BEAUFORT COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
School Board Meeting Minutes
September 17, 2024
Hilton Head Island Middle School
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	

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

Mr. Carlton Dallas made the motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Ingrid Boatright. The motion passed 7/0. Christina Gwozdz, Elizabeth Hey and William Smith were absent from the vote.

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

Colonel Geier stated that the media was properly notified.

Student Performance – The Hilton Head High School Guitar Ensemble performed "ELF" under the direction of Mr. Sean Pribanic.

Public Comments – No Public Comments during the first period.

Legislative Update – Ms. Lynn Stokes-Murray, the School Board's Lobbyist, provided a 2024 Legislative Session Summary Update. She also spoke about the upcoming elections.

Chair's Report
Dr. Gwozdz stated that she didn't have anything to report at this time.

Committee Reports
Finance Committee: Richard Geier, chair provided an update from the September 12, 2024 committee meeting.

Mrs. Tonya Crosby provided information on the 4th Quarter FY 24 Financial Summery.

Results Committee: Richard Geier, chair provided an update from the September 13, 2024 committee meeting. The Superintendent's evaluation for the 2023-2024 school year is unchanged. The committee members, and other board members that attended the meeting, shared their thoughts about the meeting. The committee asked Dr. Rodriguez to look at the academic matrix and to put in his goals for the year, and that will be a part of the packet that he gives to the Board. The Results Committee will meet again and review the goals. Their recommendation to the full board will be one of two recommendations: to accept the Superintendent's goals without any changes. If that is the

recommendation, then the Superintendent's contract would not have to be renegotiated or changed because his contract is very specific stating that Dr. Rodgriguez must have sufficient notification of his goals and have a full year to be evaluated. If the committee decides to change the goals, the contract will have to be renegotiated, or Dr. Rodriguez will have to agree to the changes.

Superintendent's Report

Goal #1 Student Achievement

- Comparison of School Systems
  Dr. Mary Stratos presented an Executive Summary that compared Private and Charter Schools and the South Carolina requirements to the public schools. The report also included Charter and Private Schools Sampling review. The sampling included the following:
  - Bridges Preparatory School
  - Hilton Head Christian Academy
  - Hilton Head Preparatory School
  - Holy Trinity Classical Christian School
  - John Paul II

  The report also included The Beaufort County School District and Academic Program Information and a comparison summary of the private/charter schools to BCSD programs, athletics, accelerated courses, educational programs, multi-lingual, special education, stated testing and college testing.

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Mrs. Ingrid Boatright made the motion to approve the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Mr. Carlton Dallas. The motion passed 10/0.

Future Topics

- Ingrid Boatright requested that the Operations Committee discuss the issue with AC that was discussed in the paper.
- Christina Gwozdz requested that the Technology committee discussed Diligent' s Search Engine.

Announcements

- Ingrid Boatright recognized Hispanic Heritage Month and Constitution Signing Day.
- Carlton Dallas recognized Ingrid Boatright for her key part in Incubate Debate's being acquired by a larger entity that gives them more recognition in the marketplace.

Public Comment

- Jim Miller, Bluffton spoke regarding the quantitative comparison of Beaufort County School District bands, versus other bands in the state.

The meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at 7:20 p.m.

(Signature on Official File Copy) Date: October 1, 2024
Angela Middleton, Secretary, Board of Education
Minutes prepared by Robyn Cushingberry, Executive Assistant

Motion Summary

A motion was made to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded and passed 7/0. Christina Gwozdz, Elizabeth Hey and William Smith were absent from the vote.

A motion was made to approve the consent agenda. The motion was seconded and passed 10/0.

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