

BEAUFORT COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
School Board Meeting Minutes
August 25, 2023
District Educational Services Center
Media Center
Hybrid Meeting

Members Present

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

Dr. Christina Gwozdz called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Mrs. Angela Middleton made the motion to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of receipt of legal advice regarding public comments covered by the attorney-client privilege pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Section 30-4-70(a)(2) and discussion of employment, compensation pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Section 30-4-70(a)(1). The motion was seconded by Mr. Earl Campbell. The motion passed 7/0. Chloe Gordon, Ingrid Boatright, Elizabeth Hey, and Victor Ney were absent from the vote.

Dr. Christina Gwozdz called the meeting back to open session at 9:28 am

Action from Executive Session

Mrs. Angela Middleton made the motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to employ Dr. Mellow Lee as Deputy Superintendent/Chief of Schools. The motion was seconded by Mr. Carlton Dallas. The motion passed 8/0/2. Ingrid Boatright and William Smith abstained from the vote. Victor Ney was absent from the vote.

Mr. Earl Campbell made the motion to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Angela Middleton. The motion passed 11/0.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and a moment of silence was observed. Dr. Gwozdz stated that the media was properly notified.

- Board Determination on the Appeals from the Materials Reconsideration Committee Reports

Mrs. Angela Middleton made the motion that the Beaufort County Board of Education concur with the findings of the book Review Committee on the following book titles:

- **Skin by Napoli, Donna Jo**
- **A Lesson in Vengeance by Lee, Victoria**
- **Court of Frost and Starlight by Maas, Sarah J.**
- **A Court of Wings and Ruin by Maas, Sarah J.**
- **Felix Ever After by Callender, Karen**
- **The Fixer by Malamud, Bernard**
- **Forever for a Year by Gotfried, B.T.**

The motion was seconded by Mr. William Smith. The motion passed 8/2/1. Victor Ney and Elizabeth Hey voted against the motion. Rachel Wisnefski abstained from the vote.

- Communication with Communities
Dr. Candace Bruder, presented on how the functions of the communication department and how they communicate with BCSD communities.
- School Operations Millage Information
Mrs. Tonya Crosby presented to the Board information on the School Operations and the Rollback Millage.

Dr. Rodriguez thanked his team for their presentations.

The meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m. by unanimous consent.

(Signature on Official File Copy) _____ Date: September 5, 2023
Angela Middleton, Secretary, Board of Education
Minutes prepared by Robyn Cushingberry, Executive Assistant

Motion Summary

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