

3. Legal Update (**Confidential**)

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4. Personnel Update (**Confidential**)

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5. Leadership, Administration & Academics Update

Board Members' Inquiries

What schools ran dogs during the 2021-2022 school year?

During a conversation with high school administrators on May 27, 2022, district administration became aware that three of our high schools, in collaboration with their respective SROs and the Richland County Sheriff's Department, have conducted drug searches using trained police service dogs during the 2021-22 school year. The three schools are Richland Northeast, Ridge View and Westwood.

I am interested in learning:

Duration - How many years have they been doing this? Frequency - How many times per year?

Process - How many classes visited? How are classes selected?

Cost - Any injuries sustained by staff or students when running the dogs?

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	Years in Practice	Frequency	# of Classes Visited	Criteria for Selecting Classes	Injuries Sustained (Y or N)
BHS	15	Bi-annually - zero times for 21-22 school year. Cancellations by RCSD	Parking lots only for the past 7 years	Random	N
RNE	20	1 per semester	8-10 Classes, no parking lot	Random	N
RVHS	15	1 per semester	6 or less	Random	N
SVHS	0	0	N/A	N/A	N
WHS	7	Bi-Annually	6-12 + Parking Lots	Random + Reports	N

What schools had guns this year, and the number at each school?

Sandlapper Elementary (1)
 Blythwood High (2)
 Richland Northeast (5)
 Spring Valley (2)

Answers to the next set of questions (1-5) are provided based on [Board Policy BDE - Board Committees](#). In the policy, the terms “special,” “ad hoc” and “advisory” are used interchangeably to refer to committees that exist for a specific purpose as/when needed.

- 1- How many people will be on the committee?**
- 2- What are the requirements for a parent to be on the committee? Business organization? Teachers? District office staff?**
- 3- Will this committee be a permanent part of our board? Will positions rotate via fiscal year or annually in January? Will we create a waitlist for members to join? There seems to be many PTO members interested. How will we handle membership?**

The board may establish special and/or ad hoc committees whose members are appointed by the board chairman. The superintendent may recommend committee members, but approval to serve on the committee remains the responsibility of the board chairman. Representation on the committee should be broad-based, with emphasis on persons who have expertise or interest in the area being studied. Members will be chosen from school administrators, parent organizations, community members, patrons or other interested citizens. Special committees serve until they have accomplished their purpose and/or until they are discharged. The need for a committee and all committee appointments will be reviewed annually to coincide with the election of the incoming board chair.

- 4- How will the organizations that spoke/ presented at the June 14th meeting be utilized? Since the Chair spoke about joining Mr. E Warren Davis, how will his organizations be used?**
- 5- How will funds be allocated to the businesses we partner with like BeSMART?**

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Board committees are designed to support the work of the board, but never to interfere with the delegation of authority from the board to the superintendent. The function of special committees will be fact-finding, deliberative and advisory, but never legislative or administrative.

Based on [Board Policy DJ Purchasing](#), the purchase of goods and/or services must follow the district's procurement code.

Regarding partnerships with non-profit organizations, district administration typically work with the organization to develop a Memorandum of Understanding. [Click here to review the MOU with BeSMART.](#)

6. Communications and Strategic Partnerships Update

We are preparing to blast off with ParentSquare for the 2022-2023 school year. ParentSquare is our new unified communications platform that will replace Blackboard. It offers a whole host of tools which allows district, school administrators, and teachers to more effectively communicate and engage with families and students. For a quick introduction to ParentSquare, [click here](#). Want to learn more? [Visit the ParentSquare YouTube channel.](#)

7. Academics Update

Local Board Approved (LBA) Courses

In a May Board Brief, Mrs. Nancy Gregory shared an update with you on Local Board Approved courses. In a spring workshop with the South Carolina Department of Education, clarification was shared with school counselors, High School Assistant Principals for Instruction along with the members of the Academics Division on the state's guidelines and expectations for Local Board Approved courses. Moving forward, the district will not bring only new LBA courses to you for approval, but all active LBA courses that will be needed for the upcoming academic school year. The Academics Division has worked with district high schools and reviewed all of the courses being submitted to ensure they are in compliance by meeting the instructional requirements from the South Carolina Department of Education.

A Local Board Approved Course (LBA) is an elective course that is not listed in the South Carolina Department of Education's Activity Code Book. The state allows local school districts to create Local Board Approved courses, but they must be electives only. These courses allow us flexibility to best meet school and student needs in our district. As a formality, local School Boards are required to approve these courses annually.

[Click here](#) for a listing of all active Local Board Approved (LBA) courses for the 2022-23 school year. At the bottom of the list, you will find new LBA course requests for the high schools which are first time requests for the 2022-23 school year. Course codes will be added if the courses are approved.

8. Operations Update

Safety Committee of the Whole

- In response to the Safety Committee meeting, the district is working on a detailed plan to include recommendations and cost for safety and security improvements for the district in the near future and over the next few years. This plan and recommendations will be ready for you by your next safety committee meeting.

9. Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Update

During the month of June we are celebrating Caribbean Heritage Month, we are providing awareness during Pride Month and we commemorated Juneteenth! We are a richly diverse school district and the strength of that diversity comes in our efforts to make sure all our family members are included. Inclusion means making sure that each person feels valued, respected and supported. Inclusion means doing all we

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can to create a culture and environment where every person has what they need to achieve to their highest potential.

Military Community Liaison

EdVenture is honoring First Responders and Mrs. Carter will host a table as part of this celebration on Saturday, July 2nd. Monday, July 4th is Military Appreciation Day at EdVenture and military families will receive free admission. Mrs. Carter continues to assist families during their transition into Richland Two.

10. Technology Update

Summer Projects and New Schools

Information Technology continues to focus on summer projects including the preparation of technologies for the new Bethel-Hanberry Elementary and the new Forest Lake Elementary. Certain components of the technology architecture are being transferred from the old buildings to the new buildings. These components include data network switching electronics that were partially funded through federal e-rate initiatives and are thus bound by federal requirements for inventory and usage rules. The gist of this is that the networks in the old buildings needed to be decommissioned before the networks in the new buildings could be brought online.

In a major enhancement to classroom instruction, when teachers return in August to these new schools, they will find their classrooms will be outfitted with the new state-of-the-art Cleartouch interactive panels that we have in all other schools. These are the last schools receiving the new panels due to the timing of the construction and the need to avoid installing new equipment in classrooms that are slated for demolition.

To the Cloud

In following the industry trend of moving enterprise software applications from on-premises to the cloud in a Software as a Service design, IT is studying the implications and benefits of the migration of the payroll and finance system, Alio, and Powerschool, the student information system, to a hosted cloud architecture. Both vendors behind these systems are either forcing the move to the cloud in the case of Alio, or are very strongly encouraging the move to the cloud in the case of Powerschool. Some of the advantages include reduced cost for local hardware in the data center, and the versioning of software that will be conducted by the vendor instead of by our local IT staff. Some implications include implementing new techniques for direct data access to these systems and their integration with other systems, and the fact that an internet circuit disruption would cut off connectivity to those systems. However, with the very high reliability of our data circuits, the risks are minimal.

Cybersecurity

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11. Pupil Services Update

Below is the answer to the question of the correlation between the number of students who committed a Level 3 offense during the 2021-2022 school year and their learning mode (in-person or virtual) during the 2020-2021 school year.

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Of the 386 students committing Level 3 offenses in the 2021-22 school year, 319 were enrolled in RSD2 during the 2020-2021 school year. 110 of the 319 students (35%) were enrolled in eLearning during the 2020-2021 school year. Please note that the 2020-21 school year consisted of three phases: Phase 1 (all students were virtual); Phases 2 & 3 (students had the option of virtual or in-person learning).

12. Upcoming Webinars/Workshops/Conferences

SCSBA School Law Conference

August 27-28, 2022—Greenville, SC

An essential part of school board service is understanding how state and federal laws affect public education. From legal procedures and regulations to new legislation aimed at boosting student achievement, school-related law is constantly changing – and it is important for school board leaders to have the latest insights and information. The SCSBA School Law Conference presents a slate of legal experts and policymakers who provide up-to-date analysis and guide board members through the often complicated terrain of school policy and law. If interested in attending, please contact Ms. Lewis.

Registration deadline is July 25, 2022

SCSBA Beyond the Basics Workshop

October 13, 2022—Columbia, SC

SCSBA invites you to a new advanced level of training guaranteed to get those mental gears turning. Beyond the Basics is an intense, one-day seminar that will focus on a single trending education topic or issue – one that may be tough, even contentious. If interested in attending, please contact Ms. Lewis.

Registration is limited to 50 board members. Registration deadline is September 28, 2022.

SCSBA Legislative Advocacy Conference & Delegate Assembly

December 3-4, 2022—Charleston, SC

The much anticipated SCSBA Legislative Advocacy Conference sets the stage for all the legislative action that takes place from January through June each year in our state’s capitol. Learn what will likely be the General Assembly’s top education issues in 2022 from state political, policy and budgetary leaders and find out how your voice can make a difference! If interested in attending, please contact Ms. Lewis.

Registration deadline is November 3, 2022

SCSBA Annual Convention, Board Chair Workshop, New Board Orientation

Feb 16-19, 2023—Hilton Head, SC

The premiere professional development event of the year offers an impressive collection of educational presentations and experiences! Hundreds of school board members and other education leaders from across the state come together to:

- **Learn** from state and national experts on topics ranging from board governance to community engagement to innovations in classroom technology.
- **Explore** areas of particular interest in the diverse slate of breakout sessions.
- **Connect** with more than 70 education service and product vendors and gain a wealth of ideas and information.
- **Enjoy** performances by student musical groups from schools around the state.

If interested in attending, please contact Ms. Lewis. **Registration deadline is January 19, 2023.**

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