BEAUFORT COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
School Board Meeting Minutes
April 26, 2024
District Educational Services Center
Media Center
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	

Members Absent
Angela Middleton, Secretary
Rachel Wisnefski

Dr. Christina Gwozdz called the meeting to order at 8:30am.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. A moment of silence was observed in honor of Laura Markovitch an English teacher at Battery Creek High School then at May River High School. She died on April 15, 2024. She started with the school district in August of 2015. Dr. John Lott Coaxum a retired Asst. Principal died April 12, 2024. He served as an Asst. principal with the school district for more than 32 years.

Legislative Update
Ms. Lynn Stokes Murray, Director, Government Relations, Burr Forman McNair, provided the Board with an update on current legislation.

Executive Session

Mrs. Ingrid Boatright made the motion to move into Executive Session for the purpose of Motion to move into Executive Session for the purpose of discussion of 2024-2025 employment recommendations pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Section 30-4-70(a)(1): discussion of negotiations incident to proposed Amendment #04 with M.B. Kahn Construction Co., Inc. for the Rebuild of Hilton head Island High School GMP Proposal for Phase 1A and Partial Phase 1B site work pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Section 30-4-70(a)(2); discussion of negotiations incident to proposed AIA Agreement and Amendment #1 with Turner & Townsend Heery for Capital Program Management and Coordination Services pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. 30-4-70(a)(2). The motion was seconded by Mr. Carlton Dallas. The motion passed 7/0. Chloe Gordon and William Smith were absent from the vote. Angela Middleton and Rachel Wisnefski were absent from the meeting.

The Board moved into Executive Session at 8:45am.

Dr. Gwozdz called the meeting back to open session at 10:00am.

Action from Executive Session

Colonel Richard Geier made the motion that the Board accepts the Superintendent's recommendation that the contract of a Letter of Agreement teacher, Employee A, is not renewed for the 2024-25 school year. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Ingrid Boatright. The motion passed 8/0/1. William Smith abstained from the vote.

Colonel Richard Geier made the motion that the Board accepts the Superintendent's recommendation that the contract of a Letter of Agreement teacher, Employee B, is not renewed for the 2024-25 school year. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Ingrid Boatright. The motion passed 8/0/1. William Smith abstained from the vote.

Colonel Richard Geier made the motion that the Board accepts the Superintendent's recommendation that the annual contract teacher of Employee C, is not renewed for the 2024-25 school year. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Ingrid Boatright. The motion passed 8/0/1. William Smith abstained from the vote.

Colonel Richard Geier made the motion that the Board accepts the Superintendent's recommendation that the contract of an Annual Contract 4 teacher, Employee D, is not renewed for the 2024-2025 school year. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Ingrid Boatright. The motion passed 8/0/1. William Smith abstained from the vote.

Colonel Richard Geier made the motion that the Board accepts the Superintendent's recommendation that the contract of an Induction 1 Contract teacher, Employee E is not renewed for the 2024-25 school year. The motion was seconded by Mr. Victor Ney. The motion passed 8/0/1. William Smith abstained from the vote.

Colonel Richard Geier made the motion that the Board accepts the Superintendent's recommendation that the contract of a Continuing GBE contract teacher, Employee F, is not renewed for the 2024-25 school year. The motion was seconded by Mr. Victor Ney. The motion passed 8/0/1. William Smith abstained from the vote.

Colonel Richard Geier made the motion that the Board accepts the Superintendent's recommendation that contract of an Induction 2 contract teacher, Employee G is not renewed for the 2024-25 school year. The motion was seconded by Mr. Carlton Dallas. The motion passed 8/0/1. William Smith abstained from the vote.

Colonel Richard Geier made the motion that the Board accepts the Superintendent's recommendation that contract for an Annual 1 contract teacher, Employee H is not renewed for the 2024-25 school year. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Ingrid Boatright. The motion passed 8/0/1. William Smith abstained from the vote.

Colonel Richard Geier made the motion that the Board accepts the Superintendent's recommendation that contract of Induction 1 contract teacher Employee I is not renewed for the 2024-25 school year. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Ingrid Boatright. The motion passed 8/0/1. William Smith abstained from the vote.

Colonel Richard Geier made the motion that the Board accepts the Superintendent's recommendation that contract for an Induction 3 contract teacher, Employee J, is not renewed for the 2024-25 school year. The motion was seconded by Mr. Earl Campbell. The motion passed 8/0/1. William Smith abstained from the vote.

Colonel Richard Geier made the motion that the Board accepts the Superintendent's recommendation that the contract for Induction 1 contract teacher, Employee K is not renewed for the 2024-25 school year. The motion was seconded by Mr. Victor Ney. The motion passed 8/0/1. William Smith abstained from the vote.

Colonel Richard Geier made the motion that the Board accepts the Superintendent's recommendation that the contract of an Annual 2 GBE contract teacher, Employee L is not renewed for the 2024-25 school year. The motion was seconded by Mr. Victor Ney. The motion passed 8/0/1. William Smith abstained from the vote.

Colonel Richard Geier made the motion that the Board accepts the Superintendent's recommendations for renewal of certified employees for the 2024-25 school year. The motion was seconded by Mr. Victor Ney. The motion passed 8/1. William Smith voted against the motion.

Colonel Richard Geier made the motion that the Board of Education approve Amendment #4 with M.B. Kahn Construction Co., In. for the Rebuild of Hilton Head Island High School Phase 1A and 1B, which includes the new three-story building addition and main entrance for a Guaranteed maximum Price (GMP) of $80,170,995. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Ingrid Boatright. The motion passed 8/1. William Smith voted against the motion.

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Mr. Victor Ney made the motion to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Earl Campbell. The motion passed 9/0.

Dr. Gwozdz stated that the media was properly notified.

Public Comment

- David Cook (phone call) said he was speaking regarding the budget items but then proceeded to speak about other topics that were not on the agenda. The Chair called for the phone call to end.

Budget

- FY 2024 Fund Balance Discussion
  Mrs. Tonya Crosby and Mrs. Jennifer Hamblin lead a discussion regarding the FY 2024 fund balance.
- FY 2024-2025 Preliminary General Fund Budget
  Mrs. Crosby and Mrs. Hamblin presented the FY2024-2025 Preliminary General Fund Budget.

- FY2024-2025 BJACE Proposed Budget 7 Capital Improvements
  Ms. Crosby presented the FY2024-2025 BJ ACE Proposed Budget & Capital Improvements.

Strategic Plan
Mr. Nick Flowers led the Board through an interactive exercise to gather feedback on the development of the five-year strategic plan.

Rebrand Update
Dr. Candace Bruder introduced Austin Rhodes and Michael Ho with Rhodes Branding, who presented on the rebranding process and logo options.

Announcements
Dr. Rodriguez announced there will be a groundbreaking at Hilton Head Island High School on May 8 at 1 p.m.

The Work Session adjourned by unanimous consent at 2:50p.m.

(Signature on Official File Copy) Date: May 7, 2024
Angela Middleton, Secretary, Board of Education
Minutes prepared by Robyn Cushingberry, Executive Assistant

Motion Summary

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