

BEAUFORT COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
School Board Work Session Meeting Minutes
March 24, 2023
District Educational Services Center
Hybrid Meeting

Members Present

Christina Gwozdz, Chair	Ingrid Boatright	Earl Campbell
Richard Geier, Vice Chair	Chloe Gordon	Elizabeth Hey
Angela Middleton, Secretary	Victor Ney	William Smith
	Rachel Wisnefski	

Dr. Christina Gwozdz called the meeting to order at 8:30am.

Mrs. Angela Middleton made the motion to go into Executive Session to receive legal advice regarding Board Policy GC-2.23 Public Comment at Board of Education Meetings, covered by the attorney client privilege pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Section 30-4-70(a)(2). The motion was seconded by Mrs. Ingrid Boatright. The motion passed 7/0/1. William Smith abstained from the vote. Carlton Dallas, Chloe Gordon, and Elizabeth Hey were absent from the vote.

Dr. Gwozdz called the meeting back to open session at 9:38am.

Action from Executive Session

Dr. Rachel Wisnefski made the motion for the Board to direct the policy committee to revisit policy GC2.23 public comment at Board of Education meetings. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Ingrid Boatright. The motion passed 10/0. Carlton Dallas was absent from the vote.

Mrs. Ingrid Boatright made the motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Mr. William Smith.

Dr. Rachel Wisnefski made the motion to amend the agenda to make the BoardDocs Platform training tentative, depending on internet availability. The motion was seconded by Mr. William Smith. The motion passed 10/0. Carlton Dallas was absent from the vote.

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

Dr. Gwozdz stated that the media was properly notified.

Public Comment

- David Cook, Hilton Head Island spoke about the donation from Jamie Harrison to H.E. McCracken Middle School.

OE 6.9 – OE 6.17 Debt Presentation

Mrs. Tonya Crosby introduced Brian Nurick and Frannie Heizer. Mr. Nurick's presentation entitled 'Debt Day' Presentation, celebrates our successes, and covers the following:

- Schedule of upcoming Bond Issues
- Discusses the unused 8% Funds in Completed Project Funds \$8.5 million
- How we maintain a 10% of insured value capacity in 8% funds
- The total Bonds Outstanding as of 06/30/2022
- Current School Debt Service Millage: 36.3 mills

Ms. Heizer's presentation covers Borrowing Options for South Carolina School Districts.

Reassessment Presentation

Mrs. Crosby introduced Ebony Sanders, Beaufort County Assessor. Ms. Sanders presented on reassessment and provided the Citizen's Guide Beaufort County Reassessment Program 2023.

Budget Presentation

Mrs. Crosby presented the FY 23-24 budget Update. The presentation includes:

- The Budget Calendar
- The Constraints to the Budget
- Definition of the Fund Balance and why is it important to have a healthy Fund Balance
- Information on Cumulative Cash Flows
- Current Year Local Tax Revenues
- Budget Challenges
- The Available Millage under Act 388
- What are the next steps.

The Board took a lunch break at 12:32pm

Open Session at 1:06p.m.

Innovative Education Delivery Models

Dr. Mary Stratos presentation on Innovative Education Delivery Models included information on Education of the Future: 7 most innovative schools in the world. Examples of what various delivery models.

Mrs. Ingrid Boatright made the motion to direct the results committee to review and expand the results for academic achievement. The motion was seconded by Colonel Richard Geier.

Dr. Rachel Wisnefski amended motion to direct the results committee to review and report back to the full Board potential expansion of the results for academic achievement. The motion was seconded by Mr. William Smith. The motion passed 9/1. Chloe Gordon voted against the motion. Elizabeth Hey was absent from the vote.

Update on status on South of the Broad board meetings

Dr. Rodriguez provided background information regarding the recording services contract with the County Channel. The County Channel will resume recording services for BCSD in May.

Donation from Jamie Harrison

Mrs. Angela Middleton made the motion that the Board of Education accept the donation from Jamie Harrison in the amount of \$5,000 to H.E. McCracken Middle School for supplies and shirts. The motion was seconded by Mr. William Smith. The motion passed 11/0.

The donation is made in memory of Adrian Harrison, a freshman who suddenly passed in 2021.

Announcements

- Mrs. Ingrid Boatright shared that it's National Music Educator Month.
- Dr. Gwozdz reminded Board members to file their statement of economic interest by March 30. She also shared information about the Community Forum on Child/Adolescent Mental Health and Wellness on March 27 at Bluffton High School.
- Mr. Carlton Dallas shared that he met with a town manager regarding engagement and teacher recognition.
- Dr. Rodriguez shared that 20 BCSD students attended the second annual Cyber-Security Summit that took place this week.

The meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at 2:24 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

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