BEAUFORT COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
School Board Meeting Minutes - Draft
April 1, 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 4:30p.m.

Mr. Carlton Dallas made a motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussion of Personnel Matter re: Personnel Ratification Report; employment, appointment, promotion, compensation; pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Section 30-4-70(a)(1); Adult Ed/Home School Report pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Section 30-4-40(a)(4); discussion of negotiations incident to proposed Amendment #69 with Thompson Turner Construction, Inc. for May River High School's (MRHS) interior painting and track resurfacing improvements covered by the attorney-client privilege pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Section 30-4-70(a)(2); discussion of negotiations incident to proposed Amendment #70 with Thompson Turner Construction, Inc. for DESC phase III amendment covered by the attorney-client privilege pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Section 30-4-70(a)(2); discussion of negotiations incident to an encroachment permit at May River Elementary School pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. 30-4-70(a)(2); Discussion of Superintendent Board Relations pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. 30-4-70(a)(1). The motion was seconded by Mr. Alphonso Small. The motion passed 8/0. Ingrid Boatright, Chloe Gordon, and Elizabeth Hey were absent from the vote.

Action from Executive Session

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

Mr. Carlton Dallas made the motion that the Board of Education approve the Superintendent's recommendations for employment listed on the March 1, 2025 – March 31, 2025 Personnel Ratification Report. The motion was seconded by Mr. Victor Ney. The motion passed 11/0.

Mr. Carlton Dallas made the motion that the Board of Education approve the Superintendent's recommendation for the monthly Adult Education Report for April 1, 2025. The motion was seconded by Mr. Alphonso Small. The motion passed 11/0.

Mr. Carlton Dallas made the motion that the Board of Education approve Amendment #69 with Thompson Turner Construction, Inc. for the May River High School (MRHS) building interior painting and track resurfacing based on the Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) proposal of $1,101,428. The motion was seconded by Mr. Victor Ney. The motion passed 10/0/1. William Smith abstained from the vote.

Mr. Carlton Dallas made the motion that the Board of Education approve Amendment #70 with Thompson Turner Construction, Inc for the District Educational Services Center phase 3 renovations based on the Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) proposal of $2,638,128. The motion was seconded by Ms. Leah Frazier. The motion passed 10/0/1. William Smith abstained from the vote.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and a moment of silence was observed. Colonel Geier stated that the media was properly notified.

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

- February Students of the Month
  - Southern BCSD 4th grade student Riley Quinn, Daufuskie Island Elementary School
  - Northern BCSD 7th grade student Lusila Garcia Barrios, Whale Branch Middle School
- SC Music Educators Association Lowcountry Concert Performance Assessments
- Skills USA Competition
- Regional Science Fair

Student Performance – Beaufort Middle School Orchestra performing "High Hopes" and "Dragon Hunter" under the direction of Amanda Trimpey.

Public Comments

- Anthony Cambria, Bluffton spoke about Public Comments Protocols and Procedures
- Richard Bisi, Hilton Head Island, spoke about Public Comments Protocols

CLOC Update

- Mr. Michael McNally, chair of the 2019 Bond Referendum, provided an overview of what CLOC stands for, and gave an update on the 2019 Bond Referendum.
- Mr. Ray Warco, chair of the 2023 Bond Referendum, provided an update on the 2023 Bond Referendum.

Chair's Report

- Colonel Geier read the statement that he made at the County Council meeting regarding growth in Beaufort County.

Committee Reports

Academics – No Report

Finance – Carlton Dallas, chair, and Mrs. Tonya Crosby provided an update from the Finance Committee meeting that was held on March 13th.

Legislative – Carlton Dallas, chair provided an update from the March 12th committee meeting.

Operations – Victor Ney, chair provided an update from the March 11th committee meeting. Mr. Varga provided a construction update.

Superintendent's Report

Goal #1 Student Achievement

- Academic Coach's Practices
  Dr. Mary Stratos introduced Mrs. Melissa Murray who presented on Academic Coach's Practices.

Goal #3 Fiscal Responsibility

- Insurance Rebate
  Mrs. Tonya Crosby shared with the Board, the district received a Member loyalty appreciation coupon in the amount of $202,42.30 from the South Carolina School board's Insurance Trust. The reduction was based on three factors:
  1. membership longevity and loyalty
  2. historical contributions
  3. loss ration for the past five years

  The Member Loyalty Appreciation Coupon may only be applied toward the FY2025-2026 Property and Casualty premium contribution.

Board Business

- Donation from Parkers Kitchen in the amount of $75,000.
  Mr. Carlton Dallas made the motion that the Beaufort County Board of Education accept the donation from Parker Kitchen in the amount of $75,000. The motion was seconded by Dr. David Carr. The motion passed 11/0.

Consent Agenda

- N/A

Future Topics

- Mr. William Smith would like to discuss the playground/graveyard at Lady's Island Elementary School.

Public Comments

- JoAnne Chludzinske, from the League of Women Voters, shared activities that are being held in honor of Teacher Appreciation Week.
- Jim Miller, Bluffton shared information about West Florence Band.
- Richard Bisi, Hilton Head Island, spoke on the student achievement gap.
- Anthony Cambria, Bluffton spoke regarding the protocols and procedures for public comments.

The meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at 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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