been put on hold due to privacy issues. Election timeline for a special election to be held in December was discussed due to a recent member receiving military orders to transfer in February. A suggestion was made to hold the special election in December during the day at each school and in the evening at one of the schools holding their Winter Program. Mr. Steve Bell will be leaving the area around February 2011.
9. PRINCIPALS' REPORT: Ms. Blount, Principal, Galer Elementary School, shared they had their Book Fair and Parent Night for parents to purchase books. The Anti-Terrorism Plan has been completed. New signs were developed for parents to check in through the office upon entering the building then directing them to the main office. On October

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22nd there is no school and teachers will be attending Reading Streets training that day as well as working on report cards. Parent conferences will take place on October 28th and 29th. On October 28th, students will be dismissed at 11:30 and on the 29th, school will not be open. Kindergarten students are taking a field trip to a farm and to the pumpkin patch. The current enrollment at Galer is 261. Ms. Parr, Principal, Elliott Elementary, shared that they had a great family night in the library. Parents worked with students on math problem solving goals, and data processing. Parents are getting their own library cards to be able to come in and check out books. On Saturday, the school will sponsor a clean-up for the grounds outside of Elliott. Lots of volunteers to assist in cleaning up the grounds. A principals meeting at Elliott was held to demonstrate Reading Streets implementation and literacy building skills. Beginning of the year assessments have been completed. Starting to prepare for the ELO, After School Program. Approval of another Pre-kindergarten class has been granted. Mr. Yahres, Principal, Bolden Elementary/Middle School shared that Bolden is preparing to send the Bolden Bugle electronically twice a month. A form was sent home for parents to update phone numbers and email addresses so this could be completed. A new banner was ordered titled "Raising the Bar" and stickers as well. All three schools will be getting new playground equipment in the next couple months. The floor contract is in place, as well as the AC contract. The contractors are at the schools now and taking care of the floors, heating, and air conditioning issues. New ovens will be installed in the kitchen. A full time Resource Officer is in place at Bolden and Officer Haight is also teaching DARE. The USMC birthday celebration will take place on November 10th. General Bolden was invited but unable to attend. New radios and more radios have been delivered to all three schools. The radios work between all three schools for communication purposes. A new sound speaker system will be installed in the gym and cafeteria. Red Ribbon Week will take place the week of October 25th with a special event taking place each day. The third grade teachers are testing their students on DRA. We have our afterschool programs going on weekly: band, art club, chess club, chorus, sign language, yearbook and leadership. We have awards ceremonies being planned the first week of November, in which students will be receiving their honor roll awards. November 12th – LINKS for 7th grade students will take place at 12:45 in the cafeteria. Bolden's enrollment is at 460 students.

Approved 11/18/10

10. Update on School Uniform Policy: Mr. Yahres has proposed that all students at Bolden will come to school with a belt and their shirts tucked in their pants. Belts are available in the office and being loaned out or a pink slip will be given.
11. Social Net Working Sites: These sites have been removed and are completely blocked to everyone since last spring.
12. Student –Teacher Ratio in 6th grade: A letter was written concerning the high enrollment in the 6th grade classes. Our 6th grade classes do not fall under the middle school ratio which is 18 to 1. Our 6th grade falls under the elementary ratio which is 25 to 1. The letter was well written and a response will be provided to the parent.
13. SCHOOL BOARD COMMENT: Ms. Astacio was concerned about the FLES program not being offered for 2nd and 3rd grade students. The program was offered last year for 3rd grade students but the program is not being offered this school year. The FLES program is offered for Kindergarten and 1st grade students only. An update will be given at the next school board meeting if FLES is offered for 2nd grade students. The program is basically offered for Kindergarten and 1st grade at this time.
14. Higher Student Achievement: Looking at the data, the scores from last year were not as high as expected. Increasing student achievement is a very important goal this year. The board would like the data brought back for review. Current interventions are going on now. There is a need to review the new data. We are not where DoDEA is currently. ELO is coming back and students will be selected for this after school program. We need to check the data. What areas did we make gains? What areas did we not make gains? Find a concise way to understand and compare the data. Ms. Stone shared that all students have different learning styles. Learning styles affect student achievement. All students learn differently and their learning styles need to be met. The material needs to be taught according to the student's learning style. We need more volunteers to assist teachers in the classrooms. Ms. Stone is willing to assist in any areas. Ms. Stone shared that she feels teachers are out of the classrooms for too many meetings, pulled out for this or that. She felt the time frame for IEP meetings during school hours should be looked at closely. She doesn't want to create more work for teachers, but she feels the teachers should work with each other and

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discuss learning styles which are more effective for certain students and share ideas. Some students need more hands on manipulatives and some do not need that approach. Meet with parents about their children and what their children need.

