
From: Gwozdz, Christina S <Christina.Gwozdz@beaufort.k12.sc.us>
Sent: Sunday, January 26, 2020 8:48 AM
To: Robine, Cathy G
Subject: Automatic reply: December 3 Board Meeting

Hello and thank you for your email. I will be on vacation and away from my email Jan 25-31. I will get back to you as soon as I can.

Christina Gwozdz, M.D.
Chair, Beaufort Co. Board of Education
District 9 Representative
Bluffton/Pritchardville/Daufuskie Island

From: Gwozdz, Christina S <Christina.Gwozdz@beaufort.k12.sc.us>
Sent: Saturday, January 25, 2020 12:21 PM
To: Striebinger, David R
Subject: Automatic reply: Coherent Governance

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From: Gwozdz, Christina S <Christina.Gwozdz@beaufort.k12.sc.us>
Sent: Saturday, January 25, 2020 12:10 PM
To: Fidrych, Patricia
Subject: Automatic reply: Coherent Governance

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From: Gwozdz, Christina S <Christina.Gwozdz@beaufort.k12.sc.us>
Sent: Monday, January 13, 2020 6:22 PM
To: Fidrych, Patricia
Cc: Rodriguez, Francisco
Subject: Re: groundbreaking ceremony

Thanks for letting us know.

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Chair, Beaufort Co. Board of Education
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From: Fidrych, Patricia <Patricia.Fidrych@beaufort.k12.sc.us>
Sent: Monday, January 13, 2020 3:22:17 PM
To: Gwozdz, Christina S <Christina.Gwozdz@beaufort.k12.sc.us>; Rodriguez, Francisco <Francisco.Rodriguez@beaufort.k12.sc.us>
Subject: Re: groundbreaking ceremony

Tina and Frank,

My apologies for not being able to attend the groundbreaking ceremonies tomorrow due to a previous engagement that I cannot change.

Sincerely,
Tricia

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From: Striebinger, David R <David.Striebinger@beaufort.k12.sc.us>
Sent: Sunday, January 5, 2020 1:45 PM
To: Gwozdz, Christina S
Subject: Fw: St. Helena Gym Renovation

david striebinger
Beaufort County Board of Education
District 2 representative

From: Oetting, Robert S <Robert.Oetting@beaufort.k12.sc.us>
Sent: Wednesday, December 18, 2019 3:18 PM
To: Smith, William C <William.Smith2@beaufort.k12.sc.us>
Cc: BOE <BOE@beaufort.k12.sc.us>
Subject: St. Helena Gym Renovation

Mr. Smith,

At the Operations Committee, you requested information on items included in the budgetary cost estimate for the St. Helena gym work. The budgetary cost estimate of \$1,322,066 includes the following:

- New Class Room Flooring
- New Gym Flooring
- New Bathroom Flooring
- Bathroom Renovation
- Classroom Ceiling Work
- Roof Work
- Metal Façade
- ADA ramp to stage
- Stage lighting
- Gym lighting
- IT equipment relocation
- HVAC for IT closet
- Gym Sound System
- Fire Alarm Replacement
- Paint
- Exterior Signage

Robert S. Oetting
Chief Operations Officer
Beaufort County School District
P.O. Drawer 309
Beaufort, SC 29901
843-322-0783
robert.oetting@beaufort.k12.sc.us

From: Robine, Cathy G <Cathy.Robine@beaufort.k12.sc.us>
Sent: Wednesday, December 11, 2019 9:34 AM
To: Gwozdz, Christina S
Subject: Document1
Attachments: Document1.docx

Attached is a copy of the topics that have been requested at each meeting since we began the future topics segment. I've highlighted the items that have been on the agenda.

These are taken from my notes and cross checked with the minutes that are posted on line.

William as secretary you may also have a list. Please check it against mine.

Best Regards,

Cathy

Future Topic List:

9/16: Board Workshop and Dr. Rodriguez's 90 day evaluation

Status update on SRO's in elementary schools from Dave Grissom

Impact fee study

Policy for accepting donations

Demographic Audit

Meeting with local delegation

10/1: Update on PC audit/compliance

RFP Grant Writer

2008 MCIP Ordinance

Re- establish policy committee

10/15: Annual work plan

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RFP Grant writer, municipal advisors

PE 9.0

11/5: Legislative mtg.

Resume policy readings

Grievance Policy

Demystify MCIP

11/19: Second Reading of Policy

Self Evaluation of Board

School Boundaries PE

From: Robine, Cathy G <Cathy.Robine@beaufort.k12.sc.us>
Sent: Monday, November 18, 2019 8:14 PM
To: Gwozdz, Christina S
Subject: Re: Draft notice regarding Evaluation Procedure

Ok I can't believe I misspelled you're name.

