



Okatie Elementary SIC
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, August 18, 2026
Media Center
Bluffton, SC

The meeting was called to order at 3:15p.m. by Mr. DiCioccio.

Members present:

Robert DiCioccio (Chair), Tracy Lanese (Principal), Kathleen Archer, Darren Duncan, Lindsay Fons, Kristina Davis, Erica Larson, Lizabeth Webber, and D.J. Wilson

1. Introduction:

- Mr. DiCioccio and Mrs. Lanese welcomed everyone. Mrs. Lanese explained SIC is required in the state of South Carolina. SIC helps us regulate to make sure we are on track to meet our goals in the 5 year plan.

2. Principal's Report:

- School Opening - ended year with 636 students; currently 610 enrolled for '26-'27; additional teacher at 4th grade; successful start to the school year; 4 new teachers (Smith and Bomgardner at 4th grade, Avery - art teacher, Bruce - ECSE, 2 new assistants)
- Polling Place: August 25th - Small media center will be used for the voting location.
- School Rezoning Information and Meeting on August 25th @Okatie Elem in the gym/cafeteria.
 - Important to attend because it is a 10 year projection for rezoning; 59% capacity if rezoning according to what the district has in plan now
 - Follow along on the website: <https://www.beaufortschools.net/about-us/board-of-ed>
 - BOE Diligent One Platform: <https://beaufortcountyschooldistrict.community.diligentoneplatform.com/Portal/>
 - Many of our attendance neighborhoods are planned for rezoning along the 278 corridor.
 - Student assignment based on April 9th, Operations Meeting: <https://beaufortcountyschooldistrict.community.diligentoneplatform.com/document/4bf14498-2111-4eb5-924e-cc52ac03bffd/>
 - Focus on Option 2 because that is what had already been approved.
 - Rezoning - due to traffic and congestion on 170; travel times; etc.
 - Reduce the student population, and it reduces our programs and resources that we offer.
 - Teachers, parents, family members, students - anyone who would like to speak is welcome to attend.
- Ballot for membership on SIC will be sent to parents.

3. SIC Focus for the Year

- SIC Training - available on the website: <https://www.sc-sic.org/training>

4. Public Comment - Discussion on the rezoning; questions asked and answered.

5. Announcements - N/A

6. Review assignments and agenda for next meeting on Tuesday, September 8, 2026, 3:10p.m., in the small media center.



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7. A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Ms. Webber and seconded by Dr. Wilson. The meeting was adjourned at 3:59pm, by Mr. DiCioccio.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Archer

Kathleen Archer, Secretary