

BEAUFORT COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
School Board Meeting Minutes
May 2, 2023
District Educational Services Center
Hybrid Meeting

Members Present

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

Member Absent

Angela Middleton, Secretary

Dr. Christina Gwozdz called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

Colonel Richard Geier made the motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of receipt of legal advice related to a potential claim by the district covered by the attorney-client privilege pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Section 30-4-70(a)(2); employment matter regarding Personnel Ratification Report pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Section 30-4-70(a)(1); receipt of legal advice and discussion of contracts with maintenance and custodial services pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Section 30-4-70(a)(2); Adult/Ed/Home School report pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Section 30-4-40(a)(4); discussion of negotiations incident to proposed Thompson Turner Construction contract GMP Amendment #34 for Pritchardville Elementary School Safety & Security and Technology Infrastructure scope pursuant to S.C. Code 30-4-70(a)(2); discussion of negotiations incident to proposed Thompson Turner Construction contract GMP Amendment #33 for Riverview Charter School Safety & Security and Technology Infrastructure scope pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Section 30-4-70(a)(2). The motion was seconded by Mr. Carlton Dallas. The motion passed 10/0. Elizabeth Hey was absent from the vote.

Dr. Christina Gwozdz called the meeting back to open session at 6:00 p.m.

Action from Executive Session

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Colonel Richard Geier made the motion that the Board of Education approve Amendment #33 for Riverview Charter School with Thompson Turner Construction for a Guaranteed Maximum Price of \$1,460,583. The motion was seconded by Mr. Earl Campbell. The motion passed 9/0/1. Rachel Wisnefski abstained.

Colonel Richard Geier made the motion that the Board of Education approve Amendment #34 for Pritchardville Elementary School Safety/Security and Technology/Infrastructure scope with Thompson Turner Construction for a Guaranteed Maximum Price of \$2,956,368. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Chloe Gordon. The motion passed 9/0/1. Rachel Wisnefski abstained.

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

Dr. Gwozdz stated that the media was properly notified.

Dr. Rachel Wisnefski made the motion to approve the agenda as presented with the meeting minutes approved separately on the consent agenda and the fine arts presentation removed from the Academic Committee meeting. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Chloe Gordon. The motion passed 10/0.

Student Performance

Okatie Elementary School Chorus performed "YOU-nique," under the direction of music teacher Leigh Underhill.

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

- **March Student of the Month**
Northern BCSD - Robert Smalls International Academy 8th grade student Piper Kilby.
Southern BCSD- May River High School sophomore student Hector Soriano Altamirano
- **River of Words Cover Art**
Broad River Elementary student seven-grader Ethan Davadi.

Public Comments

The following committee members spoke regarding the book review committee and upcoming legislation.

- Tim Dodds, Beaufort
- Robin Liebenberg, Hilton Head Island
- Lori Hlaban, Beaufort spoke regarding book bans
- Greta Sandberg, St. Helena Island spoke regarding the use of Performing Arts Centers
- Margaret Simmons, St. Helena Island spoke regarding Student Achievement, and a "Thank you" to the Board and Administration.
- Angela Rossillo, (Phone Call) spoke regarding opt-out forms for library materials and surveys.

CLOC Update

- Mr. Ted Barber presented a CLOC quarterly update.

Committee Reports

Academics Committee: Chloe Gordon, chair provided a committee report, then made the following motion.

Mrs. Chloe Gordon made the motion that the Beaufort County School District Board of Education accept the donation of \$15,000 from the Foundation for Educational of Excellence for the use of supplemental state approved materials for financial literacy online subscriptions for all six BCSD high schools. The motion was seconded by Mr. William Smith. The motion passed 10/0.

Legislative Committee: Earl Campbell, chair made the following motion.

Mr. Earl Campbell made the motion that the Board monitored Bill HB3485 – Families Rights and Responsibilities Act at this time. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Ingrid Boatright. The motion passed 10/0.

