

BEAUFORT COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
School Board Meeting Minutes
April 19, 2022
Hilton Head Library
Hybrid Meeting

Members Presents

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

Mr. David Striebinger called the meeting to order at 3:30p.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);discussion of proposed selection for Food Service Management Company Services contract, RFP #22-1017 pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Section 30-4-70(a)(2);employment matters re: Personnel Ratification Report and personnel matter; discussion of 2022-2023 employment recommendations pursuant to SC Code Ann. Section 30-4-70(a)(1);receipt of legal advice regarding one settled claim and pending claims covered by the attorney client privilege pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Section 30-4-70(a)(2);Adult Ed/Home School Report pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Section 30-4-40(a)(4);discussion of negotiations incident to proposed Hilton Head Island School for the Creative Arts HVAC upgrade, Amendment #3 to M.B. Kahn Construction Co., contract pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Section 30-4-70(a)(2). The motion was seconded by Mrs. Tricia Fidrych. The motion passed 9/0. William Smith and Rachel Wisnefski were absent from the vote.

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

Action from Executive Session

Mrs. Angela Middleton made the motion to approve the Superintendent's recommendations for employment listed on the March 1 to March 31, 2022 Personnel Ratification Report. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Tricia Fidrych. The motion passed 11/0.

Mrs. Angela Middleton made the motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendations for the renewal of certified employees for the 2022-2023 school year. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Tricia Fidrych. The motion passed 9/1/1. William Smith voted against the motion. Rachel Wisnefski abstained from the vote.

Mrs. Angela Middleton made the motion that the Board accepts the Superintendent's recommendation that the contract of an Annual Contract teacher, Employee D not be renewed for the 2020-2023 school year. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Cathy Robine. The motion passed 10/0/1. William Smith abstained from the vote.

Mrs. Angela Middleton made the motion that the Board accepts the Superintendent's recommendation that the contract of a LOA Contract teacher, Employee E not be renewed for the 2020-2023 school year. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Cathy Robine. The motion passed 10/0/1. William Smith abstained from the vote.

Mrs. Angela Middleton made the motion that the Board accepts the Superintendent's recommendation that the contract of an Induction Contract teacher, Employee C not be renewed for the 2020-2023 school year. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Cathy Robine. The motion passed 10/0/1. William Smith abstained from the vote.

Mrs. Angela Middleton made the motion that the Board accepts the Superintendent's recommendation that the contract of an Induction Contract teacher, Employee B not be renewed for the 2020-2023 school year. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Cathy Robine. The motion passed 10/0/1. William Smith abstained from the vote.

Mrs. Angela Middleton made the motion that the Board accepts the Superintendent's recommendation that the contract of an Induction Contract teacher, Employee A not be renewed for the 2020-2023 school year. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Cathy Robine. The motion passed 10/0/1. William Smith abstained from the vote.

Mrs. Angela Middleton made the motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation for the monthly Adult Education/Home School Report for March 2022. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Cathy Robine. The motion passed 10/0/1. William Smith abstained from the vote.

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Dr. Christina Gwozdz amended the motion that the Board of Education approve Amendment #3 with MB Kahn Construction for Hilton Head Island School for the Creative Arts Partial Building HVAC Upgrade based on the Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) of \$795,940 using FY2023 8% funds & ESSER Funds giving preference to ESSER Funds. The motion was seconded by Mr. William Smith. The motion passed 11/0.

Final motion that the Board of Education approve Amendment #3 with MB Kahn Construction for Hilton Head Island School for the Creative Arts Partial Building HVAC Upgrade based on the Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) of \$795,940 using FY2023 8% funds & ESSER Funds. The motion passed 11/0.

Dr. Christina Gwozdz made the motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Angela Middleton. The motion passed 11/0.

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

Mr. Striebinger stated that the media was properly notified.

Performance

The Lady's Island Elementary 4th and 5th graders sang "Lean On Me/Don't Stop Believin'" arranged by John Jacobson under the direction of music teacher John Bittner.

