BEAUFORT COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
School Board Meeting Minutes
June 23, 2026
Hilton Head Island Middle School
Media Center

Members Presents

Carlton Dallas, Chair	Ingrid Boatright	Richard Geier
David Carr, Vice Chair	Isaac Gordon	Christina Gwozdz
	Elizabeth Hey	William Smith

Members Absent
Chloe Gordon
Victor Ney, Secretary
Alphonso Small

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

Dr. David Carr made the motion to approve the agenda with a request from Dr. Christina Gwozdz to have the May 5, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes voted on separately from the May 19, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes and the 1st Quarter FOIA Report under Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Dr. Christina Gwozdz. The motion passed 8/0. Chloe Gordon, Victory Ney 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 meetings that he attended in Washington D.C., and shared information on things happening in South Carolina that can potentially affect public schools in South Carolina. Mr. Dallas also shared that County Council would like to schedule a joint meeting with the School Board prior to the November election.

Board Business Action

- 8% Bond Resolution of $35,000,000.

  Mrs. Tonya Crosby and Ms. Frannie Heizer provided information on the requested 8% Bond Resolution of $35,000,000 in general obligation bonds for capital improvements. The request will also give the Superintendent the authority to determine specific bond details including sale timing and maturity schedule.

  Dr. David Carr made the motion that the Beaufort County Board of Education approve a resolution authorizing the issuance and sale of not exceeding $35,000,000 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2026B, or such other appropriate series designation, of the School District of Beaufort County, South Carolina, and authorize the administration to take all actions necessary to carry out the terms of the resolution. The motion was seconded by Dr. Christina Gwozdz. The motion passed 7/0/1. William Smith abstained from the vote.

- Donation from Beaufort County Broadcast Services/BCTV to Bluffton High School for Production Set/Studio equipment valued at $39,538.79 for Teaching Video Production, Promoting School Activities, Morning Show.

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Committee Reports

Operations: Isaac Gordon on behalf of Victor Ney provided a summary of the June 16, 2026 Operations Committee meeting. The Operations Committee reviewed several items related to district property, transportation, technology, facilities and capital planning. The committee voted unanimously to bring forward the proposed sale for approximately 1.2 acres at Lady's Island Middle school for a future roadway project.

The committee also revisited the proposed Watercrest Apartments Access Easement. The developer presented a detailed proposal outlining benefits to the district in exchange for the easement. The committee reviewed it as a positive step and requested that the proposed commitment be incorporated into the easement agreement, including language that was discussed. The developer will return with a revised document for further review.

The committee reviewed the 1st Quarter FOIA Report which is found under the Consent Agenda. Also, the monthly construction update, monthly maintenance and custodial update. The committee reviewed updates to Administrative Regulation OS-39 Technology Acceptable Use Policy. There were no concerns with the changes.

The committee discussed a proposal to lease buses to generate revenue but decided against moving forward due to concerns about staff shortages, driver availability and potential impact on internal bus service needs. The committee discussed the district's 8% Capital improvement program process. Committee members, and other Board members discussed opportunities to simplify future presentations while maintaining transparency. There isn't a meeting scheduled in July but will meet again August 11th.

Dr. David Carr made the motion that the Board of Education approve the Board Chairman to sign the Resolution declaring 1.202 acres of the Lady's Island Middle School Campus for sale to Beaufort County for the purpose of road construction. The motion was seconded by Pastor Isaac Gordon. The motion passed 7/1. William Smith voted against the motion.

Superintendent's Report

Goal #1 Student Achievement

- Extended Learning Opportunities
  Dr. Stratos presented extended learning opportunities for students, highlighting work done by educators including Dr. N'Kia Campbell, Mr. Brantley Wilson, Ms. Jennifer Murillo, Mrs. Diana Dromsky, Mrs. Melissa Murry, Ms. Michelle Sackman, Ms. Karen McKenzie and others who developed instructional practices and served over 500 students during summer camps. The report highlighted Student Summer Learning Initiatives, summer reading camp successes, student and growth and achievement strategies and summer reading programs. The presentation ended with recognition of Dr. Campbell's 28-year career with the district, but correcting her total service to 42 years as a student in Beaufort County and employee combined.

Goal #3 Fiscal Responsibility

- 2026-2027 Budget Up
  Mrs. Tonya Crosby announced that the district's budget was unanimously approved by County Council.

Consent Agenda

- May 5, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes
- May 19, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes
- 1st Quarter FOIA Report

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Future Topics

- Screen Time Plan - Ingrid Boatright

Announcements

- Mr. William Smith announced that SHINE will have their showcase, Thursday, 5:00 at St. Helena Elementary School.

Public Comments

- Anthony Cambria, of Bluffton spoke on Board Governance
- James Miller spoke to say thanks to Mr. Benner and his work, and the district finding the right person to fill the position of Director of Fine Arts.

Executive Session

Dr. David Carr made the motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussion of legal advice regarding Ninth Amendment to Development Agreement and a Concept Plan Buckwalter Tract pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Section 30-4-70(a)(2); Personnel Matter re: employment, appointment, promotion, compensation pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Section 30-4-70(a)(1);

discussion of negotiations incident to proposed Amendment #03 with C.E. Bourne & Co., Inc. for the Bluffton High School exterior wall tiles repairs and phase 1 re-roofing scope of work Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) proposal using FY2027 8% CIP funds pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Section 30-4-70(a)(2); discussion of negotiations incident to proposed Amendment #08 with Southeast Roofing Solution, Inc for the Hilton Head Island School for the Creative Arts, the Phase 2 re-roofing scope of work Guaranteed maximum Price (GMP) proposal using FY2028 8% IP funds pursuant to S.C. Code ann. Section 30-4-70(a)(2). The motion was seconded by Dr. Christina Gwozdz. The motion passed 8/0.

The Board moved into Executive Session at 6:48pm.

Action from Executive Session

Mr. Dallas called the meeting back to open session at 7:30p.m.

Dr. David Carr made the motion that the Board of Education approve Amendment #03 with C.E. Bourne & Co., Inc for the Bluffton High School exterior wall tiles repairs and phase 1 re-roofing scope of work in the amount of $1,498,936 using FY 2027 8% CIP funds and FY2028 8% CIP funds. The motion was seconded by Dr. Christina Gwozdz. The motion passed 8/0.

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Motion to adjourn by unanimous consent.
The meeting adjourned at 7:35pm.

(Signature on Official File Copy) Date: August 4, 2026
Victor Ney, Secretary, Board of Education
Minutes prepared by Robyn Cushingberry, Executive Assistant

Motion Summary

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