Operations Committee: Richard Geier, chair provided a committee update from the past two committee meetings.

Colonel Richard Geier made the motion that the full board approves the posting of the sale of 20 Maryfield Road. The motion was seconded by Mr. Victor Ney. The motion passed 9/0/1. William Smith abstained from the vote.

Mr. Robert Oetting and the Board had a discussion regarding maintenance and custodial contracts.

Policy Committee: Rachel Wisnefski, chair provided a committee report then made the following motions:

Dr. Rachel Wisnefski made the motion to add “and Volunteers” to the end of OE4 sub-5. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Ingrid Boatright. The motion was postponed until the next Board meeting.

The motion was postponed because the Board determined that since the motion was not listed on the agenda like some of the other motions were, it should be postponed until the next meeting. The purpose is to have consistency.

Dr. Rachel Wisnefski made the motion to recommend that the Board of Education to adopt a secure digital format for the distribution of executive session documents. The motion was seconded by Mr. Carlton Dallas. The motion passed 9/1. Earl Campbell voted against the motion.

Dr. Rachel Wisnefski made the postpone motion to the next meeting, to accept the change of adding the word “secure” to intro of OE-8 for final passage. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Ingrid Boatright.

Results Committee: Ingrid Boatright, chair provided a committee report update and made the following motion.

Mrs. Ingrid Boatright made the motion to change S.M.A.R.T. principles to F.A.S.T principles and change Strategic Governance to Coherent Governance in the previously approved Scope of the Results Committee. The motion was seconded by Mr. William Smith. The motion passed 7/3. Christina Gwozdz, Earl Campbell, and Richard Geier voted against the motion.

Technology Committee: Ingrid Boatright, chair provided a committee report update.

Superintendent's Report

Goal #1 Student Achievement

- Summer School Programming
Dr. Mary Stratos introduced ISD staff, who presented on summer school programming.

Goal #3 Fiscal Responsibility

- 2023-2024 Budget Presentation
Mrs. Tonya Crosby presented the 2023-2024 budget.

Mr. William Smith made the motion to finish tonight's agenda. The motion was seconded by Mr. Earl Campbell. The motion passed 10/0.

The Board continued the budget discussion.

Dr. Rachel Wisnefski made the motion to have the administration present a 2nd budget 1% lower than current proposal with no significant cuts to classrooms & maintaining proposed compensation increases. The motion was seconded by Mr. William Smith. The motion failed 4/6. Carlton Dallas, Chloe Gordon, Christina Gwozdz, Earl Campbell, Ingrid Boatright and Richard Geier voted against the motion.

Consent Agenda

- April 4, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes
Dr. Rachel Wisnefski made the motion to approve the April 4, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Carlton Dallas. The motion passed 10/0.
- April 21, 2023 Work Session Meeting Minutes
Dr. Rachel Wisnefski made the motion to approve the April 21, 2023 Work Session Meeting Minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Carlton Dallas. The motion passed 9/0/1. Christina Gwozdz abstained from the vote.

Future Agenda Topics

- Mr. William Smith would like to discuss community use of school performing arts centers.
- Mr. Victor Ney would like a presentation on the fine arts programs.
- Mr. Carlton Dallas would like to discuss ISD programs beneficial to the community and communication protocols.

Announcements

- Dr. Rodriguez shared that the next two weeks are teacher appreciation week, and the Teacher of the Year announcements are this Friday, May 5.
- Mr. William Smith acknowledged teacher appreciation week.
- Nurse Appreciation Day is May 10. School Communicators Day is May 12.
- Dr. Rodriguez shared his experience at the national robotics competition in Texas.

The meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at 10:00p.m.

(Signature on Official File Copy) _____ Date: June 13, 2023

Angela Middleton, Secretary, Board of Education

Minutes prepared by Robyn Cushingberry, Executive Assistant

Motion Summary

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