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

- **Character Ed for February – South of the Broad**
 - Southern BCSD – Hilton Head Island School for the Creative Arts – 2nd grade student, Simon Van Tonder
- **Bluffton High School first-place winners of the Distributive Education Clubs of American (DECA) Competition Celebrations**
- **Academy for Career Excellence Skills USA Competition State Champions**
- **Red Cedar Elementary Continental Math League Competition**
- **Meagan Berger , Hilton Head High School – Sea Island Regional Science Fair First-place Winner**

Public Comments

The following community members spoke about Beaufort High's logo and color change.

- Prestine Alexander, St. Helena Island
- Geraldine Doe, Beaufort
- Mary E. Moyd, Beaufort
- Linda Moyd Hill, Beaufort
- David Cook, Beaufort spoke about reviewing instructional materials.
- David Watson, (Phone) spoke about an altercation between his student and another student.
- Tonya Andrews (Phone) spoke about Erin's Law.

Committee Reports

Legislative Committee: Christina Gwozdz, chair introduce the Board's Lobbyist, Lynn Stokes Murray, who provided a legislative update.

Dr. Gwozdz shared the committee recently met for first time and defined the committee's scope of work, and also provided an update on the request to meet with the legislative delegation.

Dr. Rachel Wisnefski made the motion that the Beaufort County Board approve the Legislative Scope. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Angela Middleton. The motion passed 11/0.

Academics Committee: Cathy Robine, chair shared that the committee met on March 30 and received a presentation on the summary of 2021-22 initiatives and new initiatives that focus on PreK, CTE, and building the gifted and talented program. The next meeting is May 4th.

Finance Committee: Richard Geier, chair made the following motions:

Colonel Richard Geier made the motion that the Beaufort County Board of Education accept the TD Bank 2021E Bond Refunding term sheet as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Earl Campbell. The motion passed 10/0/1. William Smith abstained from the vote.

Mrs. Tonya Crosby and Mr. Brian Nurick, with Compass Financial Advisors, provided information and addressed the Board's questions.

Colonel Richard Geier made the motion that the Beaufort County Board of Education approve the final issuance of 2019 Referendum bonds in the amount of \$139,610,000. The motion was seconded by Mr. Earl Campbell. The motion passed 10/0/1. William Smith abstained from the vote.

Mrs. Crosby provided information.

Colonel Richard Geier made the motion that the Beaufort County Board of Education adopt the 2021 Model School District Procurement Code. The Finance Committee further recommends that the Board of Education approve the addition of the procurement exemptions to the Model Code as presented to the Committee. Upon adoption by the Board of Education, the 2021 Model Code with the exemptions will be forwarded to the State Fiscal Accountability Authority, Division of Procurement Services for final approval. The motion was seconded by Mr. Earl Campbell.

Mr. William Smith made a motion to table the discussion. The motion was seconded by Mr. Earl Campbell. The motion failed 1/10. Earl Campbell, Christina Gwozdz, David Striebinger, Cathy Robine, Melvin Campbell, Tricia Fidrych, Rachel Wisnefski, Richard Geier, Angela Middleton, and Ingrid Boatright voted against the motion.

The original motion passed 9/2. Melvin Campbell and William Smith voted against the motion.

Mrs. Crosby provided information and introduced Mrs. Kaylee Yinger, who reviewed the code updates and addressed the Board's questions.

Colonel Richard Geier made the motion that the Beaufort County Board of Education authorize the Superintendent, or his designee, to apply for, sign, submit and administer federal, state, local and foundation grant applications and cooperative agreements for the 2022-2023 school year. The motion was seconded by Mr. Earl Campbell. The motion passed 11/0.

Mrs. Crosby provided information.

Operations Committee: Ingrid Boatright, chair shared that the committee met on March 21 and received updates on the following Communication ARs:

- E-1 Communication Guidelines
- E-2 Community Relations Goals and Priority Objectives
- E-7 Public Information and Communication
- E-8 Press Releases
- E-9 Media Relations
- E-21 Crisis Management Communication

The committee also received information from Dave Grissom on SRO training; and information on the Maintenance and Custodial Report.

