

**BEAUFORT COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
School Board Meeting Minutes  
July 12, 2022  
District Educational Services Center  
Hybrid Meeting**

**Members Presents**

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

**Member Absent**

Ingrid Boatright

Mrs. Cathy Robine called the meeting to order at 5:00p.m.

**Dr. Christina Gwozdz made the motion to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of receipt of legal advice on bonds covered by the attorney client privilege pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Section 30-4-70(a)(2); 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); receipt of legal advice regarding two pending legal claims covered by the attorney client privilege pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Section 30-4-70(a)(2); receipt of legal advice and attorney-client privilege communication regarding pending worker's compensation claim pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Section 30-4-70(a)(2). The motion was seconded by Colonel Richard Geier. The motion passed 9/0. Ingrid Boatright was absent from the meeting. William Smith was absent from the vote.**

Mrs. Cathy Robine called the meeting back to order at 6:01 p.m.

**Action from Executive Session**

**Colonel Richard Geier made the motion that the Board of Education accept the administration's recommendation to utilize bond premiums from the 2019 referendum bonds to fund the increased referendum project costs due to unanticipated inflation in an amount not to exceed of \$31.1 million. The motion was seconded by Dr. Christina Gwozdz. The motion passed 9/0/1. William Smith abstained from the vote.**

**Dr. Christina Gwozdz made the motion to approve the Superintendent's recommendations for employment listed on the June 1 to June 30, 2022 Personnel Ratification Report . The motion was seconded by Mr. Earl Campbell. The motion passed 10/0.**

**Dr. Christina Gwozdz made the motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation for the monthly Adult Education/Home School Report for June 2022. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Tricia Fidrych. The motion passed 10/0.**

**Dr. Christina Gwozdz made the motion that the Board approve settlement authority in the pending worker's compensation case in the amount of \$132,929.68. The motion was seconded by Dr. Rachel Wisniewski. The motion passed 10/0.**

**Mr. Earl Campbell made the motion to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Colonel Richard Geier. The motion passed 10/0.**

The Pledge of allegiance was recited. A moment of silence was observed Tammy Videla, a school counselor at Hilton Head Island High School who recently passed away.

Mrs. Robine stated that the media was properly notified.

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

- **Whale Branch Early College High School Class A Championship**

#### **Public Comment**

- David Cook, Hilton Head island spoke regarding IS 38.1.
- Geraldine Doe, representing Beaufort High School alumni, requested answers why the Beaufort High's logo, mascot, and colors were changed, and made requests to reinstate the "original" logo on school property.

#### **CLOC Update**

Mr. Ted Barber presented a referendum update.

#### **Committee Reports**

**Legislative Committee:** Christina Gwozdz, chair introduced the Board's lobbyist, Lynn Stokes-Murray, who presented an update on action that had taken place in the Legislation.

**Academics Committee:** Cathy Robine, chair shared that the committee met on June 22 and discussed minor edits to ARs IS-9 Instructional Programs; IS-43 Grading Assessments Systems; and IS-49 Graduation requirements. The next committee meeting is July 26 at 5 p.m.

Dr. Mary Stratos introduced Colleen Beck-Ungvarsky, who presented the new AR, IS-38.1, Procedures for Handling Questioned or Challenged School Library Materials.

**Ad Hoc Combined North/South of the Broad:** Richard Geier, chair shared that the committee met on July 6 to brainstorm committee tasks.

**Mr. David Striebinger made the motion to dissolve this committee. The motion was seconded by Dr. Christina Gwozdz.**

**Dr. Christina Gwozdz made the motion to postpone the dissolution of the committee until the discussion takes place at the next Work Session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Melvin Campbell. The motion passed 9/1. William Smith voted against the motion.**

**Operations Committee:** Tricia Fidrych, reported that the committee met last week and received the OE16.1 and 16.2 FOIA – 2022 Second Quarter FOIA Report. The committee discussed five redesigns to the Beaufort High School entrance. Mrs. Fidrych read a draft letter addressed to County Council that the committee would like the Board to send.

