BEAUFORT COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
School Board Work Session Meeting Minutes
January 23, 2026
District Educational Services Center
Hybrid Meeting

Members Present

Carlton Dallas, Chair
David Carr, Vice Chair
Ingrid Boatright
Elizabeth Hey
Victor Ney
William Smith

Members Absent

Chloe Gordon
Richard Geier
Alphonso Small

Mr Carlton Dallas called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

Dr. David Carr made the motion to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Victor Ney. The motion passed 6/0.

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

Mr. Dallas stated that the media was properly notified.

Public Comments

- David Cook, (Phone Call)

(The board meeting experienced technical difficulties. Some of the sound was lost) Coherent Governance (Board Governance and Evaluating Internal Board Processes)

- Dr. John Steach from AGI led the discussion and presentation on Coherent Governance.

Systems, Culture, Relationships

- Mr. Dallas presented information on Systems Optimization: He covered the following areas:
  - Commitment and Confirmation
  - Culture
  - Relationship/Results

The board took a thirty-minute lunch break at 12:00pm

(Board members were in/out during these presentations which led to not having a quorum. Ms. Ingrid Boatright, Pastor Isaac Gordon left the meeting. The following items were presented as information only).

Budget Priorities

- Mrs. Tonya Crosby presented the budget priorities that were results from the public meetings, and meetings with the staff. The process was started earlier this year for maximum input.

- Mrs. Crosby led the Board through an interactive exercise to establish the Board's priorities. The process will be repeated, giving opportunities to those board members who weren't in attendance.

Personalized Educational Opportunities (PEO)

- Mrs. Tonya Crosby and Dr. Mary Stratos presented an Executive Summary and presentation on Personalize Education Opportunities, and expanding access to varied learning pathways.

Facilities Master Plan

- Mr. Robert Oetting introduced Mrs. Carol Crutchfield who presented the new Facilities Master Plan. The Master Plan provided a portion of the answer required in OE-8. OE-8 will be sent to the Operations Committee.

- Mrs. Crutchfield went through the book section by section giving an explanation on each part.

Update on Schools

- Dr. Mary Stratos introduced each of the Under performing Schools principals. The three schools are the following:
  - St. Helena Elementary School
  - Whale Branch Middle School
  - Battery Creek High School
- Each principal presented their school plans.

Specialized Education Services in. (SESI)

- Dr. Chad Cox, and staff presented information. He provided data on the increase of students with Autism from 2021 – 2025.
- He also shared information about the B.E.S.T Model.

The meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at 2:45 p.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

A motion was made to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded and passed 6/0.