

**BEAUFORT COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**School Board Meeting Minutes**  
**April 2, 2024**  
**Hilton Head Middle School**  
**Hybrid Meeting**

**Members Present**

Christina Gwozdz, Chair  
Richard Geier, Vice Chair  
Angela Middleton, Secretary

Ingrid Boatright  
Carlton Dallas  
Elizabeth Hey  
William Smith

Earl Campbell  
Chloe Gordon  
Victor Ney  
Rachel Wisnefski

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

**Colonel Richard Geier made the motion to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of receipt of legal advice related to legal claims and pending cases covered by the attorney client privilege pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Section 30-4-70(a)(2); 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); employment matter regarding Personnel Ratification Report pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Section 30-4-70(a)(1); Adult Ed Report pursuant to S.C. code Ann. Section 30-4-70(a)(4); discussion of negotiations incident to proposed Amendment #05 with Thompson Turner Construction for Coosa Elementary School (CES) HVAC ESSER Funded Equipment Purchase and 8% Project Installation Scope; discussion of negotiations incident to proposed Amendment #02 with M.B. Kahn Construction Co., Inc for the Battery Creek High School (BCHS) Parking Lot Paving pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Section 30-4-70(a)(2); discussion of negotiations with property owner incident to property in the Bluffton area, South Carolina pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Section 30-4-70(a)(2); discussion of Health Advisory Committee Applicants pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Section 30-4-70(a)(1). The motion was seconded by Mr. Carlton Dallas. The motion passed 7/0. Chloe Gordon, Elizabeth Hey, Angela Middleton, and Victor Ney were absent from the vote.**

Dr. Christina Gwozdz called the meeting back to order at 6:05 p.m.

**Action from Executive Session**

**Colonel Richard Geier made the motion to approve the Superintendent's recommendations for employment listed on the March 1-31, 2024 Personnel Ratification Report. The motion was seconded by Mr. Earl Campbell. The motion passed 7/0/2. William Smith and Rachel Wisnefski abstained from the vote. Chloe Gordon and Elizabeth Hey were absent from the vote.**

**Colonel Richard Geier made the motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation for the monthly Adult Education Report for April 2, 2024. The motion was seconded by Mr. Carlton Dallas. The motion passed 7/1/1. William Smith voted against the motion. Rachel Wisnefski abstained from the vote. Chloe Gordon and Elizabeth Hey were absent from the vote.**

**Colonel Richard Geier made the motion that the Board of Education approve Amendment #5 with Thompson Turner Construction for the Coosa Elementary School (CES) ESSER funded HVAC purchases and 8% funded installation based on the Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) of \$1,423, 799. The motion was seconded by Mr. Carlton Dallas. The motion passed 6/0/3. Ingrid Boatright, William Smith, and Rachel Wisnefski abstained from the vote. Chloe Gordon and Elizabeth Hey were absent from the vote.**

Colonel Richard Geier made the motion that the Board of Education approve amendment #2 with M.B. Kahn Construction Co., referendum based on the Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) of \$743,220. The motion was seconded by Mr. Earl Campbell. The motion passed 8/0/1. Rachel Wisniewski abstained from the vote. Chloe Gordon and Elizabeth Hey were absent from the vote.

Colonel Richard Geier made the motion that the Board of Education approve the Academic Committee's recommendation for the Health Advisory Committee Applicants A, B, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, N, O, Q to serve on the committee. The motion was seconded by Mr. Carlton Dallas. The motion passed 9/0. Chloe Gordon and Elizabeth Hey were absent from the vote.

Mrs. Ingrid Boatright made the motion to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Earl Campbell. The motion passed 9/0. Chloe Gordon and Elizabeth Hey were absent 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.

**Student Performance** – The Hilton Head Island Middle School Percussion Ensemble performing “Tocando Mi Timbal” and “Riverdance Medley” under the direction of music teacher James Waechter.

