



Date: November 29, 2022

Purpose: Community Project Review Committee 2.0 – First Meeting

Beaufort County School District Attendees:

Dr. Frank Rodriguez, Herbert Berg Ed. D, Robert Oetting, Carol Crutchfield, Freddie Lawton Jr., Brandy Majors

Committee Member Attendees:

Linda M. Moyd-Hills, Kay Keeler, Teri Pohorsky, Laura Jacobi, Kira Swiger, Jan Davis-Vater, Joe Lee, Edmond Burnes, Janie Ephland, Jenny Heyward, Anna Pepper Vaux, Denise Spencer, Michael Swiecicki, Ed Schotland, Ramon Karney, Michelle Morgan, Michael Quigley, William Pierro, Margaret Simmons,

Meeting Notes:

The following documents were passed out to committee members prior to the start of the meeting:

- Sign-In Sheet, Name Badges, Agenda Week 1 Meeting,

Dr. Frank Rodriguez, Superintendent, opened the meeting with a welcome and were acknowledgement of committee members who were in attendance and committee members who online. Dr. Rodriguez addressed the role of the committee, stating “This is a really important meeting and a really important start, to this next opportunity for the school district”.

Dr. Frank Rodriguez stated “Starting off this evening by thanking you, some of you were on those project review committees. The first time around, I want to thank you for your work on that. I want to thank the entire community for supporting that referendum the way that you did. It mattered; it makes a huge difference. We have been able to accomplish a lot around the environment that are kids go to school. In terms of safety and security measures and other factors that we will discuss later”.

Dr. Frank Rodriguez Stated “This is an amazing place with an amazing community. When people come together, they can do great things. That’s what happened the last time with the referendum. The guy who kicks that off last time was Dr. Berg”.

Dr. Berg was introduced and follow up by following “It’s really a pleasure to be here, and to be invited by Dr. Rodriguez to come back and to help again We did have a tremendous effort a few years ago. We will talk about that later tonight “. “You’re all here as volunteers, glad you’re here. I’m personally happy to be back to tired it again”.

Dr. Berg stated, “really good well manage school’s districts run referendums every four or every five years”. When we have a school system, this big and growing like the Beaufort County School District. You must have them every few years just to keep up with the growth. Keep up with the changes that are going on, and provide educational environment for 22,000 young people. Their many reasons why this is one of South Carolina Premier School District.

The agenda was reviewed:

1. Scope of work
2. History of 2019 Bond Referendum
3. Projects of 2019 Referendum & CLOC
4. Review Calendar
5. Northern & Southern AD HOC Committee
6. Facilities Masters Plan

Dr. Berg discussed the value of visiting schools. Past members of the CPRC agreed with the value of visiting schools.

Operations: Meetings will be Zoom or in person. Okatie is primary where we met the last time, just because it’s the most center part in the County.

In June the Board will work on having a resolution for the referendum. July thru November is just us educating the public about what’s in the referendum. There was a committee that was formed separately, and they went out to talk. We will talk to anyone that would invite us to talk. For example, rotary, the legal woman voters, or churches. If you want somebody to come out and talk about what’s in the referendum, we can do that. We just can’t promote it.

A discussion on previous work: The Board put together an Ad HOC Bluffton Committee. They recognize that there were needs \$629M had a new school in it. They wanted to look at some options. How to deal with this growth? They looked at numbers, visited schools, and what their needs are. In 2021, there was a committee form in the Northern Beaufort County Ad Hoc. This committee looked at a lot of the same things, but the student growth wasn’t the same as in Bluffton. Northern Beaufort had more aging schools. They realize that the same needs in Sothern Beaufort are not the same as in Northern Beaufort. They task Dr. Rodriguez with getting the public involve.

The Facilities Master Plan book is available online. You can go on the school district website Departments; Operations; and then Five-Year Plan. We changed the name from Five-year plan to Facilities Master Plan, based on the Board input. This is more of a planning document; the front section talks about enrollment, student growth throughout the grades. After that we have planning section that’s get into the projects that we see are needs. We divide these into three sections 1. Additional Student Capacity 2. Strengthening District Infrastructure 3. Facility Modernization.

Operations: Mobile classroom we are using to address the growth. We relocate the ones that are no longer needed at River Ridge and move them to Pritchardville. Additional Early Learning classrooms that are needed in both North of Board and South of Board. Elementary capacity builds are needed and were not far away from the High School Capacity needed in Bluffton. Cafeteria space is needed at May

River. Stadium expansions at multiple high school to meet the requirements of the regional playoffs. Weighting room at Bluffton High School in land for future school.

Operations: I want to point out something in your handout/homework, you'll see under each of those categories. You will see that those projects are numbered, they are meaningless and are not a priority. I just wanted to point that out. The group was assigned to review the master plan portion of the facilities section of the Facilities Master Plan.

Operations: When we get to modernization of schools, you get into replace schools of Lady's Island Middle School. Additional Career & Tech Ed facilities at May River High, Bluffton High School and Beaufort High School. SROTC building at May River, in this referendum the Career & Tech Ed facilities and JORTC the design portion is funded. Construction is not funded under this referendum. The design for the renovated replacement for Hilton Head High School is funded but not the construction. The construction part would be cover in a future referendum. The item that was on the last committee was additional parking lot at May River High School and a gym at Riverview Charter School.

Operations: This slide has to do with district infrastructure, what we need as a district to function more efficiently.

- Technology Warehouse
- Imaging center
- Early childhood screen spaces
- Transportation shop to work on vehicles
- Improve bus storage lots
- kitchen improvement in multiple kitchens
- District Office a catering kitchen that also serves Right Choices students
- Electrical vehicle charging stations (food services are looking into grants)

Operations: The whole purpose of this group right here is to find and investigate what our needs are. Do we have the dollar amount of needs? What are those needs? You'll present your findings to the board, and they will decide. It the Board decision what is taken to the voters in November. We were informed that 629M was too high and needed to be cut down some. The committee said no we can't cut it down.

Operations: The next meeting was set for December 12, 2022, at 6:15pm

