

Superintendent's Special Called Board Meeting Summary: January 7, 2021

Chair Christina Gwozdz called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Motion to approve the agenda as presented (approved).

Pledge of Allegiance. Moment of silence. Statement of media notification.

Public Comment

A BCSD teacher read an email he sent to Dr. Rodriguez regarding returning to in-person instruction five days a week. Community member asked questions regarding the COVID numbers and returning to in-person instruction five days a week. Community member spoke regarding Board behavior and new year resolutions.

Chief Financial Officer Tonya Crosby, Frannie Heizer, with Burr, Forman & McNair, and Chad Cowan, with Hilltop Securities, took turns presenting an update on the budget and tax anticipation note. They then addressed the Board's questions.

Motion that we adopt the Resolution presented at this meeting authorizing the issuance and sale of not to exceed \$100,000,000 Tax Anticipation Notes, Series 2021. Board discussion. Motion approved.

Motion that upon completion of the current litigation between the Beaufort County Council and the Beaufort County Auditor, that the Beaufort County School District seek legal action to recover all the costs that the School District will be forced to pay on an un-budgeted Tax Anticipation Note due to the inability of Beaufort County to send out property tax bills on a timely basis. Board discussion. Motion approved.

Superintendent Dr. Rodriguez gave an update on the first few days of school after the return of in-person instruction five days a week. Dr. Rodriguez addressed the Board's questions.

Motion that the Board direct the Superintendent to work up the numbers of \$1,000 for hazard pay for teachers and staff. Board discussion. Motion to remit the motion that the Board direct the Superintendent to work up the numbers of \$1,000 for hazard pay for teachers and staff to the finance committee. Board discussion. Motion approved.

Motion for the Board to direct Dr. Rodriguez to return back to virtual learning as soon as possible. Board discussion. Motion failed.

Motion that the Beaufort County Board of Education issue a letter to Governor McMaster and the Beaufort County Delegation advocating for the further prioritization of Beaufort County School District educators and staff on the SC COVID 19 vaccination schedule and respectfully request all efforts be made to expedite the vaccination process for those that desire to receive the vaccination. Board discussion. Motion approved.

Meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

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