BEAUFORT COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
School Board Meeting Minutes
October 1, 2024
District Educational Services Center
Hybrid Meeting

Members Present

Christina Gwozdz, Chair	Ingrid Boatright	Earl Campbell
Angela Middleton, Secretary	Carlton Dallas	Chloe Gordon
	Elizabeth Hey	Victor Ney
	William Smith	

Member Absent
Richard Geier, Vice Chair

Dr. Christina Gwozdz called the meeting to order at 5:17p.m.

Mrs. Angela Middleton made a motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose for discussion of Employment Matter re: Personnel Ratification Report pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Section 30-4-70(a)(1); Adult Ed/Report pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Section 30-4-40(a)(4); discussion of negotiations incident to proposed HHISCA Restroom Renovation Work using FY2023 8% Project Funds Amendment #19 to M.B. Kahn Construction pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Section 30-4-70(a)(2); discussion of negotiations incident to proposed MRES 2023 Referendum Scope Guaranteed Maximum Price Amendment #2 to Thompson Turner Construction pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Section 30-4-70(a)(2);Discussion of negotiations incident to proposed acquisition of property in Southern Beaufort County pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Section 30-4-70(a)(2). The motion was seconded by Mrs. Ingrid Boatright. The motion passed 8/0. William Smith was absent from the vote. Richard Geier was absent from the meeting.

Action from Executive Session

Dr. Gwozdz called the meeting back to open session at 6:00pm.

Mrs. Angela Middleton made the motion to approve the Superintendent's recommendations on the September 1 to September 30, 2024 personnel ratification report. The motion was seconded by Mr. Earl Campbell. The motion passed 8/0/1. William Smith abstained from the vote.

Mrs. Angela Middleton made the motion to approve adult education and homeschool report for Oct 1, 2024. The motion was seconded by Mr. Victor Ney. The motion passed 8/0/1. William Smith abstained from the vote.

Mrs. Angela Middleton made the motion to approve amendment #19HHISCA Restroom Renovation Work using FY2023 8% Project Funds Amendment #19 to M.B. Kahn Construction pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Section 30-4-70(a)(2). The motion was seconded by Mrs. Ingrid Boatright. The motion passed 8/0/1.

Mrs. Angela Middleton made the motion to approve MRES 2023 Referendum Scope Guaranteed Maximum Price Amendment #2 to Thompson Turner Construction pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Section 30-4-70(a)(2). The motion was seconded by Mrs. Chloe Gordon. The motion passed 8/0/1.

Mr. Earl Campbell made the motion to approve agenda with removal of student performance. The motion was seconded by Mr. Carlton Dallas. The motion passed 9/0.

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

Dr. Gwozdz stated that the media was properly notified.

Committee Reports
Operations Committee: Carlton Dallas, chair provided an update from the last Operations Committee meeting.

Superintendent's Report
Goal #1 Student Achievement

- New ELA Standards
  Dr. Stratos introduced Melissa Murray, who updated the Board on new state ELA standards.

Board Business

- Change in Food Service Fund Reporting
  Mrs. Tonya Crosby requested the authorization to transition of the Food Service Fund to a Governmental Fund and presented the Board with rationale for the request.

  Mrs. Angela Middleton made the motion that the Beaufort County Board of Education authorize the transition of the Food Service Fund to a Governmental Fund for purposes of financial reporting effective in fiscal year 2023-2024. The motion was seconded by Mr. Carlton Dallas. The motion passed 8/0/1. William Smith abstained from the vote.

Consent Agenda

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Mrs. Angela Middleton made the motion to approve the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Ingrid Boatright. The motion passed 9/0.

Future Agenda Topics

- Mr. Victor Ney would like an update on the stipend schedule.
- Mrs. Ingrid Boatright would like to discuss the 45-day numbers for the 2024-25 school year.

Announcements
Dr. Gwozdz announced that Molly Mercado, Board Assistant, has been promoted and presented her with flowers and a card.

Public Comment

- Jim Miller, Bluffton spoke regarding band director tenure.
- Mary Foster, Beaufort spoke about banned book week.

The meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at 6:51 p.m.

(Signature on Official File Copy) Date: October 15, 2024
Angela Middleton, Secretary, Board of Education
Minutes prepared by Robyn Cushingberry, Executive Assistant

Motion Summary

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A motion was made to approve the consent agenda. The motion was seconded and passed 9/0.

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