BEAUFORT COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
School Board Work Session Meeting Minutes
August 23, 2024
District Educational Services Center
Hybrid Meeting

Members Present

Christina Gwozdz, Chair	Ingrid Boatright	Earl Campbell
Richard Geier, Vice Chair	Elizabeth Hey	Victor Ney
Angela Middleton, Secretary	William Smith	

Members Absent
Carlton Dallas
Chloe Gordon

Dr. Christina Gwozdz called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Mrs. Ingrid Boatright made the motion to approve the agenda with changes of removing the language in Executive Session, "covered by the attorney client privilege" under both Executive Session topics. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Angela Middleton. The motion passed 7/0/1. William Smith abstained from the vote. Carlton Dallas and Chloe Gordon were absent from the meeting.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and a moment of silence was observed.

Dr. Gwozdz stated that the media was properly notified.

Annual Work Plan
Dr. Rodriguez shared changes to the annual work plan. Board discussion.

Mr. Victor Ney made the motion to approve the Annual Work Plan with the addition of adding OE 5 to May. The motion was seconded by Mr. Earl Campbell. The motion passed 7/0/1. William Smith abstained from the vote.

Discussion of the Future of the DESC Office
Dr. Rodriguez began the discussion. Mr. Robert Oetting presented five options for the district office that were also presented at the February Operations Committee meeting. The Board agreed to send the discussion back to the Operations Committee.

Discussion of Technology Fees
Mr. Mark Chauhan presented the district technology fee schedule. He also shared a fee schedule of other South Carolina School Districts. Most district fees are $20 and above. Beaufort is $20. Kershaw was the only district on the schedule that is lower than $20. Their fee schedule is $10.

Make-Up Days from Storm
Dr. Mary Stratos presented make-up day options and shared information from Director Bradley Mitchell from the office of Virtual Education regarding eLearning Days.

Opening Day Strategic Goals Presentation

Dr. Rodriguez shared the strategic goals presentation he had shared with staff during summer PD.

The Board took a thirty-minute lunch break.

Preliminary Academic Result

Dr. Stratos presented a state assessment summary of the preliminary academic data.

Executive Session

Mrs. Angela Middleton made the motion to go into executive session for the discussion of Bus Routes and the discussion of safety and security plans for board meetings pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. 30-4-70(a)(2). The motion was seconded by Mr. Victor Ney. The motion passed 8/0.

Action from Executive Session

Dr. Gwozdz called the meeting back to open session at 1:15p.m.

Mrs. Angela Middleton made the motion that the bus routes for the start of the 2024-25 school year be accepted as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Earl Campbell. The motion passed 7/0. Ingrid Boatright was absent from the vote.

The meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at 1:17 p.m.

(Signature on Official File Copy) Date: September 3, 2024
Angela Middleton, Secretary, Board of Education
Minutes prepared by Robyn Cushingberry, Executive Assistant

Motion Summary

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