Cathy G. Robine
Beaufort County Board of Education
District 8
610-888-5296

From: Gwozdz, Christina S <Christina.Gwozdz@beaufort.k12.sc.us>
Sent: Monday, November 18, 2019 8:12:40 PM
To: Robine, Cathy G <Cathy.Robine@beaufort.k12.sc.us>
Subject: Re: Draft notice regarding Evaluation Procedure

Looks good.
Some typos:
Gwozdz misspelled in 2nd paragraph.
3rd paragraph should end in a period and not a comma.

Thank you for doing this.

Tina

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From: Robine, Cathy G <Cathy.Robine@beaufort.k12.sc.us>
Sent: Monday, November 18, 2019 5:50 PM
To: Gwozdz, Christina S <Christina.Gwozdz@beaufort.k12.sc.us>
Subject: Draft notice regarding Evaluation Procedure

Hi Tina,

Attached is a draft of the notice regarding the procedure for Robyn's evaluation. Let me know what you think. I'm happy to make changes.

Cathy G. Robine
Beaufort County Board of Education
District 8 Representative
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From: Robine, Cathy G <Cathy.Robine@beaufort.k12.sc.us>
Sent: Monday, November 18, 2019 5:51 PM
To: Gwozdz, Christina S
Subject: Draft notice regarding Evaluation Procedure
Attachments: 2019 Annual Evaluation.docx

Hi Tina,

Attached is a draft of the notice regarding the procedure for Robyn's evaluation. Let me know what you think. I'm happy to make changes.

Cathy G. Robine
Beaufort County Board of Education
District 8 Representative
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2019 Annual Evaluation, Executive Assistant to Board of Education

Attached is the evaluation instrument that will be used to assess the performance of our Executive Assistant, Robyn Cushingberry.

Each Board of Education Representative is asked to complete the form and return to Christina Gwozdz no later than December 4, 2019. Scores from each evaluation will be compiled resulting in a final comprehensive evaluation.

If your input is not received by Wednesday, December 4 it will not be used in the compilation and will not be reflected in the final evaluation,

Dr. Gwozdz and Mr. Smith will meet with Ms. Cushingberry to discuss the evaluation. A copy of the final evaluation scores will be shared with the full Board.

From: Gwozdz, Christina S <Christina.Gwozdz@beaufort.k12.sc.us>
Sent: Wednesday, November 13, 2019 12:45 PM
To: Fidrych, Patricia
Cc: Rodriguez, Francisco; Crosby, Tonya V; Cushingberry, Robyn L
Subject: Re: Impact Fee Study

Topic is on Dec 10 BOE meeting agenda.

Had to be postponed from Nov 19 b/c of success of referendum:) Impact fees now require some recalculation by consultant.

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From: Gwozdz, Christina S <Christina.Gwozdz@beaufort.k12.sc.us>
Sent: Wednesday, October 30, 2019 5:49 AM
To: Robine, Cathy G
Subject: Re: October 16 Agenda Setting Meeting

Thank you Cathy.

Christina Gwozdz, M.D.
Chair, Beaufort Co. Board of Education
District 9 Representative
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From: Robine, Cathy G <Cathy.Robine@beaufort.k12.sc.us>
Sent: Tuesday, October 29, 2019 9:34 PM
To: Cushingberry, Robyn L; Gwozdz, Christina S; Smith, William C
Subject: October 16 Agenda Setting Meeting

Good Evening,

I just watched the video of the October 16 agenda setting meeting and the minutes are correct, Mr. Smith was absent from both votes. (To approve the agenda and to adjourn the meeting.) He was present for a portion of the meeting.

Best Regards,

Cathy G. Robine
Beaufort County Board of Education
District 8 Representative
610-888-5296

From: Striebinger, David R <David.Striebinger@beaufort.k12.sc.us>
Sent: Monday, August 26, 2019 8:24 AM
To: Gwozdz, Christina S
Subject: Fw: Teacher of the Year Breakfast

david striebinger
Beaufort County Board of Education
District 2 representative

From: Striebinger, David R
Sent: Wednesday, August 7, 2019 4:42 PM
To: Mercado, Amelia B <Amelia.Mercado@beaufort.k12.sc.us>
Subject: Accepted: Teacher of the Year Breakfast
When: Friday, September 27, 2019 8:00 AM-9:30 AM.
Where: Callawassie

From: Robine, Cathy G <Cathy.Robine@beaufort.k12.sc.us>
Sent: Saturday, August 24, 2019 7:27 AM
To: Gwozdz, Christina S
Subject: Re: 23. June 18 2019 Special Called Board Meeting Minutes Approved (10).pdf

Unfortunately I attended this meeting by phone and did not take my usual notes. So I can't help.

