

Berkeley County School Board Meeting –

June 27, 2017 – 6:30 pm

Observer: Mev McIntosh

Present: Ramsey, McQuillin, Kelly, Wofford, Barrow, Spann, Wright, Condor

Absent: Lee

Cabinet present: Carlen (Finance), Levine (HR), O’Gorman (I&A)

Full agenda and attachments to presentations below:

<http://www.boarddocs.com/sc/berkeley/Board.nsf/Public>

[http://www.boarddocs.com/sc/berkeley/Board.nsf/files/ANHTQH64BF1B/\\$file/CapitalProjects-ConstructionUpdate%206.27.17.pdf](http://www.boarddocs.com/sc/berkeley/Board.nsf/files/ANHTQH64BF1B/$file/CapitalProjects-ConstructionUpdate%206.27.17.pdf)

[http://www.boarddocs.com/sc/berkeley/Board.nsf/files/ANKSD9719A0A/\\$file/Sedgefield_Concept%20Plan_r ev0_6-15-17%20\(002\).pdf](http://www.boarddocs.com/sc/berkeley/Board.nsf/files/ANKSD9719A0A/$file/Sedgefield_Concept%20Plan_r ev0_6-15-17%20(002).pdf)

[http://www.boarddocs.com/sc/berkeley/Board.nsf/files/ANJME7555815/\\$file/1617-56RS%20NOI-Notice%20of%20Intent%20to%20Award.pdf](http://www.boarddocs.com/sc/berkeley/Board.nsf/files/ANJME7555815/$file/1617-56RS%20NOI-Notice%20of%20Intent%20to%20Award.pdf)

[http://www.boarddocs.com/sc/berkeley/Board.nsf/files/ANPNZU5EF6C5/\\$file/FINAL%20FY1718%20General%20Fund%20Budget%20Second%20Reading%20for%20062717.pdf](http://www.boarddocs.com/sc/berkeley/Board.nsf/files/ANPNZU5EF6C5/$file/FINAL%20FY1718%20General%20Fund%20Budget%20Second%20Reading%20for%20062717.pdf)

Video for school board meeting below:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Feh_LFKaBmw

Meeting Summary

Minutes were approved for June 13 regular meeting and June 20 special meeting related to superintendent search.

Approval Actions: Head Start Budget Expenditures Report for May 2017, Head Start Credit Card Report for May 2017, Head Start Parent Handbook, Head Start Staff Handbook, Head Start 2017-18 Academic Calendars, Head Start Transportation Waiver, 2017-18 Revised Refunding Application, 2017 Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA), and Prospective New Hires were approved unanimously prior to citizens comments.

Public comments included one speaker, Terry Hardesty, praising CTE and Tana Lee for continued work on enhancing Career and Technology Education in Berkeley County. (*Note: CTE has existed in Berkeley County for at least 15 years with strong partnerships among community and business leaders and industries.*)

Administration and Facilities provided quarterly construction updates for Berkeley Education Center, Bowen's Corner Elementary, Foxbank Elementary, and Philip Simmons High School. Philip Simmons High School will open August 2017 and Bowen's Corner and Foxbank Elementary Schools will open August 2018.

Cell Phone Tower: Discussion regarding Cell Phone Tower Implementation at Sedgefield Middle School – Ramsey asked many questions as to why Hanahan Middle School did not qualify for the cell phone tower implementation. The representative responded noting city of Hanahan's zoning code ordinance and land use application as current challenges preventing the implementation on this campus. Spann asked if the Cross area could qualify for a cell phone tower. Representative noted that towers are based upon density, usage, and needs and would further investigate this for Spann.

Contract Approval: Board approved Cooperative Term Contract for Furnish and Deliver Perishable Milk and Related Products, approximately \$824K

General Fund Budget Approval: Board approved FY 2017-18 General Fund Budget despite Spann and Condor's request to table the budget until the next meeting. Wofford expressed concerns over tabling this item and asked if Spann preferred a specific amendment to an item within the proposed budget. The motion to table the budget was defeated. Spann continued to inquire about raises for bus supervisors. Carlen responded that it is best to wait until the salary study results to further examine this issue as it is of concern for Spann. Jackson added there is a pay scale for bus supervisors. Spann stated he would like to review and compare this to pay for custodians. Jackson also noted the salary study was completed and they were "waiting on the results." The board unanimously approved the budget at 7:24 pm.

Personnel Policies – Revisions: HR Director Glenda Levine presented the first reading of policies and rules for revision (IEK-R; IHA; IHA-R; IHC; IHE; IHF-R; IHFB; IHFB-R). She noted these are per the SC Department of Education regarding the new 10-point grading scale.

Superintendent's Report: Interim superintendent Jackson provided the Superintendent's Report. Board chair Wofford provided the Chair Report including upcoming dates and events for board members.

Student Attendance Appeals: Board members entered executive session. Upon return, heated exchanges regarding student attendance appeals occurred among Barrow, Wofford, McQuillin, and Condor. Wofford called order upon Barrow and did not call order upon Condor or McQuillin. Barrow stated the board must honor policy set forth and noted that "some members of this board are proponents of school choice..." This angered Wofford, McQuillin, and Condor, who all expressed strong disagreement and accused Barrow of insulting them. *It should be noted that student attendance appeals must go through the school principal, district cabinet officials, and superintendent before reaching the school board as a final appeal.*

Note: As of July 1, the new organizational chart has not been made public.