

BEAUFORT COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Special Called Board Meeting Minutes
July 6, 2023
Hybrid Video Conferencing Meeting

Members Presents

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

Members Absent

Christina Gwozdz, Chair
Elizabeth Hey
Victor Ney

Colonel Geier called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. A moment of silence was observed.

Colonel Geier stated that the media was properly notified.

Mrs. Angela Middleton made the motion to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Dr. Rachel Wisnefski. The motion passed 7/0. William Smith was absent from the vote. Christina Gwozdz, Elizabeth Hey and Victor Ney were absent from the meeting.

Mrs. Angela Middleton made the motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of receipt of legal advice regarding Beaufort County Board of Education's Safety and Security plans pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. 30-4-20(c). The motion was seconded by Mr. Carlton Dallas. The motion passed 7/0. William Smith was absent from the vote.

Action from Executive Session

Colonel Geier called the meeting back to open session at 7:40p.m.

Mr. Earl Campbell made the motion that we use the following language to be read at the beginning of the next meeting and following meetings: "Whereas, in order to better ensure the safety, security, and good order of its School Board meetings and allow all citizens a fair opportunity to participate in public comments, Beaufort County Schools, Board Governance Policy GC-2-23 IV Adherence to Public Participation Expectations, paragraph B states that, "Should a participant fail to abide by the reasonable directives of the Board's or committee's presiding officer, the Board or committee may prohibit the offending speaker from participating in future Public Comment sessions for a period not to exceed six (6) months". The motion was seconded by Mrs. Angela Middleton. The motion passed 7/0 William Smith was absent from the vote.

Mrs. Ingrid Boatright made the motion to direct the Superintendent to institute a no bag policy for future board business meetings. The motion was seconded by Dr. Rachel Wisnefski. The motion passed 7/0. William Smith was absent from the vote.

Mrs. Angela Middleton made the motion to notify the community member who violated the policy GC-2-23 IV at the last board meeting pending approval of the notification at the July 11, 2023 board meeting. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Chloe Gordon. The motion passed 5/1/1. Ingrid Boatright voted against the motion. Rachel Wisnefski abstained from the vote. William Smith was absent from the vote.

The meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at 8:02p.m.

(Signature on Official File Copy) _____ Date: August 1, 2023

Angela Middleton, Secretary, Board of Education

Minutes prepared by Robyn Cushingberry, Executive Assistant

Motion Summary

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