



School board to name Cane Bay campus after Floyd

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The Berkeley County School Board has approved a motion to name the Cane Bay educational campus after retiring superintendent Dr. Chester Floyd. Cane Bay Plantation developer Ben Gramling made the special request while addressing the board at its regularly scheduled Oct. 14 meeting at the district office in Moncks Corner.

Gramling asked the board to name the campus of the three Cane Bay schools – Cane Bay High, elementary and a future middle school – “The Dr. Chester Floyd Campus,” after Floyd, who will retire in January.

“Dr. Floyd has been a visionary,” Gramling said.

Rather than naming a stadium or school, Gramling wants to name the campus after Floyd to show complete and total connectivity of those three areas, he said. “Cane Bay is the cornerstone of our community,” he said.

Board member Carolyn Lewis moved to accept the request; board member Jerry Prosser seconded the motion and called it an “excellent suggestion.”

“I think it’s a good thing to do,” Lewis – who only has two more board meetings – said. “We should honor the request tonight.”

Board member Wilhelmina Moore said she wants to research it, while school board chairman Doug Cooper said the wording would need to be worked out.

Board member Jimmy Hinson said he was in favor of amending the motion, saying the amendment is not to remove it, just make it worthwhile. Hinson said a football field name is spoken more often than a campus name.

Board members Moore, James Royce and Hinson opposed the motion by show of hands.

“Details (such as the official name) can be worked out later,” Cooper said. The motion carried.

“I’m humbled by this,” Floyd said.

In other business:

- Berkeley Chamber of Commerce President Bill McCall made a presentation –

“One Cent, Makes Sense” – to the board promoting the one-cent sales tax to improve congestion and conditions of county roads. The tax will be on the November ballot.

“We know the money will be spent on roads,” McCall said.

He showed sped-up video clips of congestion and asphalt conditions to make his point.

Roads that touch everybody in the county – including Henry Brown Blvd., College Park Rd., Railroad Ave. and Hwy. 17-A – will be improved by the tax, McCall said.