

BEAUFORT COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
School Board Meeting Minutes
January 18, 2022
Hilton Head Island School for the Creative Arts
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

Mr. David Striebinger called the meeting to order at 4:11 p.m.

Mrs. Cathy Robine made the motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of receipt of legal advice related to fiscal authority covered by the attorney client privilege pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Section 30-4-70(a)(2); receipt of legal advice related to three pending matters covered by the attorney client privilege pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Section 30-4-70(a)(2); discussion of proposed extension of engagement of governmental relations representation and consultation with Burr Forman, LLC pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Section 30-4-70(a)(2); discussion of negotiations incident to proposed Bluffton Elementary School, IT, Phase 2 Amendment #50 to MB Kahn pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Section 30-4-70(a)(2); discussion of negotiations incident to proposed McCracken Middle School IT, Phase 2 Amendment #51 to MB Kahn pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Section 30-4-70(a)(2); discussion of negotiations incident to proposed School for Creative Arts IT, Amendment #52 to MB Kahn pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Section 30-4-70(a)(2); employment matter re: Personnel Ratification Report; review of evaluation of Executive Administrator to Board pursuant to S.C. Code 30-4-70(a)(2); Adult Education/Home School Report pursuant to S.C. Code 30-4-40(a)(4). The motion was seconded by Dr. Rachel Wisnefski. The motion passed 11/0.

Mr. David Striebinger called the meeting back to open session at 6:10 p.m.

Action from Executive Session

Mrs. Cathy Robine made the motion that the Board of Education approve Amendment #50 with MB Kahn Construction for Phase II Technology Work at Bluffton Elementary School based on the Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) of \$1,053,117. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Tricia Fidrych. The motion passed 9/0/2. Rachel Wisnefski and William Smith abstained from the vote.

Mrs. Cathy Robine made the motion that the Board of Education approve Amendment #51 with MB Kahn Construction for Phase II Technology work at H.E. McCracken Middle School based on the Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) of \$1,414,662. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Ingrid Boatright. The motion passed 9/0/2. Rachel Wisnefski and William Smith abstained from the vote.

Mrs. Cathy Robine made the motion that the Board of Education approve Amendment #52 with MB Kahn Construction for Phase II Technology work at Hilton Head Island School for Creative Arts based on the Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) of \$2,067,800. The motion was seconded by Mr. Melvin Campbell. The motion passed 9/0/2. Rachel Wisnefski and William Smith abstained from the vote.

Mrs. Cathy Robine made the motion to approve the Superintendent's recommendations for employment listed on the December 1 to December 31, 2021 Personnel Ratification Report. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Ingrid Boatright. The motion passed 10/0/1. William Smith abstained from the vote. ([The link to the redacted December 1 to December 31, 2021 Personnel Ratification Report.](#))

Mrs. Cathy Robine made the motion to approve the Superintendent's recommendation for the monthly Adult Education/Home School report for January 2022. The motion was seconded by Mr. Earl Campbell. The motion passed 11/0.

Dr. Rachel Wisnefski made the motion to approve the agenda with the removal of the Riverview Charter School Annual Report. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Tricia Fidrych. The motion passed 11/0.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. A moment of silence was observed in memory of Jeffrey Hines, a district maintenance supervisor who recently passed.

Mr. Striebinger stated that the media was properly notified.

Under Points of Celebration, Dr. Rodriguez and the board recognized the following:

- **School Board Appreciation Month**
- **Character Education Students of the Month of December**
 - Northern BCSD – Whale Branch Middle School – 5th grade student Dav'ion Alston
 - Southern BCSD – Hilton Head island School – 12th grade student katie Lyons

Public Comment

- Dr. Cynthia Gregory-Smalls, President of the Beaufort County Education Association introduced herself and stated she would like to work closely with the district to close the achievement gap.
- David Cook spoke about his son's quarantine enforcement.
- Angela Rossillo spoke about quarantine enforcement.

Chair's Statement

Mr. Striebinger announced the 2022 committee assignments:

ACE: William Smith, Dick Geier, Ingrid Boatright

Academics: Dick Geier, Angela Middleton, Cathy Robine (chair), Mel Campbell

Ad Hoc Bluffton Growth: Angela Middleton, Rachel Wisnefski (chair), Tina Gwozdz

Finance: Earl Campbell, Dick Geier (chair), Rachel Wisnefski, Tina Gwozdz

Operations: Tricia Fidrych, Mel Campbell, Ingrid Boatright (chair)

Ad Hoc North of Broad: Earl Campbell (chair), Tricia Fidrych, Dick Geier

Policy: Tricia Fidrych (chair), Rachel Wisnefski, Cathy Robine

Results: Cathy Robine, Tina Gwozdz (chair), Mel Campbell

The Self Evaluation and Technology Committees will be discussed at the next work session.

Committee Reports

Finance Committee: Dick Geier, chair shared that the committee met on January 13 to discuss the recommendation of approval of the E-Rate 2022 funding; the impact fees update; and reformatting OE.5, 6, and 18.

Operations Committee: Tricia Fidrych, chair shared the committee met on January 12 and reviewed OE 16. The committee also was presented the Facilities Master Plan that will be discussed at the work session.

- Rob Corbin, Project Manager with CBRE-Heery presented the monthly construction update.
- Carol Crutchfield presented an overview of the 2020 Facilities Master Plan.

Technology Committee: David Striebinger, previous chair, shared the committee received a presentation from Karen Gilbert about technology and CTE. The committee will also revisit their mission.

Superintendent's Report

Goal #1 Student Achievement

- Academic Focus of Executive Directors
Mrs. MonaLise Dickson, and Dr. Celestine LaVan, presented the role and focus of the district's three Executive Directors.

Goal #3 Fiscal Responsibility

- October & November Monthly Transparency Report
- October & November \$100K Report
- Board Monthly Report

Mrs. Tonya Crosby addressed the Board's questions related to the monthly transparency, monthly \$100k, and Board monthly budget reports.

- ESSER Update
Mrs. Denise Mattson provided an update on ESSER funds.

Other Matters

- COVID Update
Dr. Rodriguez discussed the challenges of frequent DHEC updates. He recognized everyone within the school district for their hard work and efforts to keep schools functioning.

Dr. Rodriguez discussed dual modality and compensation during the second semester.

Mrs. Cathy Robine made the motion that the Beaufort County Board of Education authorize the Superintendent to pay \$1,000 of compensation to classroom teachers for the delivery purpose of dual modality instruction in the second semester of the 2021-2022 school year

from federal ESSER funds in an amount not to exceed \$2,000,000. The motion was seconded by Mr. Earl Campbell.

Mrs. Ingrid Boatright made the motion to postpone the discussion of additional compensation to the January 28 work session. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Tricia Fidrych.

Mrs. Ingrid Boatright amended motion to postpone the discussion dual modality compensation until the district provides a proposal with all of the necessary information provided. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Tricia Fidrych. The motion passed 11/0.

The Board had a discussion regarding DHEC policies and the district's medical director.

Mrs. Cathy Robine made the motion to accept the items on the Consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Dr. Rachel Wisniewski. The motion passed 11/0.

Consent Agenda

- OE-16 FOIA Annual Report and Quarterly Update
- E-Rate Funding Year 2022 Category 1 Application

Future Agenda Topics

- Dr. Gwozdz would like to discuss the recording of meeting minutes.
- Mrs. Fidrych would like an overview on special education dept.

The meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at 8:18 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

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