Mrs. Ingrid Boatright made the motion to accept OE8.0 Maintenance and Custodial Report. The motion was seconded by Mr. Melvin Campbell. The motion passed 11/0.

Mrs. Boatright provided information regarding the nepotism policy.

Mrs. Ingrid Boatright made the motion that the Superintendent review AR-HRS-6.11. The motion was seconded by Mr. Melvin Campbell.

Mrs. Ingrid Boatright amended the motion that the Superintendent review and bring in line with the state standards AR-HRS-6.11. The motion was seconded by Mr. Melvin Campbell. The motion failed 4/7. Earl Campbell, Christina Gwozdz, David Striebinger, Cathy Robine, Rachel Wisnefski, Richard Geier, and Angela Middleton voted against the motion.

Policy Committee: Tricia Fidrych, chair shared that the committee met and discussed the following policies and Administration Regulation:

- GC-2.23 – Public Comments.
- OE8.7 – Facilities Use Policy
- OE8.10 – School Names, Mascots, and Colors
- OE6.16 – Financial Administration
- AR HRS-6 Staff Ethics

The committee agreed that policy GC-2.23 – Public Comments needs tweaking, and the committee will draft an update. The committee determined that OE8.7, OE6.16 and AR HRS-6 did not need any changes or a recommendation from committee. The committee will review OE 8.10 against the administrative regulation to ensure consistency.

Results Committee: Christina Gwozdz, chair shared that the committee met on April 4 and is continuing to gather data to bring recommendations on modifications to results documentation. The committee will discuss State assessments, teacher recruitment and retention. The next committee meeting is May 4th.

Technology Committee: Ingrid Boatright, chair shared that the committee received a presentation about how Ed Tech Coaches are used and deployed at school and reviewed and edited OE 17.

Mrs. Ingrid Boatright made the motion for full Board approval of OE17.0 Administrative Technology and will be called Technology Services. The motion was seconded by Mr. William Smith.

Dr. Rachel Wisnefski made the motion to postpone the action on this policy until we get clarification. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Tricia Fidrych. The motion passed 10/1. Ingrid Boatright voted against the motion.

Superintendent's Report

Goal #1 Student Achievement

- Extended Learning

Dr. Mary Stratos introduced Gaynelle Dantzler, who presented an update on extended learning initiatives. Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tfbWKENDcKI&feature=share>

Dr. Stratos presented additional April interventions.

Goal #3 Fiscal Responsibility

- Monthly Transparency Report
- Monthly \$100K Report
- Board Monthly Budget

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

- Hello Hero's – Mental Health
Ms. Alice Walton provided information on Hello Hero's, the district's newest mental health services partner.

Mr. Earl Campbell made the motion to finish Board business tonight. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Cathy Robine. The motion passed 11/0.

Public Comments

- Steven Green, Beaufort asked about the mascot policy.

Board Business

- Donation from Adopt-A-School in the amount valued at \$7,972.00 to St. Helena Island Elementary School for a Recording Studio for Students

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Board members thanks each of the donors for their generous support of the district's schools.

- Approval of SCAGO Installment Purchase Bond Resolution \$3,000,000

Dr. Christina Gwozdz made the motion to approve the SCAGO Installment Purchase Bond Resolution of \$3,000,000. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Cathy Robine. The motion passed 10/0. William Smith was absent from the vote.

Consent Agenda

- Approval of the March 15, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes
- Approval of the March 25, 2022 Work Session Meeting Minutes

Dr. Christina Gwozdz made the motion that the Board of Education accept the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Cathy Robine. The motion passed 10/0. William Smith was absent from the vote.

Announcements

Dr. Rodriguez announced that May River High School placed 2nd in the Academic World Quest Competition.

The meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at 9:11 p.m.

(Signature on Official File Copy) _____ Date: May 3, 2022

Angela Middleton, Secretary, Board of Education

Minutes prepared by Robyn Cushingberry, Executive Assistant

Motion Summary

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