

BEAUFORT COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
School Board Meeting Minutes
June 7, 2022
District Educational Services Center
Hybrid Meeting

Members Presents

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

Member Absent

David Striebinger, Chair

Mrs. Cathy Robine called the meeting to order at 4:30p.m.

Dr. Christina Gwozdz made the motion to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of receipt of legal advice regarding two pending claims covered by the attorney client privilege pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Section 30-4-70(a)(2); receipt of information related to security plans pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Section 30-4-20(c); Employment Matter re: Personnel Ratification Report pursuant to SC 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 negotiations incident to proposed modular classroom relocation at Pritchardville Elementary School, Amendment #21 to M.B. Kahn contract pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Section 30-4-70(a)(2); discussion of negotiations incident to proposed Whale Branch Early College High School Phase 1 Safety/Security and Technology/Infrastructure, Amendment #1 to Charles Perry Partners, Inc. contract pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Section 30-4-70(a)(2); discussion of negotiations incident to proposed Beaufort Middle School HVAC upgrade and drainage improvements and exterior walls repairs, Amendment #12 to Thompson Turner Construction contract pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Section 30-4-70(a)(2). The motion was seconded by Mrs. Tricia Fidrych. The motion passed 10/0. (David Striebinger was absent from the meeting.)

Mrs. Robine called the meeting back to open session at 6:10 p.m.

Action From Executive Session

Mrs. Angela Middleton made the motion to approve the Superintendent's recommendations for employment listed on the May 1 to May 31, 2022 Personnel Ratification Report. The motion was seconded by Dr. Christina Gwozdz. The motion passed 10/0. ([The link to the redacted May 1 – May 31, 2022 Personnel Ratification Report.](#))

Mrs. Angela Middleton made the motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation for the monthly Adult Education/Home School Report for May 2022. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Tricia Fidrych. The motion passed 10/0.

Mrs. Angela Middleton made the motion that the Board of Education approve Amendment #1 with Charles Perry Partners, Inc. for Whale Branch Early College High School Phase 1 Safety/Security and Technology/Infrastructure based on the Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) of \$712,904. The motion was seconded by Mr. William Smith. The motion passed 9/0/1. Rachel Wisnefski abstained from the vote.

Mrs. Angela Middleton made the motion that the Board of Education approve Amendment #21 with M.B. Kahn Construction Co., Inc. for the Modular Classroom Relocation at Pritchardville Elementary School based on the Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) of \$782,000. The motion was seconded by Mr. Earl Campbell. The motion passed 9/0/1. Rachel Wisnefski abstained from the vote.

Mrs. Angela Middleton made the motion that the Board of Education approve Amendment #12 with Thompson Turner Construction for the HVAC Upgrades, Drainage Improvements and Exterior Wall Repairs at Beaufort Middle School based on the Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) of \$2,512,117. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Ingrid Boatright. The motion passed 9/0/1. Rachel Wisnefski abstained from the vote.

Dr. Christina Gwozdz made the motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Tricia Fidrych. The motion passed 10/0.

The Pledge of allegiance was recited. A moment of silence was observed for the students and teachers who were killed in the shooting in Uvalde, Texas.

Mrs. Robine stated that the media was properly notified.

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

- **Character Education for Northern BCSD of the months:**
 - **April - Brian Byran, 7th grade at Whale Branch Middle School**
 - **May - Jayde Jones, 8th grade at Whale Branch Middle School**
- **Game Ball Award**

Dr. Rodriguez presented Dee Matthews with the Game Ball for her role in mentoring and supporting district administrators.
- **Battery Creek High School Future Farmers of America State Champs**
- **Beaufort High 4A State Champions**
 - **Individual Boys Tennis Singles – Graeme Angus 8th Grade student at Beaufort Middle (competes for Beaufort High School)**
 - **Shot Put – Track and Field - Jayla Daise 12th Grade Student**

Public Comment

- Ms. Chisolm, an employee spoke about her employment.
- Linda M. Moyd Hill, St. Helena Island spoke about the Beaufort High logo and colors.
- David Cook, (Phone Call), spoke regarding bathroom breaks at schools.

Chair's Report

Mrs. Robine shared that it was an honor for the Board members to attend the 2022 graduation ceremonies, and extended thanks to BCSD employees.

Committee Reports

Ad Hoc Bluffton Growth & North of the Broad Committees: Rachel Wisnefski, Ad Hoc Bluffton Growth Committee Chair shared a report from the joint meeting.

Dr. Rachel Wisnefski made the motion that the Board of Education transition from separate committees to move forward as one committee regarding referendum and future facilities planning. The motion was seconded by Mr. Earl Campbell. The motion passed 8/1/1. William Smith voted against the motion. Ingrid Boatright abstained from the vote.

Legislative Committee: Christina Gwozdz, chair shared that the committee was tasked with bringing the Board's will for a legislative proposal to the South Carolina School Boards Association for the upcoming Legislative Session that will begin next January. Dr. Gwozdz read the [draft proposal recommendation](#).

Dr. Christina Gwozdz made the motion that the Board of Education bring forth the recommended language to the SC School Board's Association. The motion was seconded by Dr. Rachel Wisnefski. The motion passed 10/0.

Operations Committee: Ingrid Boatright, chair shared that the committee reviewed updates to HRS- 18 Vacations and Holidays and the 8% FY24 Itemized prioritized list.

Results Committee: Christina Gwozdz, chair shared a committee report. The next meeting is scheduled for June 16.

Superintendent's Report

Goal #1 Student Achievement

- Art Initiative
Dr. Mary Stratos introduced Karen McKenzie, who presented on district art initiatives.

Goal #3 Fiscal Responsibility

- Budget Update on Council First Reading
Mrs. Tonya Crosby provided a budget update from the County Council first reading. The second reading of the budget is scheduled for Monday, June 13th at County Council Chambers in Beaufort at 6:00pm. The third and final reading of the budget is scheduled for Monday, June 27th at County Council Chambers in Beaufort at 6:00pm.
- School Food Service Transition Update
Mrs. Crosby introduced Shelia Burtz who presented an update on the school food service transition.

Board Business Action

- Donation from Pritchardville Elementary School PTO in the amount of \$18,357.63 to Pritchardville Elementary School for field trips for all grade levels.

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Consent Agenda

- Approval of the May 17, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes

Dr. Rachel Wisniewski made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Ingrid Boatright. The motion passed 9/0/1. Rachel Wisniewski abstained from the motion.

Future Agenda Topics

- Dr. Wisniewski would like to discuss alternative programs in middle and high schools during an academic committee meeting.
- Mrs. Boatright would like an update on the community engagement program.

Public Comments

- Ms. Chisolm, an employee spoke regarding her current personnel issue.

The meeting adjourned at 8:21 by unanimous consent.

Motion Summary

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