15. By-Laws: Ms. Stone prepared the by-laws for the school board. The by-laws were reviewed and Ms. Stone will make the corrections to be presented at the next school board meeting. The attendance policy will remain and case by case situations will be discussed when needed.
16. It was suggested that the school board meetings begin at 4:00 p.m. The next school board meeting will take place at Galer Elementary at 4:00 p.m., on November 18th.
17. Dr. Ingram thanked Ms. Stone for preparing the By-Laws and the agenda.

Denise Stone
President

Approved 11/18/10



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LAUREL BAY SCHOOLS
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
September 7, 2010
Elliott Elementary School

Minutes

I. Welcome & Introductions

In Attendance:

- Dr. Samantha Ingram -Superintendent
- Steven Bell
- Gladys Blount – Principal, Galer Elementary School
- Regan Kieff
- Vicky Parr – Principal, Elliott Elementary
- Denise Stone
- Kim Wiley
- Charles Yahres – Principal, Bolden Elementary
- Cheryl Smith was present for training and assisted with swearing in of new members

II. Pledge of Allegiance

IV. Swearing in of New Members

V. Election of President and Vice-President, 2010-2011

- Denise Stone – was nominated and elected President
- Regan Kieff – was nominated and elected Vice President

III. School Board Training

- Slide Presentation: Legal & Legislative History of Department of Defense Domestic Schools
- Slide Presentation: School Boards for Department of Defense Domestic Schools
- DDESS authorization Statute: Section 2164 of Title 10, United States Code
- Department of Defense Instruction 1342.25, "School Boards for Department of Defense Domestic Dependent Elementary and Secondary Schools (DDESS)
- Talking Paper on School Board Role in Selection of A Superintendent, Dated 4 February 2002
- DoDD/DoDEA/DDESS Chain of Command
- Talking Paper on DDESS Transfer Study
- Ten Tips for New Board Members
- Article: "It's No Surprise"
- Biographies:
Robert E. Sutemeier, John S. Chamblee & Cheryl A. Smith

VI. Closing Comments

Approved 10/14/10

VII. Next Agenda Items

- By Laws
- Data Review
- Status Report on Air Quality

VIII. Scheduling of Future Meetings, the time is at 4:30 PM.

- Oct 14, 2010-School Board Meeting at Bolden
- Nov 18, 2010-School Board Meeting at Galer
- Dec 9, 2010-School Board Meeting at Elliott
- Jan 13, 2011-School Board Meeting at Bolden
- Feb 10, 2011-School Board Meeting at Galer
- Mar 10, 2011-School Board Meeting at Elliott
- April 14, 2011-School Board Meeting at Bolden
- May 12, 2011-School Board Meeting at Galer

IX. Adjournment



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May Minutes

From: School Board Chairman
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Subject: LAUREL BAY SCHOOL BOARD: Minutes of 13 May 2010

1. The Laurel Bay School Board met on Thursday, May 13, 2010 at Bolden Elementary Middle School.
2. The following members were present:

Alicia Harris – President
Vanessa Astacio
Denise Stone

In addition the following non-members were present:

Dr. Samantha Ingram	Superintendent
Ms. Angela Stephens	Acting Principal Galer Elementary
Ms. Vicky Parr	Principal Elliott Elementary
Mr. Yahres	Principal Bolden Elementary/Middle School
Col. Snider	CO, MCAS
Ms. Kim Wiley	School Liaison Officer
3. The Pledge of Allegiance was repeated in unison.
4. The meeting was called to order at 1530 and the board conducted business as follows
5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: A motion was made to approve the agenda by Ms. Stone and seconded by Ms. Astacio. The agenda was approved unanimously.
6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made to approve the minutes by Ms. Stone and seconded by Ms. Astacio. The minutes were approved unanimously.
7. COMMENTS FROM SUPERINTENDENT: Mr. Yahres, Principal, Bolden Elementary Middle School conducted the meeting until the arrival of Dr. Ingram. Mr. Yahres, introduced Dr. James, Chief of Education, and Mr. Bob Young, SMSS. Dr. James is retired from the Navy. He has been working for fifteen years for the state of Florida School Board as Assistant Superintendent. Mr. Young was in the Air Force for four years, he was Mayor of Augusta, worked for the Bush administration. Mr. Yahres shared that he talked to parents at the Bolden Elementary/Middle School musical program about the school board. The principals need to personally talk to parents about running for the school board. It was suggested that another time line be made. One candidate has turned in a form, but there are three openings on the school board.

