

BEAUFORT COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
School Board Work Session Meeting Minutes
October 22, 2021
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 9:00 a.m.

Colonel Richard Geier 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.

Teacher Retention/Recruitment - Visas/International Teachers

Ms. Alice Walton introduced Reggie Deas, Director of Personnel, and Melissa Azallion Kenny, an attorney with Burr Forman. Mr. Deas presented the process of hiring international teachers. Mr. Deas. Ms. Kenny presented on recruiting international teachers.

African American Heritage Conference

Dr. N’Kia Campbell provided information on the African American Heritage Conference.

Supporting Language Proficiency and Acquisition

Mrs. Karen McKenzie presented information on steps the Instructional Services Department has taken since the Board requested information on the Gullah Geechee impact on language proficiency.

Ms. Victoria Smalls, Director of the Gullah Geechee Heritage Corridor Commission, presented information about Gullah Geechee culture.

Information on the Process for Minority Contracts

Mr. Robert Oetting and Mrs. Kaylee Yinger presented information on the process for minority contracts.

Review the SCSBA 2021 Delegate Assembly Handbook

Dr. Gwozdz provided background information on the delegate assembly. Board discussion on delegation issues. It was requested that the Policy Committee add to their agenda the discussion of the SCSBA Legislative Resolution “Tuition Tax Credits and Vouchers”.

Work session adjourned at 2:33 p.m.

(Signature on Official File Copy) _____ Date: November 2, 2021

David Striebinger, 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.

(There wasn't any other Board action taken at this meeting.)