BEAUFORT COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
School Board Meeting Minutes - Draft
November 2, 2021
District Educational Services Center
Hybrid Meeting

Members Presents

Christina Gwozdz, Chair	Ingrid Boatright	Earl Campbell
Melvin Campbell, Vice Chair	Tricia Fidrych	Richard Geier
David Striebinger, Secretary	Angela Middleton	Cathy Robine
	William Smith	

Member Absent
Rachel Wisnefski

Dr. Christina Gwozdz called the meeting to order at 4:00p.m.

Mrs. Tricia Fidrych made the motion to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual lease agreement pursuant to SC Code Ann. Section 30-4-70(a)(2); receipt of legal advice related to a contractual matter covered by the attorney client privilege pursuant to SC Code Ann. Section 30-4-70(a)(2);Employment Matter re: Personnel Ratification Report pursuant to SC Code Ann. Section 30-4-70(a)(1);Adult Education/Home School Report pursuant to SC Code Ann. Section 30-4-40(a)(4);Receipt of legal advice related to pending claims and settled claims covered by the attorney client privilege pursuant to SC Code Ann. Section 30-4-70(a)(2). The motion was seconded by Mrs. Cathy Robine. The motion passed 10/0.

Dr. Gwozdz called the meeting back to open session at 6:01 p.m.

Dr. Gwozdz stated that the Board did not complete the agenda items in Executive Session and will go back into Executive Session at the end of the meeting, whether it is today or tomorrow.

Mrs. Ingrid Boatright made the motion to approve the agenda with the removal of OE8.6 from the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Mr. David Striebinger. The motion passed 10/0.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. A moment of silence was observed in honor of Cathy Hess-Johnson, a teacher assistant at Red Cedar Elementary who passed away October 28th and Mr. Randy Crummie, who passed away on October 25, 2021. He was the lead Superintendent for M.B. Kahn Construction. Over the last 10 plus years Randy had overseen projects in all buildings within Beaufort County School District.

Dr. Gwozdz stated that the media was properly notified.

Performance
Port Royal Elementary fourth graders performed "Count on Me" under the direction of music teacher Jordan Franks.
https://youtu.be/g0l_GLJweKY

Public Comments

- Mary Boyd, spoke on students wearing mask.
- John Simmons, spoke on student achievement
- Linda Moyd Hill, spoke on length of board meetings, and board members responsibility to the public.

Chairman's Report
Dr. Christina Gwozdz shared information on the Board's Secretary evaluation.

Committee Reports
Operations Committee: Tricia Fidrych, chair shared information from the last committee meeting. Mrs. Wendy Cartledge provided updates on SS-47 Individual Healthcare Plan and the prescription medication form. Mrs. Cartledge also provided updates on OE.7 – Public Information and Communication.

Mrs. Fidrych provided information on OE 8.6.

Mrs. Tricia Fidrych made the motion that the Board accept OE8.6. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Cathy Robine. The motion passed 10/0.

Mr. Smith wanted the Board to discuss (Administrative Regulation OS-29 Use of School Facilities) board members using the facilities as individuals. Mr. Smith wanted to send this Administrative Regulation to the policy committee for a clear understanding of the process.

Mr. William Smith made the motion to send the Administrative Regulation to the policy committee. The motion was seconded by Mr. Melvin Campbell. The motion passed 6/4. Christina Gwozdz, David Striebinger, Cathy Robine, and Ingrid Boatright voted against the motion.

Mrs. Fidrych asked Dr. Rodriguez to thank the staff that works with the Committee for their hard work.

Policy Committee: David Striebinger, shared that the committee met on October 25 and discussed the following items: board members logging in on more than one device, during meetings; a recommended motion from finance committee, and postponed the discussion on OE4.0.that Ms. Walton wanted clarity on. Ms. Walton was not available at the time of the meeting.

Superintendent's Report
Goal #1 Student Achievement

- Community Partnerships
  Dr. Mary Stratos and Dr. N'Kia Campbell presented on community partnerships for extended learning.

Other Matters

- Grievance Tracking Update
  Ms. Alice Walton and Mr. Matt Hunt presented an update on the Grievance Tracking System.

- Universal Screeners
  Dr. Rodriguez presented on Multi-tiered Systems of Supports (MTSS). Mrs. KeKe Swinton, also provided information about the goal of the panorama survey is to be aligned with the MTSS support that is provided to students.

- Update on School Food Services
  Mrs. Tonya Crosby introduced Larry Wilson, Sodexo regional district manager, and Tim Green, Sodexo resident district manager on site , and presented an update on School Food Services.

- COVID- 19
  Dr. Rodriguez provided current COVID data.

Board Business

- Donation from the Battery Creek High School Athletic Booster Club to Battery Creek High School in the amount of $340,000 to purchase a video score board.

  Pastor Vince Smith and Mr. Robert Oetting addressed the Board's questions concerning the donation.

  Colonel Richard Geier made the motion to accept the donation from the Battery Creek High School Athletic Booster Club to Battery Creek High School in the amount of $340,000 to purchase a video scoreboard. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Ingrid Boatright. The motion passed 10/0.

Consent Agenda

- October 19, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes
- October 22, 2021 Board Work Session Meeting Minutes
- October 28, 2021 Special Called Executive Session Meeting Minutes
- OE 8.6 Ensure Facilities are Clean, sanitary and Safe Monitoring Report
- OE15 Safety and Security

Mr. William Smith made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Cathy Robine. The motion passed 10/0.

Mrs. Tricia Fidrych made the motion to extend the meeting beyond 9:15pm. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Ingrid Bright. The motion passed 10/0.

Future Agenda Topics

- Mrs. Cathy Robine would like to revisit the Board meeting format policy.
- Mrs. Ingrid Boatright would like to discuss the vetting process for volunteers.

Second Public Comments

- David Cook changed his mind on speaking.

The Board recessed for a five-minute break before going back into Executive Session to finish the agenda at 9:10.

Dr. Gwozdz called the meeting back to open session at 10:02 p.m.

Action Coming out of Executive Session

Mr. David Striebinger made the motion to approve the Superintendent's recommendations for employment listed on the October 1, 2021-October 31, 2021 Personnel Ratification Report. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Cathy Robine. The motion passed 9/1. William Smith voted against the motion.

Mr. David Striebinger made the motion to approve the Superintendent's recommendation for the Monthly Adult Education/Home School Report for October 2021. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Ingrid Boatright. The motion passed 10/0.

The meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at 10:05p.m.

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Motion Summary

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