Cathy G. Robine
Beaufort County Board of Education
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From: Gwozdz, Christina S <Christina.Gwozdz@beaufort.k12.sc.us>
Sent: Saturday, August 24, 2019 6:16:45 AM
To: Robine, Cathy G <Cathy.Robine@beaufort.k12.sc.us>
Subject: Fw: 23. June 18 2019 Special Called Board Meeting Minutes Approved (10).pdf

Saw you have not been included in this thread yet you are likely to have recorded the vote. Can you check and see what you have?

Thanks,
Tina

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From: Striebinger, David R <David.Striebinger@beaufort.k12.sc.us>
Sent: Thursday, August 22, 2019 2:24 PM
To: Gwozdz, Christina S
Subject: Fw: News media update

david striebinger
Beaufort County Board of Education
District 2 representative

From: Striebinger, David R <David.Striebinger@beaufort.k12.sc.us>
Sent: Tuesday, January 22, 2019 4:00 PM
To: Foster, James H <James.Foster@beaufort.k12.sc.us>; BOE <BOE@beaufort.k12.sc.us>
Subject: Re: News media update

Interesting that multiple Board members would discuss Mr. Henderson's personnel matter with the press and invite a lawsuit.

david striebinger
Beaufort County Board of Education
District 2 representative

From: Gwozdz, Christina S <Christina.Gwozdz@beaufort.k12.sc.us>
Sent: Saturday, August 17, 2019 7:12 AM
To: Fidrych, Patricia
Subject: Fw: letter to the cc
Attachments: 081919 ltr to countcil FC.docx

See below.

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From: Gwozdz, Christina S <Christina.Gwozdz@beaufort.k12.sc.us>
Sent: Saturday, August 17, 2019 7:07 AM
To: Richard Geier <geierrichardp@gmail.com>; Cathy Robine <cgrobine@gmail.com>; Smith, William C <William.Smith2@beaufort.k12.sc.us>; Campbell, Earl <earl.campbell@beaufort.k12.sc.us>; MELVIN CAMPBELL <campbellhilt@aol.com>; Dowling, John R <John.Dowling@beaufort.k12.sc.us>; patricia.fedrych@beaufort.k12.sc.us <patricia.fedrych@beaufort.k12.sc.us>; Orischak, Josephine A <Josephine.Orischak@beaufort.k12.sc.us>; rachelwisnefski@yahoo.com <rachelwisnefski@yahoo.com>; Rodriguez, Francisco <Francisco.Rodriguez@beaufort.k12.sc.us>; Crosby, Tonya V <Tonya.Crosby@beaufort.k12.sc.us>; david striebinger <dstriebinger@mindspring.com>
Subject: Re: letter to the cc

Thank you Dick and Tonya.

Under my signature please strike School District and replace with Board of Education.

Clarification -

Since \$5,200,000 + 5,000,000 + 8,769,820 does not equal the ad valorem tax revenue shortfall of the past 10 years of \$19,406,622 stated in the letter, are non reassessment years also included in that total? I think it needs clarification.

Have added Wendy to this thread.

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From: david striebinger <dstriebinger@mindspring.com>

Sent: Saturday, August 17, 2019 6:26:27 AM

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Subject: Re: letter to the cc

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-----Original Message-----

>From: Richard Geier <geierrichardp@gmail.com>

>Sent: Aug 16, 2019 8:09 PM

>To: Christina S Gwozdz <Christina.Gwozdz@beaufort.k12.sc.us>, Cathy Robine <cgrobine@gmail.com>, william.smith2@beaufort.k12.sc.us, earl.campbell@beaufort.k12.sc.us, MELVIN CAMPBELL <campbellhilt@aol.com>, John R Dowling <John.Dowling@beaufort.k12.sc.us>, patricia.fedrych@beaufort.k12.sc.us, joann.orischak@beaufort.k12.sc.us, david striebinger <dstriebinger@mindspring.com>, rachelwisnefski@yahoo.com, "Rodriguez, Francisco" <francisco.rodriguez@beaufort.k12.sc.us>, Tonya Crosby <Tonya.Crosby@beaufort.k12.sc.us>

>Subject: letter to the cc

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>> All,

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>Draft letter to be read and presented to the County Council Finance Committee on Monday for your comment/corrections/additions/deletions/discussion and hopefully approval at tomorrow's work session,

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>Dick

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August 19, 2019

Honorable Stewart Rodman

100 Ribaut Road

Beaufort, South Carolina 29901

RE: School District's Millage Surcharge Request

Dear Chairman Rodman:

The FY2018-2019 projected tax revenue for the Beaufort County School District was \$143,707,242.

This amount was based on a 104.6 mill tax adjustment from the previous FY2017-2018 millage rate of 113.5. This 8.9 mill tax decrease was determined by a projected tax revenue increase due to a reassessment scheduled that fiscal year. This millage adjustment was expected to be revenue neutral.

