BEAUFORT COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
School Board Meeting Minutes
February 4, 2025
Hilton Head Middle School
Hybrid Meeting

Members Present

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

Colonel Richard Geier called the meeting to order at 5:00p.m.

Mr. David Carr made a motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussion of an easement agreement for a construction covered by the attorney-client privilege pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Section 30-4-70(a)(2); receipt of legal advice relating to a pending claim 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)(10; Adult Education Monthly Report pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Section 30-4-(a)(4). The motion was seconded by Mr. Carlton Dallas. The motion passed 10/0. (Victor Ney was absent from the vote.)

Action from Executive Session

Colonel Geier called the meeting back to open session at 6:00p.m.

Mrs. Ingrid Boatright made the motion that the Board of Education approve the Superintendent's recommendations for employment listed on the January 1, 2025 – January 31, 2025 Personnel Ratification Report. The motion was seconded by Mr. Victor Ney. The motion passed 10/0. William Smith was absent from the vote.

Mrs. Ingrid Boatright made the motion that the Board of Education approve the Superintendent's recommendation for the monthly Adult Education Report for February. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Elizabeth Hey. The motion passed 10/0/1. William Smith abstained from the vote.

Mr. Victor Ney made the motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Mr. Carlton Dallas. The motion passed 11/0.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and a moment of silence was observed for two students that passed in the last couple of weeks. Adam Meissner a fourth grader at River Ridge Academy, and Arohi Patel, a 6 year-old student at Mossy Oaks Elementary School.

Colonel Geier stated that the media was properly notified.

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

- November Student of the Month
  - Southern BCSD kindergarten student Mia McDavid, Michael C. Riley Elementary School.

- December Student of the Month
  - Northern BCSD 4th grade student Aniya Middleton, Joseph S. Shanklin Elementary School
  - Southern BCSD 5th grade student Camilla Elizabeth Cerda Cardenas, Hilton Head Island School for the Creative Arts
- BLHS Boys and Girls Cross Country State Champions
- MRHS Girl's Golf State Champions
- National Wrestling Hall of Fame – George Dixon, HEMMS
- National School Counseling Week

Superintendent's Report

Goal #1 Student Achievement

- Calendar Make-Up Day

  Dr. Stratos presented a proposed calendar modification for 2024-2025 because of the weather-related days and she brought forth two recommended motions from the staff. She explained that per SC Code, 1976, Section 59-1-425, that the School Board as the authority to waive up to three academic days beyond the emergency days already used within an academic calendar. The proposed calendar reflects May 30, 2025 as a make-up day for the closure of January 24, 2025 due to incremental weather.

  Dr. Rodriguez explained how we have to exhaust all of our make-up days, and virtual days, before the Board can exercise its authority in waiving the days.

  Mrs. Ingrid Boatright made the motion that the Beaufort County Board of Education as per S.C. Code, 1976, as amended Section 59-1-425, waive having a make-up day for the missed academic day, January 24, 2025 due to incremental weather. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Elizabeth Hey. The motion passed 11/0.

- Update to Administrative Regulation IS-38.1 Procedures for Handling Questioned or Challenged School Library Materials.

  Dr. Stratos presented the changes that were made to IS-38.1.
  - Section IV was changed to reflect legislation that complainants must be parent/legal guardian and limited to five unique title challenges per month per person. Further notes that appeals may now be made to the SBE.
  - Section V, B.II – Entire verbiage was added.
  - Section VI – District – developed reconsideration form replaced with state-provided form and initial review period lengthened from 15 to 30 days.
  - Section VIII – A. – New language added to show that the Board will meet to vote on materials following previously established policies for public participation in Board meetings.
  - Section VIII – B. – Language added directly from legislation
  - Section VIII – C. – The Board may send complaints to state board within 30 days of receipt asking the SBE review the complaints.
  - Section IX – Removed language regarding district-appeal of material and added the legislation language.

Board Business

- Health Advisory Committee Update

  Dr. Stratos provided an Executive Summary of the Health Advisory Committee recommendations.

Mrs. Ingrid Boatright made the motion that the Beaufort County Board of Education support the recommendation from the Health Advisory Committee (HAC) that the middle and high school (textbook hardcopy) modules and lessons are removed, as the books are not aligned to the SC State Legislation Carolina Code of Laws Title 59-32-10 (1988 Act. No. 437, Section 3), and the 204 Act No. 203 (H.4624), Section 2, eff. May 21, 2024. The HAC also recognizes that the publishing of the middle school supplement was prior to the 2024 Legislative update. As such, these materials are not aligned and should be discarded per the SC State Legislation Carolina Code of Laws Title 59-32-10 (1988 Act. No. 437, Section 3), and the 204 Act No. 203 (H.4624), Section 2 eff. May 21, 2024. The motion was seconded by Mr. William Smith. The motion passed 11/0.

- Donation to Shanklin Elementary School from the Friends of Shanklin in the amount of $7,000 for math supplies for early childhood math centers in all PK-1st grade classrooms.

  Mrs. Ingrid Boatright made the motion that the Beaufort County Board of Education accept the donation from the Friends of Shanklin in the amount of $7,000 to Shanklin Elementary School for Math Supplies. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Chloe Gordon. The motion passed 11/0.

Future Topics

- Victor Ney would like to discuss how to review internal processes as a board.
- William Smith would like to review other governances for Boards.
- Wiliam Smith would like to discuss Board members stipends.
- Chloe Gordon would like to discuss how teachers are moved.

The meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at 7:11 p.m.

(Signature on Official File Copy) Date: March 4, 2025
Ingrid Boatright, Secretary, Board of Education
Minutes prepared by Robyn Cushingberry, Executive Assistant

Motion Summary

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