

BEAUFORT COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
School Board Meeting Minutes
March 22, 2024
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	William Smith
	Rachel Wisnefski	

Member Absent

Victor Ney

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

Mrs. Angela Middleton made the motion to move into Executive Session for the purpose of receipt of legal advice regarding Fiscal Authority covered by the attorney client privilege pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Section 30-4-70(a)(2); receipt of legal advice regarding revision to BCSD Procurement Code covered by the attorney client privilege pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Section 30-4-70(a)(2); discussion of proposed selection for Capital program management and Coordination Services, FRQ #24-009, pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Section 30-4-70(a)(2). The motion was seconded by Mr. Earl Campbell. The motion passed 7/0. Chloe Gordon, Elizabeth Hey, and William Smith were absent from the vote. Victor Ney was absent from the meeting.

Dr. Gwozdz convened the work session at 9:31 a.m.

Action from Executive Session

Mrs. Angela Middleton made the motion that the Board approve the State Fiscal Accountability Authority (SFAA) alternate text giving authority to the Superintendent to contract for legal services and adopt the revised procurement code effective today. The motion was seconded by Mr. Earl Campbell. The motion passed 8/0. Ingrid Boatright and William Smith were absent from the vote.

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Mrs. Angela Middleton made the motion that the Board authorizes the Superintendent to issue an award to Turner Townsend leery, LLC for Capital Program Management and Coordination Services. The Board authorizes the Superintendent to negotiate the contract and upon successful negotiations, execute a contract with the firm. The motion was seconded by Mr. Carlton Dallas. The motion passed 9/0/1. Rachel Wisnefski abstained from the vote.

Mrs. Angela Middleton made the motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Mr. Earl Campbell. The motion passed 8/0/1. Ingrid Boatright was absent from the vote. William Smith abstained 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 (by phone) stated the district needs to comply with the law that documents received by the Board are to be made public.

Debt Day Presentation

Mr. Brian Nurick, Senior Managing Director, Compass Municipal Advisors, and Mrs. Frannie Heizer, Esq., Partner, Burr & Forman LLP presented information on the school district's debt and information on the bonds. This information is under OE6.9 through 6.17 Debt Administration.

Mrs. Angela Middleton made the motion to accept Operational Expectations 6.9 through 6.17 Debt Administration. The motion was seconded by Colonel Richard Geier. The motion passed 9/0. Carlton Dallas was absent from the vote.

Budget Presentation

Mrs. Tonya Crosby and Mrs. Jennifer Hamblin presented the FY 2024-2025 Budget Update.

Legislative Update

Ms. Lynn Stoke-Murray, Director of Government Relations with Burr Forman McNair presented an update on current legislation. The report included the Bills that were signed by the Governor; the Bills that were in committee, or before the House and Senate.

Dr. Gwozdz announced the SCSBA Day at the Capital is coming up on April 10.

Pre-K Alignment

Mrs. Ashley Hutchinson presented information on Pre-K Alignment through 1st grade. Mrs. Melissa Murray, and Mr. Carlos Williams also presented information on the Literacy and Math Standards and Curriculum.

Use of School Facilities by the Public

Mr. Robert Oetting presented OS 29 – Use of School Facilities. Ms. Brandy Majors presented the Facilities Use Report.

Announcements

Dr. Gwozdz shared the Board needs to call a special meeting to discuss their legislative agenda prior to the Day at the Capital. The tentative meeting date is Wednesday, April 3 at 5 p.m. at the district office. Dr. Gwozdz asked Board members to let Robyn Cushingberry know if they will be able to attend the meeting.

The work session adjourned by unanimous consent at 2:07 p.m.

(Signature on Official File Copy) _____ Date: May 7, 2024

Angela Middleton, Secretary, Board of Education

Minutes prepared by Robyn Cushingberry, Executive Assistant

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