BEAUFORT COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
School Board Meeting Minutes
February 3, 2026
Hilton Head Island Middle School Media Center

Members Presents

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

Member Absent
Chloe Gordon

Mr. Carlton Dallas called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Mr. Victor Ney made the motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Elizabeth Hey. The motion passed 9/0.

Election for Secretary
Mr. Carlton Dallas conducted the election of the Secretary position.

Dr. David Carr made the motion to nominate Mr. Victor Ney as Secretary. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Elizabeth Hey. The motion passed 8/1. William Smith voted against the motion.

Mr. Ney was elected as Secretary.

Under Points of Celebration – Dr. Rodriguez and the Board recognized the following:

- Southern BCSD Students of the Months
  - November – 3rd grad student Sophia Campos Montes, Red Cedar Elementary
  - December – 4th grade student Cristian Alveranga, Okatie Elementary
- WordMaster Challenge Perfect Scores 5th grade students.
- GFOA Distinguished Budget Presentation Award
- NexGen Rising Stars – Ashley Gould
- Recognition for Bus Driver Carrie Brown

CLOC Update – Mr. Ray Wargo provided a CLOC School Board Update through 4th quarter 2025. The report included 2019 Bond Referendum Highlights, 2019 Bond Referendum Financial Updates, 2023 Bond Referendum Highlights, and 2023 Bond Referendum Financial Updates.

Chair's Report – Mr. Carlton Dallas named the standing committees and the Chairs for each.

- Academics – David Carr, chair
  Isaac Gordon
  Victor Ney

- Finance - Richard Geier, chair
  Victor Ney
  Alphonso Small

- Legislative - David Carr, chair
  Isaac Gordon
  Victor Ney

- Operations - Victor Ney, chair
  David Carr
  Isaac Gordon

- Beaufort/Jasper ACE Board
  Richard Geier
  Alphonso Small
  William Smith

Mr. Dallas stated that there will be other ad hoc committees established as needed.

Board Business

Board Meeting Schedule and Agendas

- Mrs. Robyn Cushingberry presented the proposed board agenda that was discussed at the Work Session. The agenda changes the order of items, and the start time is 5:00pm. Mrs. Ingrid Boatright provided an explanation for the suggested changes.

  Mrs. Ingrid Boatright made the motion to accept the Test Agenda as presented under Board Business. The motion was seconded by Dr. David Carr. The motion passed 9/0.

Consent Agenda

- School Update from Work Session
- December 9, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes
- January 6, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes
- January 23, 2026 Board Work Session Minutes

Mr. Victor Ney made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Pastor Isaac Gordon. The motion passed 9/0.

Future Agenda Topics

- Board Member Attendance
- Policy Workshop

Announcements

- Dr. Rodriguez announced the African American History Conference that begins on Thursday, February 12th.

Public Comments

- James Miller, Bluffton spoke on the All-County Band Concert and shared information about which schools participated in the program.

Executive Session

- **Mr. Victor Ney made the motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussion of Employment Matter re: December 1, 2025 Personnel Ratification Report pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Section 30-4-70(a)(1); Employment Matter re: January, 2026 Personnel Ratification Report pursuant to S.C. code Ann. Section 30-4-70(a)(1); receipt of legal advice relating to pending legal claims covered by the attorney client privilege pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Section 30-4-70(a)(2); discussion of negotiations incident to proposed purchase of property in Southern Beaufort County pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Section 30-4-70(a)(2); discussion of Superintendent's Evaluation & Contractual Matter pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Section 30-4-70(a)(1). The motion was seconded by Dr. David Carr. The motion passed 9/0.**

Action from Executive Session

Mr. Dallas called the meeting back to open session at 7:20p.m.

Mr. Victor Ney made the motion to approve the Superintendent's recommendations for employment listed on December 1, 2025, to December 31, 2025 Personnel Ratification Report. The motion was seconded by Dr. David Carr. The motion passed 9/0.

Mr. Victor Ney made the motion to approve the Superintendent's recommendations for employment listed on January 1 2026 to January 30, 2026 Personnel Ratification Report. The motion was seconded by Dr. David Carr. The motion passed 9/0.

Motion to adjourn by unanimous consent.
The meeting adjourned at 7:23pm.

(Signature on Official File Copy) Date: March 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. The motion was seconded and passed 9/0.

A motion was made to nominate Mr. Victor Ney as Secretary. The motion was seconded and passed 8/1. William Smith voted against the motion.

A motion was made to accept the Test Agenda as presented under Board Business. The motion was seconded and passed 9/0.

A motion was made to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded and passed 9/0.

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