

**BEAUFORT COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**School Board Meeting Minutes**  
**March 1, 2022**  
**District Educational Services Center**  
**Hybrid Meeting**

**Members Presents**

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

**Members Absent**

Christina Gwozdz  
Angela Middleton, Secretary

Mr. David Striebinger called the meeting to order at 5:00p.m.

**Mrs. Cathy Robine made the motion to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussion of employment matter re: Personnel Ratification Report pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Section 30-4-70(a)(1); Adult Ed/Home School Report pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Section 30-4-40(a)(4);discussion of proposed vendor selection for Technology Assessment Services contract, RFP #23-013, pursuant to S.C. Coe Ann. Section 30-4-70(a)(2). The motion was seconded by Mrs. Tricia Fidrych. The motion passed 9/0. Christina Gwozdz and Angela Middleton were absent from the meeting.**

Mr. Striebinger called the meeting back into open session at 6:00 p.m.

**Action from Executive Session**

**Mrs. Cathy Robine made the motion to approve the Superintendent's recommendations for employment listed on the February 1- February 28, 2022 Personnel Ratification Report. The motion was seconded by Mr. Earl Campbell. The motion passed 9/0. (The link to the redacted February 1 – February 28, 2022 Personnel Ratification Report will be provided here when available.)**

**Mrs. Cathy Robine made the motion to approve the Superintendent's recommendation for the monthly Adult Education/Home School report for February 2022. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Tricia Fidrych. The motion passed 9/0.**

**Mrs. Cathy Robine made the motion that the Board authorize the Superintendent to issue a notice of award to Plante & Moran, PLLC, to provide Technology Assessment Services, as described in RFP #22-013. The Board authorizes the Superintendent to execute a contract with the firm upon the expiration of the protest period. The motion was seconded by Mr. William Smith. The motion passed 9/0.**

**Mrs. Ingrid Boatright made the motion to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Melvin Campbell. The motion passed 9/0.**

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

Mr. Striebinger stated that the media was properly notified.

## **Student Performance**

The Whale Branch Elementary fourth graders performed “This is Me” under the direction of music teacher Kelly Turner.

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

- **Character Education Student of the Month of January**
  - Northern BCSD – Joseph Shanklin Elementary School – Kindergarten student Trinsten Bee
- **Game Ball**

Dr. Rodriguez presented a game ball to Dr. N’kia Campbell for her excellent work in planning and executing the inaugural African American Education History Conference.
- **Partnership with the Gullah Farmers Co-op**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5vMAS9zMKKk>  
Dr. Rodriguez introduced members of the Gullah Farmers Coop and Sodexo, who shared information about the co-op initiative.

## **Public Comment**

The following community members spoke regarding the Beaufort High School logo.

- Arnold Bee, St. Helena Island
- Hebert Glaze, Burton
- Geraldine Doe, Beaufort
- Steven Green, Beaufort
- Linda Moyd-Hill, St. Helena Island
- Mary Moyd, St. Helena Island
- Roland Gardner, Beaufort
- Joseph Richardson, Beaufort
- Yvonne Smith, Burton
- Julius Green, St. Helena Island
- Barbara Laurie, Phone Call
- Jeannelle Drake, Phone Call
- Barbara Porchey- Phone Call, spoke regarding the African American History Conference.

## **Chair’s Report**

Mr. Striebinger provided an update from the SCSBA Annual Convention.

## **Committee Reports**

**Academics Committee:** Cathy Robine, chair shared that the committee met on February 23<sup>rd</sup> and was presented with versions of the 2022-23 academic calendar. The next meeting is scheduled for March 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Ad Hoc Bluffton Committee:** Rachel Wisnefski, chair stated the committee met on February 17<sup>th</sup> for a conversation and presentation from Beaufort County Treasurer Maria Walls. Dr. Wisnefski shared that the Town of Bluffton impact fee discussion took place on February 8<sup>th</sup> and that the video is on the Town’s website for those interested in reviewing.

**Technology Committee:** Ingrid Boatright, chair shared that the committee met on February 5<sup>th</sup> to discuss the scope of the technology needs assessment.

## **Superintendent's Report**

### **Goal #1 Student Achievement**

- Follow-up to the African American History Conference  
Dr. N'Kia Campbell presented an update on the African American History Education Conference that was held February 18-20, 2022.

### **Goal #3 Fiscal Responsibility**

- Hilton Head Impact Fees  
Mrs. Tonya Crosby gave an update on the Hilton Head impact fees.

### **Other Matters:**

- COVID-19 Update  
Dr. Rodriguez shared COVID data and shared new DHEC guidelines that began on March 1.

## **Board Business**

- Approval of the 2022-2023 Draft Academic Calendar  
Dr. Mary Stratos presented the 2022-23 academic calendar option.

**Mrs. Cathy Robine made the motion to approve the 2022-2023 calendar as presented on March 1, 2022. The motion was seconded by Mr. Melvin Campbell. The motion passed 9/0.**

**Mrs. Cathy Robine made the motion to approve the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Mr. William Smith. The motion passed 9/0.**

## **Consent Agenda**

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## **Future Agenda Topics**

- William Smith would like to discuss the policy for the mascots
- Ingrid Boatright would like to discuss the Administrative Regulation on nepotism in violation of O.E.4.3.
- Tricia Fidrych would like to discuss possible uses of ESSER funds to provide a bonus for district employees.
- Earl Campbell would like to review a program that Williston School District has where Community members with master's degrees who aren't educators can come and teach in the schools.

## **Announcements**

- Dr. Rodriguez shared that Academic World Quest will take place on March 26 beginning at 9 a.m. at Bluffton High School.
- Mr. Smith announced that Read Across America starts this week.

The meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at 8:01 p.m.

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

Angela Middleton, Secretary, Board of Education

Minutes prepared by Robyn Cushingberry, Executive Assistant

## Motion Summary

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