However, current estimates of FY2018-2019 School District revenue from ad valorem tax is \$134,937,820. This estimate will give the School District a revenue shortfall of \$8,769,820.

When the projected revenue shortage was first identified in March 2019, the School District initiated austerity measures to cope with the projected shortfall. These measures were insufficient to completely offset the revenue shortage. Consequently, the District was forced to use fund balance in the amount of \$5,019,829.

This is the third time the millage decrease initiated during a reassessment year fell short of the goal of achieving revenue neutrality. During reassessment ten years ago, the School District absorbed a \$5million budget shortfall. Five years ago, during reassessment, the School District had a revenue shortage of \$5.2 million. In the last ten years, County ad valorem tax revenue shortfall has now totaled approximately \$19,406,622. This long-term revenue shortage has significantly depleted BCSD reserves. The resulting fund balance decrease this year moved our fund balance percentage of annual general fund spending from 14.7% to 13.6%. School Board policy establishes a target range of 15% to 17% of the next year's anticipated expenditures. Therefore, our current fund balance does not meet Board policy or accepted fiscal government finance practice.

Beaufort County School District recently received its bond rating from Moody's Investor Service. We were fortunate to maintain our Aa1 credit rating. The concern expressed by the Moody representative, during the interview before the rating was assigned, was our declining fund balance percentage. When compared to peer School Districts with an Aa1 rating, we fell short of the average fund balance for those comparable institutions. During the discussion, Moody's was informed that we were working with our County Council on a fund balance restoration plan that involved a millage surcharge. If that surcharge is not approved, the District's future credit rating could be at risk.

On May 16, 2019 at a Special Called School Board meeting, the Board of Education made and approved a motion directing, "The Superintendent to take all necessary steps to explore all legal channels to recoup the (then estimated) \$7.7 million lost to the District due to an error in the County's calculation of last year's millage rollback." Legal channels include a State Statute that allows a millage surcharge be assessed to deal with tax revenue shortfalls. The proposed millage surcharge requested by the School District can recoup the revenue lost and allow the District to attain its fund balance policy target.

Like Beaufort County, the School District's fund balance is our reserve to cope with the unexpected. The Beaufort County School District must be able to deal with the aftermath of a major catastrophic event just like the County. We must be able get children back into school as soon as possible and must have the fiscal liquidity to do so. We are confident that the Beaufort County Board of Education and the Beaufort County Council will work together to obtain the resources the School District needs to provide high quality education of the 22,000+ students enrolled in our public schools. We look forward to working with you to achieve this objective in the best educational interests of our students.

Sincerely,

Christina Gwozdz, M.D.

Chair, Beaufort County School District

Cc: Beaufort County Board of Education Members
Beaufort County Council Members
Ashley Jacobs, Beaufort County Administrator
Frank Rodriguez, Beaufort County School District Superintendent
Tonya V. Crosby, Beaufort County School District CFO

From: Gwozdz, Christina S <Christina.Gwozdz@beaufort.k12.sc.us>
Sent: Thursday, August 15, 2019 8:16 AM
To: Striebinger, David R
Cc: Rodriguez, Francisco; Cartledge, Wendy B; Cushingberry, Robyn L
Subject: Re: tuesday agenda

Ok, thank you David.
Robyn please add to agenda.

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From: Striebinger, David R <David.Striebinger@beaufort.k12.sc.us>
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To: Gwozdz, Christina S <Christina.Gwozdz@beaufort.k12.sc.us>
Cc: Rodriguez, Francisco <Francisco.Rodriguez@beaufort.k12.sc.us>; Cartledge, Wendy B <Wendy.Cartledge@beaufort.k12.sc.us>; Cushingberry, Robyn L <Robyn.Cushingberry@beaufort.k12.sc.us>
Subject: RE: tuesday agenda

Since the committee hasn't seen it I think it should go under Board business

From: Striebinger, David R
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Subject: RE: tuesday agenda

Public session... Robert will have a document probably today

From: Gwozdz, Christina S
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Cc: Rodriguez, Francisco <Francisco.Rodriguez@beaufort.k12.sc.us>; Cartledge, Wendy B <Wendy.Cartledge@beaufort.k12.sc.us>; Cushingberry, Robyn L <Robyn.Cushingberry@beaufort.k12.sc.us>
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Can you please give me a little more info, i.e. public session Aug 20 under committee reports? Or, does it require exec session with legal advice?

Thank you.

Christina Gwozdz, M.D.

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From: Striebinger, David R <David.Striebinger@beaufort.k12.sc.us>

Sent: Wednesday, August 14, 2019 5:42:17 PM

To: BOE <BOE@beaufort.k12.sc.us>

Subject: tuesday agenda

Officers, unfortunately we did not have a quorum for the Operations Committee meeting but there is a time sensitive issue which needs to be added to the agenda... easement at Okatie Elementary.