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The Bluffton Town Council will meet today to discuss, among other things, a proposed \$6,000 per unit developer fee to benefit Beaufort County schools.

County schools superintendent Valerie Truesdale is scheduled to speak to the council about the fee, which would apply only to communities with development agreements that allow more houses than provided for in the ordinances. The County Council has approved the fee for unincorporated Beaufort County and is hoping the towns will follow suit.

Town Council member Charlie Wetmore said he supports charging the \$6,000 fee.

"You either pay for it when new houses are moved into, or everyone pays for it later," he said.

New information regarding a special Town Council election to fill Thomas Heyward's seat will also be discussed, according to the agenda.

The meeting is scheduled for 6 p.m. at the Theodore D. Washington Municipal Building, 20 Bridge St.

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