

**BEAUFORT COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**School Board Meeting Minutes**  
**January 4, 2022**  
**District Educational Services Center**  
**Hybrid Meeting**

**Members Presents**

Christina Gwozdz, Chair	Ingrid Boatright	Earl Campbell
Melvin Campbell, Vice Chair	Tricia Fidrych	Richard Geier
David Striebinger, Secretary	Angela Middleton	Cathy Robine
	William Smith	Rachel Wisnefski

Dr. Christina Gwozdz called the meeting to order at 6:00p.m.

**Mrs. Cathy Robine made the motion to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Ingrid Boatright. The motion passed 11/0.**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. A moment of silence was observed.

Dr. Gwozdz stated that the media was properly notified.

**Chair's Statement**

Dr. Gwozdz read a statement that having completed her three- year commitment as Board Chair, she would be stepping aside this year. She highlighted the Board's major accomplishments since 2019 and thanked Board members for their efforts and collaboration and said it was a pleasure to serve with them as Chair and under the leadership of Superintendents Drs. Berg and Rodriguez.

**Superintendent's Report**

Other Matters: COVID-19 Update – Dr. Rodriguez shared COVID data and updated guidance from DHEC.

**Board Business Action**

- Election of Officers – Dr. Gwozdz explained the election process for the public.

Judge Grimsley officiated over the elections.

**Nomination for Chair**

**Colonel Richard Geier made the motion to nominate David Striebinger for Chair. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Cathy Robine.**

**Mrs. Tricia Fidrych made the motion to close the nomination. The motion was seconded by Mr. Melvin Campbell. The motion passed 11/0.**

**The motion to name David Striebinger as Chair passed 11/0.**

### Nomination for Vice Chair

**Dr. Christina Gwozdz made the motion to nominate Cathy Robine as Vice Chair. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Ingrid Boatright.**

**Dr. Christina Gwozdz made the motion to close the nominations. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Ingrid Boatright. The motion passed 11/0.**

**The motion to name Cathy Robine as Vice Chair passed 11/0.**

### Nomination for Secretary

**Mrs. Ingrid Boatright made the motion to nominate Angela Middleton as Secretary. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Cathy Robine.**

**Mrs. Tricia Fidrych made the motion to close the nomination. The motion was seconded by Colonel Richard Geier. The motion passed 11/0.**

**The motion to name Angela Middleton as Secretary passed 11/0.**

Newly elected Chair Striebinger thanked Dr. Gwozdz for her leadership and for always maintaining her composure during challenging times. He then presided over the rest of the meeting.

- **Approval of the 2022 Board Meeting Calendar**

**Dr. Christina Gwozdz made the motion to accept the calendar as drafted. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Ingrid Boatright. The motion passed 11/0.**

### **Future Agenda Topics**

Mrs. Robine would like to discuss committee reassignments.

### **Announcements**

- Dr. Rodriguez congratulated the newly elected officers and welcomed students and staff back to school.
- Mrs. Tricia Fidrych stated that the Operations Committee meeting schedule has changed to the second Wednesday of the month.

The meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at 6:21 p.m.

(Signature on Official File Copy) \_\_\_\_\_ Date: February 15, 2022

Angela Middleton, Secretary, Board of Education

Minutes prepared by Robyn Cushingberry, Executive Assistant

## **Motion Summary**

**A motion was made to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded and passed 11/0.**

### **Nomination for Chair**

**A motion was made to nominate David Striebinger for Chair. The motion was seconded.**

**A motion was made to close the nomination. The motion was seconded and passed 11/0.**

**A motion to name David Striebinger as Chair passed 11/0.**

### **Nomination for Vice Chair**

**A motion was made to nominate Cathy Robine as Vice Chair. The motion was seconded.**

**A motion was made to close the nominations. The motion was seconded and passed 11/0.**

**A motion to name Cathy Robine as Vice Chair passed 11/0.**

### **Nomination for Secretary**

**A motion was made to nominate Angela Middleton as Secretary. The motion was seconded.**

**A motion was made to close the nomination. The motion was seconded and passed 11/0.**

**A motion to name Angela Middleton as Secretary passed 11/0.**

**A motion was made to accept the calendar as drafted. The motion was seconded and passed 11/0.**