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8. COMMENTS FROM PRINCIPALS; Ms. Vicky Parr, Principal Elliott Elementary shared that May will be a busy month. Assessments are being done at each grade level. Teacher Appreciation week, Family Library Night, the 2nd grade students will be taking a field trip, Staff Development Day. ELO made lots of progress with the students it was very helpful. Thank you to Mr. Foppe for providing snacks each day. The first grade students went to Hunting Island. The students took part in Olympic Activities. On Saturday there will be volunteers to help clean up Elliott. The 2nd grade students will visit Bolden on May 26th to have a tour and see where they will be going for 3rd grade. Ms. Angie Stephens, Acting Principal Galer Elementary, shared they had a great Teacher Appreciation week. Mr. Tillman, former principal brought in food for the staff. Staff Development on May 7th. Smart Board training will take place. A counseling session on bullying will take place on May 7th. The last Book Fair night time event was held last night. May 14th will be Family Reading Night. A spring dance is being planned. The 2nd grade students will be walking to Bolden for a tour. The military dogs are coming to do a demonstration for the students. Galer will be participating in Olympic activities. May 18th will be the retirement ceremony at Bolden Elementary Middle School for retirees and teachers receiving 10-20-30 year awards. Mr. Yahres, Principal Bolden Elementary Middle School, shared that our web page is updated frequently so please view the web page. The Parris Island Band donated many instruments for Dr. Ulmer's band. The Bolden band actually marched with the Child Development Center. A spring middle school dance is being planned. Mr. Don Starkey, Volunteer, worked with a group of middle school students making robots. The students demonstrated the robots they made for each grade level in the cafeteria. The same afternoon the MCAS team came and demonstrated their robots.
9. REVISED TRANSPORTATION POLICY: Mr. Dan Littlejohn, Transportation Manager, shared that they could transport pre-kindergarten students to the CDC on MCAS and Laurel Bay. It was agreed that all students needing this transportation would have to attend the morning pre-kindergarten session. There will be no afternoon transportation for pre-kindergarten students. A suggestion was made to provide parents with this information.
10. CONSIGNMENT STORE: A suggestion was made to have a lending closet at each school for parents to bring in uniforms that their child cannot wear. A suggestion was made that all three PTO's meet and discuss how this will be organized and uniforms given out. Prepare a letter to parents informing them of donating items. The PTO's must meet and make sure all schools are doing the same thing. A suggestion was made to give items to the school nurse when students need a change of clothes they can be given a uniform shirt that has been donated.
11. SCHOOL BOARD TRAINING: Dr. Ingram shared that the first school board meeting for 2010-2011 will take place on September 9, 2010 at 3:30 at Elliott Elementary. Training will be scheduled on September 9th as well.
12. AIR QUALITY UPDATE: Mr. Keith Maxwell updated that no abnormal contaminants were found in the water samples that were taken. The official report will be provided next week. More air quality testing, radon testing, checking AC equipment will be performed. The Phase 1 report was the ground water testing. The Phase 2 will be the next report and update in June.

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13. COMMAND COMMENTS: Col. Snider shared that he was pleased he was able to attend the meeting. Please feel free to contact Col. Snider with any concerns. Kim Wiley, Liaison Officer, thanked everyone for a great working relationship for the school year. She looks forward to the next school year.
14. Dr. Ingram shared that the afternoon session for the pre-kindergarten at Parris Island will be eliminated for 2010-2011 school year. The enrollment has been very low for the afternoon session, only a morning program will be provided. Dr. Ingram shared that the "Grease" musical directed by Dr. Ulmer was an awesome performance by the students, band and Dr. Ulmer. Ms. Roberts directed the sign language students and they did an outstanding performance as well. Dr. Ingram thanked all the school board members for their hard work and dedication to the school board. It was a great privilege working with everyone. Ms. Harris did an outstanding job as president.
15. The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m. The first meeting of the new school year will be September 9, 2010 at Elliott Elementary.

Alicia Harris
President

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