

BEAUFORT COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Joint School Board & SIC Meeting Minutes
April 29, 2021
Hybrid Board Meeting

Members Present

Christina Gwozdz, Chair	Ingrid Boatright	Earl Campbell
David Striebinger, Secretary	Richard Geier	Angela Middleton
	Rachel Wisnefski	

Members Absent

Melvin Campbell, Vice Chair
Tricia Fidrych
Cathy Robine
William Smith

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

Dr. Rachel Wisnefski made the motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Mr. David Striebinger. The motion passed 7/0.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and a moment of silence was observed.

Dr. Gwozdz stated that the media was properly notified.

Under the Introduction, Dr. Gwozdz thanked the SICs and read from the SIC Handbook the forward on Effectiveness. Instructions were given on how the format of the meeting would be conducted.

Summer Project Timeline

Mr. Robert Oetting presented the Summer Project timeline. The presentation included the following:

- Information on the 2019 Referendum
- Completed Referendum Projects
- Information on the Citizen's Led Oversight Committee (CLOC)
- The Project Timeline – current projects; summer start; on-deck projects

Mr. Oetting also shared the location on the District Website where the community can see a monthly report on the projects at each school.

Small Groups

Board and SIC members broke out into groups by elementary, middle and high school levels to address three questions:

1. How Elementary and Middle Schools are handling graduation/moving up ceremonies?
2. How are SICs recruiting new members and engaging community?
3. Homebound Teachers/Support

Each group reported out on its discussion. Dr. Rachel Wisnefski led the discussion with the Elementary group. Mrs. Angela Middleton led the discussion with the middle school group and Colonel Geier led the high school group.

Future Topic/Format

- How will classroom set-up look like for next year
- Teacher Retention
- Population Boom Infrastructure

The participants like the format that was used for the meeting. It was suggested that the next joint meeting follow the same format. The group also believed that having the meeting in a hybrid format allows for more participation. There were 75 participants at the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

(Signature on Official File Copy) _____ Date: May 18, 2021

David Striebinger, Secretary, Board of Education

Minutes prepared by Robyn Cushingberry, Executive Assistant

Motion Summary

A motion was made to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded and passed 7/0.