BEAUFORT COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
School Board Meeting Minutes
February 18, 2025
Hilton Head Middle School
Hybrid Meeting

Members Present

Richard Geier, Chair	David Carr	Leah Frazier
Carlton Dallas, Vice Chair	Chloe Gordon	Elizabeth Hey
Ingrid Boatright Secretary	Victor Ney	Alphonso Small
	William Smith	

Member Absent
Isaac Gordon

Mr. Carlton Dallas called the meeting to order at 5:00p.m.

Ms. Chloe Gordon made a motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussion of negotiations incident to proposed Amendment #7 with Shoreline Construction & Development LLC for the DESC Technology Warehouse and Imaging Center, 2023 Referendum Scope Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) Proposal pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. 30-4-70(a)(2). The motion was seconded by Dr. David Carr. The motion passed 10/0.

Action from Executive Session

Mr. Carlton Dallas called the meeting back to open session at 6:00p.m.

Mrs. Ingrid Boatright made the motion that the Board of Education approve Amendment #7 with Shoreline Construction & Development LLC for the construction of the DESC Technology Warehouse & Imaging Center based on the Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) of $3,053,724. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Elizabeth Hey. The motion passed 9/1. William Smith voted against the motion. Isaac Gordon was absent from the meeting.

Mrs. Chloe Gordon made the motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Ingrid Boatright. The motion passed 10/0.

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

Mr. Dallas stated that the media was properly notified.

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

- January Students of the Month
  - Northern BCSD 12th grade student James Miranda, Battery Creek High School
- Battery Creek High School Youth in Government

Chair's Report

- Mr. Dallas reported that Officers were elected for the Beaufort Jasper Ace Board. Mr. Carlton Dallas was elected as Chair. Ms. Leah Frazier, and Mr. Alphonso Small also serve on the ACE Board as Beaufort County Representatives.

Committee Reports

ACE: Update was given under the Chair's Report.

Finance Committee: Carlton Dallas, Chair provided an update from the February 13th Committee meeting. OE-18 Monitoring Report for School food Services was presented. Mrs. Crosby shared a couple of videos with the Food Service Team.

Mrs. Ingrid Boatright made the motion to accept OE-18 Monitoring Report for School Food Services. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Chloe Gordon. The motion passed 8/1. William Smith voted against the motion. Leah Frazier was absent from the vote.

Legislative Committee: Carlton Dallas, Chair provided an update from the February 12th Committee meeting.

Operations Committee: Victor Ney, Chair provided an update from the Committee meeting. OE-16 FOIA Report, 4th Quarter/Annual Report, OE8 – Facilities were presented, and placed on the Consent Agenda. The committee recommended the following motions for Board approval:

Mr. Victor Ney made the motion to support the annexation of the property formerly owned by Neisar, which is owned by the Board of Education and is adjacent to the River Ridge Academy property and recommends Board review and approval. The motion was seconded by Dr. David Carr.

Mrs. Ingrid Boatright amended the motion to recommend the Beaufort County School District pursues annexation into the Town of Bluffton and rezoning to Residential General of Beaufort County Tax Map Parcels R600 029 000 0034 0000 and R600 029 000 011A 0000 and authorize the Superintendent on behalf of the School District to sign all petitions, applications and other documents required by the Town of Bluffton to complete such annexation and rezoning. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Elizabeth Hey. The motion passed 9/1. William Smith voted against the motion.

Mrs. Boatright made the motion to vote on the amendment as presented. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Elizabeth Hey. The motion passed 9/1. William Smith voted against the motion.

Mrs. Ingrid Boatright made the motion that the Board of Education supports the rezoning application for the Lady's Island Middle School property from Suburban District (T3-S) district to an Institutional & Campus District (IC) and recommends Board review and approval. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Chloe Gordon. The motion passed 9/1. William Smith voted against the motion.

Superintendent's Report

Goal #1 Student Achievement

- Academic Program Book
- Dual Enrollment

Dr. Stratos presented a binder to Board members with the Academic programs, a booklet that is a summary of the 2025-2026 Educational Pathways – Guide to School Programs, and a summary booklet. Dr. Stratos also provided information on Dual Enrollment and where the information was located in the program booklet.

Board Business

N/A

Mrs. Ingrid Boatright made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Dr. Carr. The motion passed 10/0.

Consent Agenda

- OE-16.1 and 16.2 FOIA
- OE-8 Facilities
- December 10, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes
- January 7, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes

Announcements

- Dr. Rodriguez recognized Dr. N'Kia Campbell and her team on the African American Conference, and the outstanding job that was done. Mr. Dallas also echoed the praises.

Public Comments

- Jim Miller, Bluffton gave a brief review and progress on the band programs as he has been advocating for the band programs for the last three semesters.

The meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at 7:27 p.m.

(Signature on Official File Copy) Date: May 6, 2025
Ingrid Boatright, Secretary, Board of Education
Minutes prepared by Robyn Cushingberry, Executive Assistant

Motion Summary

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