

**Beaufort County Board of Education
Joint School Board & SIC Meeting Minutes
March 9, 2023**

Members Presents

Christina Gwozdz, Chair	Ingrid Boatright	Earl Campbell
Richard Geier, Vice Chair	Carlton Dallas	Chloe Gordon
Angela Middleton, Secretary	William Smith	

Members Absent

Elizabeth Hey
Victor Ney
Rachel Wisnefski

Dr. Christina Gwozdz called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Mrs. Angela Middleton made the motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Mr. Carlton Dallas. The motion passed 8/0. Elizabeth Hey, Victor Ney, and Rachel Wisnefski were absent from the meeting.

The Pledge of allegiance was recited, and a moment of silence was observed.

Dr. Gwozdz stated that the media was properly notified.

Overview by Board Chair

Dr. Gwozdz gave an overview of the meeting's agenda. She shared with the SICs that the Topics from the December 12, 2023 Joint Board meeting were available as handouts.

Update on District Strategic Plan

Mr. Robert Flowers presented the District Strategic Plan. The SIC members were placed in small groups related to the strategic plan. The small groups reported out to the whole group.

Preliminary General Fund Budget Fiscal Year 2023-2024

Mrs. Tonya Crosby and Mrs. Jennifer Hamblin gave a presentation on the FY 23-24 budget.

SIC and Board members broke into small groups by grade level (elementary, middle, and high) to discuss the two questions on budget priorities. Board members then reported out to the whole group.

The questions:

Question 1: What are some of the programs/initiatives that you feel have been successful in contributing to our student's academic success?

Question 2: What do you think the budget priorities should be for the FY 2024 General Fund Budget?

Elementary

Q1: Afterschool programs – academic programs and aftercare should be available at all schools. Additional ESSER funds allowed for the hiring of tutors. Reading and math interventionist were needed.
Q2: Need more reading and math interventionist. Need an MTSS Coordinator for all schools. Enough funding for programs to be at all schools. Subs for SPED classrooms. Continue to keep free childcare for teachers.

Middle

Q1: MedTech 7; STEM, band/chorus at LIMS; parent liaison and career education teacher. Staff based on school needs both FT and PT. PLTW. Different art classes.
Q2: ESSER fund replacement; afterschool program is critically important; mileage stipend for teachers and/or location supplement based on where they are teaching; Academic World Quest at middle school level; return hall monitors to schools.

High

Q1: 1:1 tech; tech coaches; instructional coaches; PD; tutoring; art integration continued and expanded; career development facilitators; additional support personnel.
Q2: busing issues; bus monitors; teacher retention – childcare, behavior management staff, affordable housing; availability of subs; pay for teachers to watch classes when subs aren't available; hall monitors; reduce large AP load; school counselor staffing; graduation coach.

Dr. Gwozdz shared upcoming budget meeting dates and encouraged SIC members to attend.

- BCSD Budget Public Forums – April 26 at Bluffton High School
April 27 at Beaufort High School, 6 p.m.
- Beaufort County Council readings – May 8, 22, June 12 (third and final reading, tentative date)

Future Topics/Format

- Community involvement
- MTSS support at the high schools
- Planning referendum support

The meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at 7:41 p.m.

(Signature on Official File Copy) _____ Date: April 4, 2023

Angela Middleton, Secretary, Board of Education

Minutes prepared by Robyn Cushingberry, Executive Assistant

Motion Summary

A motion was made to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded and passed 8/0. Elizabeth Hey, Victor Ney, and Rachel Wisnefski were absent from the meeting.