BEAUFORT COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
School Board Meeting Minutes
April 7, 2026
Hilton Head Island Middle School Media Center

Members Presents

Carlton Dallas, Chair	Richard Geier	Chloe Gordon
David Carr, Vice Chair	William Smith	
Victor Ney, Secretary		

Members Absent
Ingrid Boatright
Isaac Gordon
Elizabeth Hey
Alphonso Small

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 Dr. David Carr. The motion passed 6/0. Ingrid Boatright, Isaac Gordon, Elizabeth Hey and Alphonso Small were absent from the meeting.

Public Comments – No Comments during the first period.

Chair's Report - Mr. Dallas updated the board on the meetings that he attended. The following:

- Edunomics Education, Finance Bootcamp for School Boards sponsored by the State Superintendent and the Dept. of Education. The presentation was presented by Georgetown University professor Dr. Marguerite Rosa
- South Carolina School Board Association is soliciting feedback on what programs school board members would like to see for continue growth.
- Jasper County held a CATE Advisory board meeting with invites from surrounding areas from the state county educators, business partners who are seeking to expand their efforts in attracting certified talent.

Mr. Dallas encouraged the board members to continue to be a learning board.

Committee Reports
ACE: Richard Geier provided an update from ACE's initial board meeting. The major concern from the meeting is the finance and the split between Jasper and Beaufort County Schools. The discussion is how the finances can be adjusted or modified to adequately fund the ACE programs. The board asked that the two Superintendents bring back recommendations.

Academics Committee: David Carr provided an update from the March 17th committee meeting. The committee reviewed two presentations, one on student academic support, and the second on the Day Treatment Program. Staff from the Instructional Service Division shared a comprehensive summary of tier one, highly qualified instructional materials for English language arts, math and science that support classroom learning. Dr. Lee and Dr. Cox presented on the "Day Treatment Program."

Dr. Cox highlighted a family whose student is enrolled in the program, and the positive impact that the program is having on that family.

Finance Committee: Tonya Crosby provided an update from the March 16th committee meeting. The committee reviewed the standard monthly reports. The focus areas for the months of December and January were specifically in construction and facilities; targeted increases related to infrastructure investments, software renewals, including Microsoft renewal, and the renewal of instructional resources. January the focus was on storm water fees.

Operations Committee: Victor Ney provided an update from the March 10 committee meeting. The committee reviewed the regular monthly reports for Construction and the Custodial and Maintenance Reports.

The committee also acted and made the following recommendation on the request from the SC Forestry Commission who is seeking approval for their Buckfield project.

Mr. Victor Ney made the motion that the Board approve and authorize the Chair to sign a letter of support on behalf of the Board for the South Carolina Forestry Commission's Buckfield Land Acquisition Project. Furthermore, I move that the Board authorizes Superintendent to take all actions necessary to execute and submit this letter in support of the project. The motion was seconded by Dr. David Carr. The motion passed 6/0.

Superintendent's Report
Goal #1 Student Achievement

- School Renewal Plans
  Dr. Stratos presented the School Renewal Plans, and highlighted various pages and areas of the plan.

  Mr. Victory Ney made the motion that the Beaufort County Board of Education approve the District Strategic Plan and School Renewal Plans for the 26-27 School Year. The motion was seconded by Dr. David Carr. The motion passed 6/0.

Student Performance – Lucas Linardos, a guitar student of Dr. Jeffrey Stinson from H.E. McCracken Middle School.

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

- February Student of the Month from Southern BCSD, 1st grade student Jasmine Rodriguez, Red Cedar Elementary
- Skills USA Competition
- State Wrestling Championships
- Regional Science Fair Winners

Consent Agenda

- OE-16.0 & OE16.2 FOIA
- February 9, 2026 Special Called BOE Meeting Minutes
- March 3, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes
- March 27, 2026 Board Work Session Minutes

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

Public Comments

- James Miller, Bluffton spoke on the CPA (Concert Performance Assessment), and he spoke about the non-improvement report among several schools.
- Sarah Saconn, student spoke in support of the BCSD Tides program.
- Sunny Lee Saconn, Hilton Head spoke in support of the BCSD Tides program.

Executive Session

Mr. Victor Ney made the motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussion of Employment Matter re: March 2026 Personnel Ratification Report; pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Section 30-4-70(a)(1); Discussion of negotiations incident to proposed Amendment #2 with Thompson Turner Construction for Lady's Island Middle School replacement School 2023 Referendum Total Project Scope Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) Proposal pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. 30-4-70(a)(2);discussion of matter covered by the attorney client privilege regarding the reclassification of the DESC Secure Entry Renovations funds from the FY2026 8% Capital Improvement Projects to the 2019 Bond Referendum pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. 30-4-70(a)(2). The motion was seconded by Dr. David Carr. The motion passed 6/0.

The Board moved into Executive Session at 6:45pm.

Action from Executive Session

Mr. Dallas called the meeting back to open session at 7:02p.m.

Mr. Victor Ney made the motion to approve the Superintendent's recommendations for employment listed on March 1, 2026 – March 31, 2026 Personnel Ratification Report. The motion was seconded by Mr. William Smith The motion passed 6/0.

Mr. Victor Ney made the motion that the Board of Education approve Amendment #2 with Thompson Turner Construction for the Lady's Island Middle School Replacement School – Total Project Scope for Construction for a Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) of $54,414,709. The motion was seconded by Mr. William Smith. The motion passed 6/0.

Mr. Victor Ney made the motion that the Board of Education approve the reclassification of DESC Secured Entry Renovations from the FY2026 8% Capital Improvement Projects to the 2019 Bond Referendum for a total amount of $1,600,000. The motion was seconded by Mr. William Smith. The motion passed 6/0.

Motion to adjourn by unanimous consent.
The meeting adjourned at 7:05 pm.

(Signature on Official File Copy) Date: May 5, 2026
Victor Ney, Secretary, Board of Education
Minutes prepared by Robyn Cushingberry, Executive Assistant

Motion Summary

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