**BEAUFORT COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**
**School Board Work Session Meeting Minutes**
**April 24, 2026**
**District Educational Services Center**
**Hybrid Meeting**

**Members Present**

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

**Members Absent**

Chloe Gordon

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 was 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.

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

- Mrs. Crosby presented the proposed FY26-27 Budget Presentation. The presentation provided information on how the budget supports the SEAS Pillars; the process in building the budget; and a list of the budget priorities. The FY27 Budget Priorities are the following:
  - Staff Compensation
  - Academic Programs
  - Operational Services
  - Safe Learning Environment

  Mrs. Crosby presented the proposed budget along with a handout titled 04/24/26 Combined Budget Handout that provides an executive summary of the major budget changes; details of the changes; a three-year comparative budget; the preliminary In$ite Report, and the proposed teacher salary schedule for 2026-2027.
  This is the first look at the budget, so no action is required.

**Riverview Charter School Report – Mr. Davontae Singleton, Executive Director**

- Mr. Davontae Singleton provided and Executive Summary of Riverview Charter School Annual Report for 2025. The report included the following:
  - Academic Performance & Growth
  - Success & Student Achievement
  - Financial Performance & Strategic Planning
  - Grants, Recognitions & External Support
  - Community Engagement & School Culture
  - Partnership with Beaufort County School District

**Academic Calendar 28-29 – Dr. Mary Stratos**

- Dr. Stratos provided an Executive Summary for the Academic Calendar Proposal for School Year 2028-29. Three Options were presented.

  **Mr. Victor Ney made the motion that the Board of Education adopt Option 2 for the 2028-29 academic school year calendar. The motion was seconded by Mr. Alphonso Small. The motion passed 8/1. William Smith voted against the motion.**

**Graduation Dates and Times for the Following Academic Calendar- Dr. Mary Stratos**
**26-27**
**27-28**
**28-29**

- Dr. Stratos presented three options for each graduation date for each academic year. The schools rotate each year. One of the options was to have two graduations on the same day.

  **Mr. Victor Ney made the motion that the Board of Education adopt Option 1 for Graduations in the 2026-2027 School Year. The motion was seconded by Mr. William Smith. The motion passed 6/2. Ingrid Boatright and Elizabeth Hey voted against the motion. Pastor Isaac Gordon was absent from the vote. (Pastor Gordon left the meeting at 11:17am)**

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**The Board took a thirty-minute lunch break at 12:10pm**

**Open Session – 12:41pm**

**3rd Grade Retention- Melissa Murray**

- Dr. Stratos introduced Mrs. Melissa Murray who provided a presentation on 3rd Grade Retention. The presentation included Third Grade Retention Guidance from South Carolina Department of Education.

**Primary Care Giver Engagement at Home – Dr. Mary Stratos**

- Dr. Mary Stratos presented a presentation on Primary Care Giver Engagement at Home. The presentation covers the following areas:
  - Research Questions
  - Definitions:
    - Parent Engagement
    - Parent Involvement
    - Family-school Partnership
    - Two-Parent vs Single-Parent Families
    - Single-parent families

- Findings
- Conclusion
- Beaufort county School District Initiatives in support of Parent/Community Engagement
- Resources

**Donation from Pritchardville Elementary School PTO in the amount of $11,151.12 for the purchase of a sunshade for play area at Pritchardville Elementary School.**

**Mr. William Smith made the motion that the Board of Education accept the donation from Pritchardville Elementary School PTO in the amount of $11,151.12 to purchase and install a sunshade in an unshaded play area at Pritchardville Elementary School. The motion was seconded by Mr. Victor Ney. The motion passed 8/0.**

**Future Topics:**

- Ingrid Boatright – Manage 4x4 classwork and AP/IB programs

**Executive Session**

**Mr. Victor Ney made the motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of 2026-2027 Employment Recommendations pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Section 30-4-(a)(1); discussion of negotiations incident to proposed Thompson Turner Construction contract amendment #15 for HVAC replacement scope at Beaufort Middle School 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.

**<u>Action from Executive Session</u>**

**Mr. Victor Ney made the motion that the Board of Education conditionally accept the Superintendent's recommendation that the contract for Continuing Contract teacher, Employee A, not be renewed for the 2026-27 school year, subject to the Board's duty to review the matter on the merits in a hearing pursuant to South Carolina law. The motion was seconded by Colonel Richard Geier. The motion passed 8/0.**

**Mr. Victor Ney made the motion that the Board of Education accepts the Superintendent's recommendation that the contract of an Annual Contract teacher, Employee B, not be renewed for the 2026-2027 school year subject to the employee's right to appeal pursuant to South Carolina Code of Law. The motion was seconded by Mr. Alphonso Small. The motion passed 8/0.**

**Mr. Victor Ney made the motion that the Board of Education accept the Superintendent's recommendations for the renewal of certified employees for the 2026-2027 school year. The motion was seconded by Dr. David Carr. The motion passed 7/0/1. William Smith abstained from the vote.**

**Mr. Victor Ney made the motion that the Board of Education approve Amendment #15 with Thompson Turner Construction for the Beaufort Middle School HVAC Replacement scope of work with a Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) of $3,907,699 using 2023 Bond Referendum funds. The motion was seconded by Colonel Richard Geier. The motion passed 8/0.**

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

(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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**<u>Action from Executive Session</u>**

**A motion was made that the Board of Education conditionally accept the Superintendent's recommendation that the contract for Continuing Contract teacher, Employee A, not be renewed for the 2026-27 school year, subject to the Board's duty to review the matter on the merits in a hearing pursuant to South Carolina law. The motion was seconded and passed 8/0.**

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