**BEAUFORT COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**
**School Board Work Session Meeting Minutes**
**March 27, 2026**
**District Educational Services Center**
**Hybrid Meeting**

**Members Present**

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

**Members Absent**

Chloe Gordon
Alphonso Small

Mr Carlton Dallas called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**Mr. Victor Ney made the motion to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Dr. David Carr. The motion passed 8/0. Isaac Gordon was absent from the vote. Chloe Goron and Alphonso Small were absent from the meeting.**

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

Mr. Dallas stated that the media was properly notified.

**Debt Day – Mr. Brian Nurick**

- Mrs. Tonya Crosby introduced Mr. Brian Nurick who provided information for OE6.9 – through OE6.17 Debt Administration. This is also known as 'Debt Day' Presentation.

  **Mr. Victor Ney made the motion that the Beaufort County Board of Education accept Operational Expectations 6.9 through 6.17 Debt Administration. The motion was seconded by Dr. David Carr. The motion passed 8/0.**

**FY26-27 Budget Presentation – Mrs. Tonya Crsoby**

- Mrs. Crosby presented the FY26-27 Budget Presentation. The presentation provided information on how the budget supports the SEAS Pillars; the process in building the budget; a list of the budget priorities; the State's budget process; the district's budget challenges and BCSD Financial Strategy.

**Student Computer Software and Accessibility – Mr. Mark Chauhan**

- Mr. Mark Chauhan presented information that provided clarity on device software and student application access. The presentation provided information on what software is installed directly on district devices; what applications students have access to at various grade levels; the key considerations and safeguards that are put in place.

**The Board took a thirty-minute lunch break at 12:30pm**
**Open Session – 1:00pm**

**ACE Update – Colonel Richard Geier**

- Colonel Geier provided an oral update from his meeting with Director Mike Lovecchio on March 19th, to prepare the Board and provide information before the next ACE meeting on April 2nd. The Chair appointed Colonel Geier, Mr. Smalls, and Mr. William Smith to the ACE Board.

**Chair's Report – Mr. Carlton Dallas**

- Mr. Dallas provided an update on the joint Board/SIC meeting that was held at Okatie Elementary on March 12th; a SCSBA Leadership Team meeting where the discussion and presentation was on Cyber Security; then two weeks later he was able to attend the South Coast Cyber Center Summit that is in Beaufort. Mr. Dallas's report also included information about the two groups that meet in Beaufort County that discusses the growth in both southern and northern Beaufort County. The southern group "SoLoCo" includes Jasper County, and second group is the Northern Regional Plan Implementation Committee. Both groups are open to the public. He strongly encouraged board members to attend.

**Executive Session**

**Mr. Victor Ney made the motion to go into Executive Session for the following purpose: receipt of legal advice relating to pending 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 Amendment #07 with M.B. Kahn Construction Company, Inc. for H.E. McCracken Middle School Partial HVAC replacement Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) proposal pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Section 30-4-70(a)(2); discussion of negotiations incident to rebuild of Hilton Head Island High School Phase 1A furniture purchase, 2023 Referendum pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Section 30-4-70(a)(2). The motion was seconded by Dr. David Carr. The motion passed 8/0.**

The Board enter Executive Session at 1:20

Mr. Carlton Dallas called the meeting back to open session at 1:40pm.

**Action from Executive Session**

**Mr. Victor Ney made the motion that the Board of Education approve Amendment #07 with M.B. Kahn Construction Co., Inc. for the H.E. McCracken Partial HVAC Replacement scope of work with a Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) of $922,455 using FY2027 8% funds. The motion was seconded by Mr. William Smith. The motion passed 8/0.**

**Mr. Victor Ney made the motion that the Board of Education approves the purchase order with Nu-Idea School Supply Company for the furniture purchase related to the Rebuild of Hilton Head Island High School Phase 1A, which includes the new three-story building addition for a total amount of $1,547,649.83. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Ingrid Boatright. The motion passed 8/0.**

The meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at 1:49p.m.

(Signature on Official File Copy) Date: April 7, 2026
Victor Ney, Secretary, Board of Education
Minutes prepared by Robyn Cushingberry, Executive Assistant

**Motion Summary**

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