**Mrs. Tricia Fidrych made the motion that the Board of Education approve the letter, and have it sent to the County Council Public Facilities Committee regarding Beaufort High School Entrance redesign. The motion was seconded by Mr. William Smith.**

**Dr. Christina Gwozdz made the motion to amend the letter to remove the last paragraph of the letter except for the last sentence. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Cathy Robine. The motion failed 5/5. Melvin Campbell, Tricia Fidrych, Rachel Wisnefski, William Smith and Richard Geier voted against the motion.**

**Dr. Rachel Wisnefski made the motion to amend that the Board of Education approve the letter, and have it sent to the County Council Public Facilities Committee regarding Beaufort High School Entrance redesign with the addition of adding “the board” to the last sentence. The motion was seconded by Tricia Fidrych. The motion passed 9/0/1. Angela Middleton abstained from the vote.**

**Policy Committee:** Mrs. Fidrych, chair shared the committee received recommended updates to several policies: GC2.15; GC2.23; OE6.16; and OE17.

**Mrs. Tricia Fidrych made the motion that the Board of Education approve the changes to Policy GC2.15 with the recommended changes. The motion was seconded by Cathy Robine. The motion passed 9/0/1. William Smith abstained by the vote.**

**Mrs. Tricia Fidrych made the motion that the Board of Education approve the changes to Policy OE6.16 as presented. The motion was seconded by Dr. Christina Gwozdz. The motion passed 10/0.**

**Mrs. Tricia Fidrych made the motion that the Board of Education approve the changes to Policy OE 17 as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. William Smith. Mrs. Fidrych withdrew the motion.**

Mrs. Fidrych stated that the committee will meet again on July 14, 5 p.m. at the district office.

**Results Committee:** Christina Gwozdz, chair stated the committee met last week and received ranking data for the 2018-19 and 2020-21 school years.

**Dr. Christina Gwozdz made the motion that the full Board approve the 2021-2022 Superintendent Evaluation Instrument with the following changes as brought forth by the Results Committee:**

- 1. Continue to use the modified Professional Practice portion with Pandemic Responses,**
- 2. Reinstate the Measurable Component of Financial Oversight, and**
- 3. Weigh the Professional Practice portion at 85% and the Financial Oversight Measurable Component at 15%. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Cathy Robine. The motion passed 8/2. Rachel Wisnefski and William Smith voted against the motion.**

#### **Superintendent’s Report**

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

- Update on Profile of the Beaufort Graduate

Karen McKenzie presented an update on the profile of a Beaufort County graduate. Dr. Stratos and Ms. McKenzie addressed the Board's questions.

**Dr. Christina Gwozdz made the motion to move to public comments and that we extend the meeting pass 9:15. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Cathy Robine. The motion passed 10/0.**

#### **Public Comment**

The following community members spoke about the Beaufort High colors, logo, and mascot.

- Christine Alexander, St. Helena Island
- Jeanelle Drake, Phone call

#### **Board Business Action**

- Resolution to memorialize Beaufort High School History  
**Mrs. Tricia Fidrych made the motion that the Beaufort County Board of Education directs the Superintendent to create a resolution declaring the Board's recognition of the history and selection of Beaufort High School's name, school mascot and school colors. The motion was seconded by Mr. Melvin Campbell. The motion passed 10/0.**
- Beaufort High School Football Field Press box

**Mrs. Tricia Fidrych made the motion that the Beaufort County Board of Education directs the Superintendent to replace the current depiction of the eagle on the parking lot side of the Beaufort High School's football field press box with the following phrase written in the school's colors: Home of the Beaufort High School Eagles. The motion was seconded Mr. William Smit. The motion passed 7/2/1. Christina Gwozdz, Rachel Wisnefski voted against the motion. Angela Middleton abstained from the vote.**

#### **Consent Agenda**

- Approval of the June 21, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes
- OE16.1 and 16.2 FOIA – 2022 Second Quarter FOIA Report

**Dr. Rachel Wisnefski made the motion to approve Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Dr. Christina Gwozdz. The motion passed 9/0/1. William Smith abstained from the vote.**

The meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at 9:42 p.m.

(Signature on Official File Copy) \_\_\_\_\_ Date: August 2, 2022

Angela Middleton, Secretary, Board of Education

Minutes prepared by Robyn Cushingberry, Executive Assistant

## Motion Summary

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