BEAUFORT COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
School Board Meeting Minutes
August 21, 2026
District Educational Services Center
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Members Presents

Carlton Dallas, Chair	Ingrid Boatright	Richard Geier
David Carr, Vice Chair	Isaac Gordon	Christina Gwozdz
Victor Ney, Secretary	Elizabeth Hey	Alphonso Small
	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. The motion was seconded by Dr. David Carr. The motion passed 8/2. Christina Gwozdz, and Elizabeth Hey voted against the motion. Chloe Gordon was absent from the meeting.

Public Comments – No Comments.

CLOC Update - Mr. Michael McNally, and Mr. Ray Warco provided updates on the Bond Referendums. Mr. McNally announced that the 2019 Bond Referendum has been completed.

Donation from Battery Creek High School Class of 1979 in the amount of $47,984.40 to Battery Creek High school for the purchase of two new score tables and four portable LED Posters.

Mr. William Smith made the motion to accept the donation. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Ingrid Boatright. The motion passed 10/0.

State Assessment Released Scores – Dr. Mary Stratos, and Mr. Nickolas Flowers provided a presentation for information only.

- Dr. Stratos stated that there are two types of reports:
  - Assessment Data Reporting – August 2026
    All students who participated in testing.
  - Accountability Data Reporting – October 2026
    Students who meet accountability rules to be included, such as continuous enrollment from the 45th day to the first day of testing.
- The information provided is raw data.
- Schools with 10+ points improvement in one or more grade levels:
  - Beaufort Middle School
  - Bluffton Elementary School
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  - H.E. McCracken Middle School

- Jospeh Shanklin Elementary School
- Lady's Island Elementary School
- Lady's Island Middle School
- Michael C. Riley Elementary School
- Port Royal Elementary School
- River Ridge Academy
- Riverview Charter School
- Robert Smalls Leadership Academy
- St. Helena Elementary School
- Whale Branch Elementary School
- Whale Branch Middle School.

- Data was provided for EOCEP Exams in the following areas:
  - English 2 EOCEP
  - Algebra 1 EOCEP
  - Biology 1 EOCEP
  - US History EOCEP
- Data for ELA, Math and Science were presented by Grade Levels

FY2026-2027 Annual Work Plan – Dr. Rodriguez presented the FY 2026-2027 Annual Work Plan and the recommended changes that were made to the plan.

Dr. Christina Gwozdz made the motion to approve the 2026 annual work plan. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Ingrid Boatright. The motion passed 10/0.

Mr. Victor Ney made the motion to accept the changes to the Annual Work Plan as presented by the Superintendent. The motion was seconded by Mr. Alphonso Small. The motion passed 10/0.

Coherent Governance – Dr. John Steach from the Aspen Group let the Board in discussion about Coherent Governance, and the various components of the Governance.

The Board recessed at 12:09p.m. for lunch.

Open Session – 12:40p.m.

Members Absent
Isaac Gordon – left 12:30pm.
Alphonso Small – left 11:30am.

Dr. Steach continued the discussion of Coherent Governance and addressed the Board's questions, specifically about Results Monitoring, and establishing Results.

Policy Review – Mr. Victor Ney led the Board through the work that he did on auditing the Coherent Governance Manual. Mr. Dallas asked Dr. Carr and Mr. Ney to do the review and bring back recommendations. Mr. Ney took on the responsibility solely, with the assistance of AI.
The purpose of the review is to align board practice with the BCSD Coherent Governance Manual; review board motions made from 2021 – 2026; and recommendation are categorized as Policy Amendments, Clarification, or Best Practices.

Mr. Victor Ney made the motion to have the Policy Committee address #7,#1,#2 under the Governance Policy Review document. The motion was seconded by Colonel Richard Geier. The motion passed 8/0. Issac Gordon and Alphonso Small were absent from the meeting.

Committee Assignments – Mr. Carlton Dallas presented his recommendations for the Policy Committee, the Academic Committee, and the Results Committee.

Policy Committee: Victor Ney, Chair, David Carr, Christina Gwozdz.

Mrs. Ingrid Boatright made the motion to expand the policy committee to five committee members and to include the chair of the results committee and cover geographic areas. The motion was seconded by Mr. Victor Ney. The motion failed 4/4. Ingrid Boatright, David Carr, Elizabeth Hey, and Victor Ney voted in favor of the motion. Carlton, Dallas, Richard Geier, Christina Gwozdz, and William Smith voted against the motion. Isaac Gordon, and Alphonso Small were absent from the meeting.

Dr. Christina Gwozdz made the motion to accept the Chair's recommendation for the Policy Committee. The motion was seconded by Mr. Victor Ney. The motion passed 5/3. Ingrid Boatright, Elizabeth Hey, and William Smith voted against the motion.

Academic Committee: David Carr, Chair, Ingrid Boatright, Isaac Gordon.

Mr. Victor Ney made the motion to accept the Chair's recommendation for the Academic Committee. The motion was seconded by Dr. David Carr. The motion passed 8/0.

Results Committee: Elizabeth Hey, Chair, David Carr, Richard Geier.

Mr. Victor Ney made the motion to accept the Chair's recommendation for the Results Committee. The motion was seconded by Mr. William Smith. The motion passed 8/0.

The meeting adjourned at 3:25pm.

(Signature on Official File Copy) Date: September 15, 2026
Victor Ney, Secretary, Board of Education
Minutes prepared by Robyn Cushingberry, Executive Assistant

Motion Summary

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