

BEAUFORT COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
School Board Meeting Minutes
October 18, 2022
Hilton Head Library
Hybrid Meeting

Members Presents

Cathy Robine, Vice Chair
Angela Middleton, Secretary

Ingrid Boatright
Melvin Campbell
Richard Geier
William Smith

Earl Campbell
Tricia Fidrych
Christina Gwozdz
Rachel Wisnefski

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

Dr. Christina Gwozdz made the motion to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussion of negotiations incident to District Wide Bottle Filler Projects GMP Amendment #4 to Charles Perry Partners, Inc. pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Section 30-4-70(a)(2); discussion of negotiations incident to District Bi-Polar Ionization Projects GMP Amendment #5 to Charles Perry Partners, Inc., pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Section 30-4-70(a)(2); discussion of negotiations incident to Mossy Oaks Elementary School Safety/Security and Technology/Infrastructure GMP Amendment #28 to Thompson Turner Construction pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Section 30-4-70(a)(2); discussion of negotiations incident to Bluffton Elementary School Summer 2023 HVAC Scope GMP Amendment #24 to M.B. Kahn pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Section 30-4-70(a)(2); update on Safety/Security Plans pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Section 30-4-20(C). The motion was seconded by Mrs. Angela Middleton. The motion passed 9/0. Melvin Campbell was absent from the vote.

Mrs. Cathy Robine called the meeting back to order at 6:00p.m.

Action from Executive Session

Mrs. Angela Middleton made the motion that the Board of Education approve Amendment #04 with Charles Perry Partners, Inc. for the district wide bottle filler projects based on the Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) of \$799,312.00. The motion was seconded by Dr. Christina Gwozdz. The motion passed 8/0/2. William Smith and Rachel Wisnefski abstained from the vote.

Mrs. Angela Middleton made the motion that the Board of Education approve Amendment #05 with Charles Perry partners, Inc. for the district wide bi-polar ionization projects based on the guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) of \$707,874.00. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Ingrid Boatright. 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 #28 with Thompson Turner Construction for the Remaining Safety/Security, and Technology/Infrastructure at Mossy Oaks Elementary School based on the Guaranteed maximum Price (GMP) of \$2,722,039.

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 #24 with M.B. Kahn Construction Co., Inc. for the Bluffton Elementary School Summer 2023 HVAC Scope based on the Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) of \$658,754.0. The motion was seconded by Dr. Christina Gwozdz. The motion passed 8/0/2. William Smith and Rachel Wisnefski abstained from the vote.

Dr. Christina Gwozdz made the motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Mr. Melvin Campbell. The motion passed 10/0.

The Pledge of allegiance was recited. A moment of silence was observed in memory of Cynthia White, a former Board member from 1988-90; Alice Glaze White, a former BCSD employee from 1969-99; and Mr. David Striebinger, Board chair.

Mrs. Robine stated that the media was properly notified.

Student Performance

The Bluffton Middle School orchestra students performed “Fantasy on a Japanese Folk Song” by Brian Balmages and “Dragonhunter” by Richard Meyer, under the direction of Chorus and Orchestra Director Adam McCormick.

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

- **September Student of the Month – Southern Beaufort County School District**, Hilton Head Island High School – 9th grade student Saul Gandica Villamizar.
- **District Teacher of the Year** - Dr. LaVerne Stewart from Hilton Head Island Middle School

Public Comments

- Skip Hoagland, Hilton Head Island, spoke regarding fiscal responsibility.
- Joseph Castagnino, Hilton Head Island, spoke regarding what he believes are X-rated schoolbooks in BCSD schools. He stated that he will file a criminal complaint with the sheriff’s department if those books are not removed from the school.
- Stephanie Harris, Beaufort, spoke about the reunification process and hall monitors at Beaufort High School.
- Julie Matthews, Beaufort, spoke about books in schools and school safety.
- Angela Rossillo, (Phone Call), spoke about mandatory acceptance of SEL and medical history, and X-rated books, stating she will also file a criminal complaint if the books aren’t removed by next week.
- Ivie Szalai, (Phone Call), spoke about school safety and the information that she sent to Board members concerning school safety.

CLOC Update

- Mr. Ted Barber presented the Citizen Lead Oversight Committee 2022 Referendum School Board third-quarter update. He also dedicated the SCSBA Champions for Education Award that was presented to the CLOC at the previous board meeting to Mr. David Striebinger.

Chair's Update

Mrs. Robine shared that the Board members have the Superintendent's evaluation form at their seat. There will be a special called meeting on October 26 at 5 p.m. to discuss the evaluation.

Committee Reports

Finance Committee: Richard Geier, chair shared that the committee met on October 13 and discussed the monthly 100K report; monthly budget report; Board's monthly budget report for October; ESSER update and the new budget format; ESSER budget transfers; and the summary of employee compensation increases. Future topics for the committee include September budget reports and another ESSER update, OE 18 monitoring report, total teacher salaries by school report, and an organization chart of the finance department.

Mrs. Tonya Crosby provided information on the updated ESSER report format. Mrs. Crosby also presented the summary of employee compensation increases over the last four years.

Operations Committee: Ingrid Boatright, chair shared that the committee met last week and discussed the monthly construction update and the bi-annual maintenance and custodial report.

Mr. Robert Oetting provided additional information concerning the reports.

Mrs. Ingrid Boatright made the motion that the Board of Education direct the Superintendent to present CATE Options to the Operations committee. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Tricia Fidrych. The motion passed 10/0.

Technology Committee: Ingrid Boatright, chair shared that the committee heard the results of the technology audit and will invite the vendor to present those results to the full Board at a future meeting.

Superintendent's Report

Goal #1 Student Achievement

- Extended Learning Sites - Dr. Mary Stratos introduced Gaynelle Dantzler who then presented an update on the extended learning sites.
- Report Card Update – Mr. Daniel Fallon presented an update on the recently released state report card. Mrs. MonaLise Dickson and Mr. Chad Cox also shared information with the Board on the takeaways and what steps are in place to continue the multi-year period of academic recovery.

Public Comment

- Lynn Freeley, Hilton Head Island, spoke about the forensic audit and books in schools.
- Angela Rossillo, (Phone Call) regarding parental involvement and expectations placed on teachers.

Dr. Christina Gwozdz made the motion to extend the meeting beyond 9:15 to finish the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. William Smith. The motion passed 10/0.

Other Matters

- Update on Community Project Review Committee.
Dr. Rodriguez provided an update on the community project review committee and asked Board members to provide their names to him by the end of this week.

Board Business

- Donation from Greg & Tonya Ringler to Beaufort High School in the amount of \$5,000. To be used for JROTC needs.

Mrs. Ingrid Boatright made the motion to accept the donation from Greg & Tonya Ringler to Beaufort High School in the amount of \$5000.00 to be used for JROTC needs. The motion was seconded by Mr. William Smith. The motion passed 10/0.

Mrs. Ingrid Boatright made the motion to accept the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Mr. William Smith. The motion passed 9/0/1. Rachel Wisnefski abstained from the vote.

Consent Agenda

- October 4, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes
- Monthly \$100K Consolidated Report
- Board Monthly Budget Report

Future Agenda Topics

- Dr. Rachel Wisnefski would like a discussion on the development for district standards for library and media center content to include an audit for and removal of obscene or sexually explicit materials.

The meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at 9:09 p.m.

(Signature on Official File Copy) _____ Date: October 18, 2022

Angela Middleton, Secretary, Board of Education

Minutes prepared by Robyn Cushingberry, Executive Assistant

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