BEAUFORT COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
School Board Work Session Meeting Minutes
March 28, 2025
District Educational Services Center
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

Member Absent
Alphonso Small

Colonel Richard Geier called the meeting to order at 8:00a.m.

Mr. Victor Ney made the motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose to discuss the following: Receipt of Legal Advice regarding Riverview Charter School Facilities Proposal pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Section 30-4-70(a)(2); discussion of negotiations incident to proposed Amendment #34 with Ajax Building Company. LL for approval of St. Helena Elementary School (SHES) 8% CIP Interior Renovations Remaining Scope Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) Proposal; discussion of negotiations incident to proposed Amendment #35 with Ajax Building Company, LLC for approval of Joseph Shanklin Elementary School 9JSES) 8% CIP Interior Renovations Scope Guaranteed Maximum price (GMP) Proposal pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. 30-4-70(a)(2). The motion was seconded by Mr. Carlton Dallas. The motion passed 10/0. Chloe was absent from the vote.

Action from Executive Session

Colonel Geier called the meeting back to open session at 9:00a.m.

Mr. Carlton Dallas made the motion that the Board of Education approve Amendment #34 with Ajax Building Company, LLC for the St. Helena Elementary School FY 2026 8% CIP Interior Renovations Remaining Scope based on the Guaranteed maximum Price (GMP) proposal of $2,005,863. 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 Amendment #35 with Ajax Building Company, LLC for the Joseph S. Shanklin Elementary School (JSES) Fy 20268% CIP Interior Renovations Scope based on the Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) proposal of $1,670,052. The motion was seconded by Mr. William Smith. The motion passed 11/0.

Dr. Carr made the motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Ms. Chloe Gordon. 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.

Public Comments

- Davonte Singleton, Riverview Charter School Director, thanked the Board for attending the Riverview Twighlight Run.

Debt Day Presentation

- Mrs. Tonya Crosby introduced Mr. Brian Nurick who made the presentation on "Debt Day" which is OE-6.9 through 6.17 Debt Administration.

  Mr. Carlton Dallas made the motion to approve Operational Expectations 6.9 through 6.17 Debt Administration. The motion was seconded by Ms. Chloe Gordon. The motion passed 11/0.

2025 – 2026 Budget Presentation

- Mrs. Tonya Crosby present the 2025-2026 Budget. The key points that she shared:
  - Continued Community Engagement
  - Alignment with Strategic Plan and Board Policies
  - Local Revenues – On target with projection
  - Allowable Mill Increase for FY2026 – 5.6 mills plus lookback millage
  - House passed the Budget Bill
  - The Budget Bill is in the Senate
  - Staff are continuing to monitor local, state and federal impacts on the budget
  - April 25th Board Work Session will contain a full picture of the budget along with details.

Textbook Adoption

- Dr. Stratos and Dr. Mone Lisa Dickson presented and Executive Summary for Board approval on Textbook Adoption based on the Education Accountability Act and Regulation IS-36.

Colonel Geier recessed the Board for a lunch break at 12:20pm

Open Session

Colonel Geier called the meeting back to open session at 1:15pm.

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  Mr. Carlton Dallas made the motion that the Board of Education approve the following textbook adoptions:
  - **Grades k-5 – Curriculum Associates**
  - **Grades 6-8 – McGraw Hill**
  - **Savvas Courses:**
    - **Algebra I**
    - **Algebra II**
    - **Geometry**
    - **Reasoning in Mathematics**
    - **Application & Modeling**
    - **Calculus**
  - **Bradford, Freeman, Worth Courses:**
    - **AP Statistics**
    - **AP Calculus**
  - **National Geographic/Cengage Courses:**
    - **Pre/Calculus**

The motion was seconded by Ms. Leah Frazier. The motion passed 10/0. Ingrid Boatright was absent from the vote.

March 5, 2025 Weather/Make-Up Day

- Dr. Mary Stratos presented the Board with the Memorandum from the State Department dated February 29, 2024 referencing School Calendars and eLearing Days and the provided the Board with two options.

Mr. Carlton Dallas made the motion that the Beaufort County Board of Education as per SC Code, 1976, as amended Section 59-1-425, waives having a makeup day for the missed academic day March 5, 2025 due to incremental weather. The motion was seconded by Ms. Chloe Gordon. The motion passed 10/0. Ingrid Boatright was absent from the vote.

Summer School Update

- Dr. Mary Stratos, and her staff Ms. Karen McKenzie, and Ms. Brandi Bullock provided an Executive Summary on the plans for Summer Schools, and the various camps that will be offered. Med Tech 7 Summer Camps, and Sea Island Schools for the Arts were a couple that were named.

Safety Presentation

- Mrs. Geri Henderson, Mr. Stuart Cottingham, and Dr. Juliette White presented and extensive presentation on School Safety. The presentation covered the following:
  - The 4 Phases of An Emergency
  - Mitigation/Prevention
  - Preparedness
  - The Saf Schools Policy BCSD Emergency Management Plan
  - Crisi Prevention Professional Development Opportunities
  - Mandatory Employee Safety Training
  - Volunteer Background Screening
  - South Carolina Mandated Drills
  - Roles of the Student Services Team

The Colonel Geier and the Board thank Ms. Carolyn Jenkins and Ms. Kaylee Bly for a wonderful job they did in filling in for Mrs. Cushingberry in her absence.

The meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at 2:00 p.m.

(Signature on Official File Copy) Date: May 20, 2025
Ingrid Boatright, Secretary, Board of Education
Minutes prepared by Robyn Cushingberry, Executive Assistant

Motion Summary

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