



ACE

**Beaufort-Jasper Academy
for Career Excellence**

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Dr. Michael Lovecchio, Director
Ms. Carrie Chappell, Asst. Director

Beaufort-Jasper ACE
Quarterly School Board Meeting
June 12, 2025
8:30 AM Executive Session
8:45 AM General Session

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Carlton Dallas, Chairman
Dr. Thomas Balliet, Vice Chairman
Ms. Priscilla Fraser

MEMBERS PRESENT BY ZOOM

Ms. Carolyn Bolden
Ms. Leah Frazier

Also present was Superintendent Dr. Frank Rodriguez.

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mr. Alphonso Small

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Dallas called the meeting to order at 8:30 AM.
The roll was taken. The establishment of a quorum was met.
The media was properly notified, and there were no public comments.
Dr. Thomas Balliet motioned to go into Executive Session, seconded by Ms. Priscilla Fraser.
Motion passed 5/0

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Personnel Contractual Matters

OPENING OF GENERAL SESSION at 8:45 AM

Dr. Balliet motioned to go back into the General Session, seconded by Ms. Fraser. Motion passed 5/0.

Mr. Dallas asked if there were any recommendations from the executive session. Dr. Balliet made a motion to approve the recommendation from Dr. Lovecchio regarding the personnel contractual matters. Seconded by Ms. Fraser. Motion passed 5/0.

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

Mr. Carlton Dallas asked if there was a motion to approve the agenda. Ms. Fraser made a motion to approve the agenda. Seconded by Dr. Balliet. Motion passed 5/0.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Dallas asked if there was a motion to approve the Minutes from the April 10, 2025, Board Meeting. Dr. Balliet made a motion to approve the Minutes, seconded by Ms. Fraser. Motion passed 5/0.

REPORTS AND INFORMATION: Ms. Tonya Crosby

Presented The 3rd Quarter Financial Report

- General Fund Revenues
- General Fund Expenditures
- Fund Balance

Everything is in good shape, and we will come in below the budget for the remainder of the year.

The Capital Projects account has been opened. Each District has been provided wiring information to deposit \$1M (each). A bank account has been opened at Regions Bank.

Ms. Bolden asked for a copy of the projects in the order that ACE wants them to be done.

Ms. Abar, Director of Budgeting, talked about the 2025-26 Budget.

- Salary increases
- Increases in contracted services
- \$17K increase for Phase 2 of a 3-year computer replacement refresh due to anticipated tariffs
- Expenditures increase by 4.9%
- For a balanced budget, an increase in revenue from the current year would be required by each district; Jasper County \$62,390 increase, BCSD \$124,781 increase
- The General Fund Balance is projected to be \$646,217 or 16%

Dr. Balliet motioned that the Beaufort-Jasper ACE Board approve the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 General Fund Budget in the amount of \$4,095,506. Seconded by Ms. Fraser. Motion passed 5/0.

DIRECTORS REPORT: Dr. Michael Lovecchio

Dr. Lovecchio showed the New ACE Video

The TOY Teacher of the Year was Mr. Jeffrey Bates of Building Construction, and the SOY, Staff Member of the Year was Jill Pongallo, Office Manager.

Audit Accountability, done every 5 years, was done this year and resulted in an 'all clear' rating with no instances of non-compliance.

Capital Improvement Funding is waiting on the funds currently.

Completer and Certification Data were presented.

Enrollment Data was shown for this upcoming school year.

Ms. Carrie Chappell, Assistant Director, talked about STEM Certification and the data from the surveys that were taken.

Dr. Lovecchio talked about the National Technical Honor Society and Ms. Brown's hard work.

The Completer Ceremony was on May 22nd. It was a great day for the students, their families, and staff.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Completer Ceremony on May 22nd
- NTHS Ceremony
- Full Enrollment for the upcoming year

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Board Meeting August 21st

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Dallas asked for a motion to conclude the Board Meeting. Consent was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 9:28 AM.

