BEAUFORT COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
School Board Meeting Minutes
January 6, 2026
District Educational Services Center

Members Presents

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

Member Absent

Chloe Gordon

Colonel Richard Geier called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Mrs. Ingrid Boatright made the motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussion of Superintendent's Evaluation and Contractual matter pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Section 30-4-70(a)(1). The motion was seconded by Mr. Victor Ney. The motion passed 10/0.

Colonel Geier called the meeting to open session at 6:30pm.

Action from Executive Session

No Action was taken from Executive Session.

Mrs. Ingrid Boatright made the motion to approve the agenda with the removal of the December 9th board meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Victor Ney. The motion passed 10/0.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and a moment of silence was observed for Mr. John Williams, a teacher at Whale Branch High School, and former principal Clarence Washington.

Colonel Geier stated that the media was properly notified.

Election of Officers – Conducted by Dr. Frank Rodriguez.

Nominations for Board Chair

Colonel Richard Geier nominated Mr. Carlton Dallas for Board Chair. The motion was seconded by Mr. William Smith.

Mrs. Elizabeth Hey nominated Mrs. Ingrid Boatright for Board Chair. The motion was seconded by Mr. William Smith.

Carlton Dallas was elected as Chair.

Nomination for Vice Chair

Mrs. Ingrid Boatright made the motion to nominate Mr. Victor Ney as Vice-Chair. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Elizabeth Hey.

Mr. Alphonso Small made the motion to nominate Dr. David Carr as Vice-Chair. The motion was seconded by Mr. William Smith.

Dr. David Carr was elected Vice-Chair.

Nomination for Secretary

Mr. Victor Ney made the motion to nominate Mrs. Ingrid Boatright as Secretary. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Elizabeth Hey

Mr. Carlton Dallas made the motion to nominate Ms. Leah Frazier. The motion was seconded by Mr. William Smith.

Mrs. Ingrid Boatright declined being nominated as the Secretary.

Ms. Leah Frazier was elected as Secretary.

Mr. Carlton Dallas presided over the remainder of the meeting.
Public Comments - No Public Comments

Committee Reports –
Operations – Mr. Victor Ney provided a committee report from the December 16 meeting. The committee reviewed the December 2025 Construction update and discussed the topic Funerals in Schools.

Board Business

- Approval of the Additional Language for Livestreaming Policy for Compliance with General Assembly Bill A28, R46, S77.

  Mr. Victor Ney made the motion to accept the Policy as presented with the additional Language Highlighted. The motion was seconded by Pastor Isaac Gordon. The motion passed 10/0.

Public Comments

- James Miller, Bluffton spoke on the topic of the Bluffton Middle School Winter Band Concert.

Motion to adjourn by unanimous consent.
The meeting adjourned at 7:00p.m.

(Signature on Official File Copy) Date: February 3, 2026
Victor Ney, Secretary, Board of Education
Minutes prepared by Robyn Cushingberry, Executive Assistant

Motion Summary

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A motion was made to approve the agenda with the removal of the December 9th board meeting minutes. The motion was seconded and passed 10/0.

Nominations for Board Chair

A motion was made to nominate Mr. Carlton Dallas for Board Chair. The motion was seconded .

A motion was made to nominate Mrs. Ingrid Boatright for Board Chair. The motion was seconded .

Carlton Dallas was elected as Chair.

Nomination for Vice Chair

A motion was made to nominate Mr. Victor Ney as Vice-Chair. The motion was seconded.

A motion was made to nominate Dr. David Carr as Vice-Chair. The motion was seconded .

Dr. David Carr was elected Vice-Chair.

Nomination for Secretary

A motion was made to nominate Mrs. Ingrid Boatright as Secretary. The motion was seconded.

A motion was made to nominate Ms. Leah Frazier. The motion was seconded.

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