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

- **February Student of the Month for Southern BCSD**  
3<sup>rd</sup> grade student William “Cruz” Ryan, Bluffton Elementary School
- **Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA) SC Career Development Conference**  
Bluffton High School
- **Superintendent’s Cup**  
Bluffton High School
- **SC VEX IQ Full Volume State Championship**  
River Ridge Academy Raiders Robotics teams - The Green Girly GrinchBots
- **River of Words Cover Art**  
Kaylee Carter, H.E. McCracken Middle School
- **District Coaches of the Year**
  - Girls’ Basketball – Ronnie Guilford, Hilton Head Middle School
  - Boys’ Basketball – Ronald Lewis, Hilton Head Middle School
  - Boys’ Basketball Coach’s Choice – Oscar Fraizer, H.E. McCracken Middle School
- **Player of the Year Middle School Basketball BCSD**
  - Girls – Dominique Jones – Hilton Head Island Middle School
  - Boys – Kiedis Smith – Hilton Head Island Middle School
- **Month of the Military Child**

#### **Chair’s Report**

Dr. Gwozdz read a statement regarding the Month of the Military Child.

#### **Committee Reports**

*Academics Committee:* Chloe Gordon, chair provided an update from the March 27<sup>th</sup> Academic Committee meeting. The committee reviewed Administrative Regulations IS-17- Health Education; SS-16 – Discipline of Student with Disabilities; SS-39 – Suspension, Expulsion and Alternative Programs Assignment of Students; SS-40 – Entry/Re-Entry Procedures for Students with Disciplinary Action.

Ms. Gordon also stated that Ms. Karen McKenzie, Mrs. Karen Gilbert, and Mrs. Melissa Murray provided information for the adoption of the textbook selections for English Language Arts, Career and Technical Education, and Secondary Course Program. Ms. Karen McKenzie, Mrs. Karen Gilbert, and Mrs. Melissa Murray provided information to the full Board.

**Mr. William Smith made the motion that the Beaufort County School District Board of Education approve the adoption of the textbook selections presented on April 2, 2024 for English Language Arts, Career and Technical Education, and Secondary Course Programs. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Ingrid Boatright. The motion passed 11/0.**

*Finance Committee:* Richard Geier, chair provided an update from the March 14<sup>th</sup> Finance Committee meeting. The Committee reviewed the monthly \$100k, Transparency, BOE Budget, and ESSER funds reports. The Committee was provided updates to SS-42 District Wellness and OS-5 Budget Transfers.

Mrs. Crosby shared information regarding tax collection revenue.

*Operations Committee:* Carlton Dallas, chair provided an update from the March 12<sup>th</sup> Operations Committee meeting and the committee discussions regarding the custodial cost benefit analysis. Mr. Robert Oetting shared information regarding the custodial cost benefit analysis.

**Mr. Carlton Dallas made the motion that the Beaufort County Board of Education accept the recommendation made by the Operations Committee to not take Custodial in-house and move forward with outsourcing. The motion was seconded by Mr. Victor Ney. The motion passed 9/1/1. William Smith voted against the motion. Ingrid Boatright abstained from the vote.**

*Technology Committee:* Ingrid Boatright, chair provided an update from the March 4<sup>th</sup> committee meeting.

### **Superintendent's Report**

#### **Goal #1 Student Achievement**

- Instructional Framework  
Ms. Karen McKenzie and Mr. Nick Flowers presented information on Instructional Framework. Dr. Stratos and Dr. Rodriguez provided additional information for the Board's understanding.

#### **Future Topics**

- Devices in the Classroom
- Mr. Dallas would like to discuss filling the gap from birth to age 5.

#### **Announcements**

Dr. Gwozdz shared there is a special-called Board meeting on April 3 at 5 p.m. at the district office to discuss the legislative agenda.

The meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at 8:30p.m.

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

Angela Middleton, Secretary, Board of Education

Minutes prepared by Robyn Cushingberry, Executive Assistant

## Motion Summary

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