

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Barnwell School District 45 Board of Trustees

**TIME:** 6:00 p.m., Thursday, February 14, 2019

**PLACE:** Conference Room, Barnwell School District 45, 770 Hagood Avenue, Barnwell, SC

**PRESENT:**

**Board of Trustees:** Rhett Richardson, Chair; Rosey Anderson, Vice-chair; Abraham Sexton, Clerk; Felicia Devore, Member;

**District Office:** Crissie Stapleton, Superintendent; Rachel Wall, Assistant Superintendent/Curriculum Director; Steven Strother, CFO; Kelly Shealy, Curriculum Support Coach; Jaci Bearden, Administrative Assistant; Jon Burdge, HR Director; Craig Hart, Auxiliary Programs; Linda Zionkowski, Federal Programs

**BPS:** Donna Selvey, Principal

**BES:** Carolyn Anderson, Principal

**GBMS:** Denise James, Assistant Principal

**BHS:** Franklin McCormack, Principal

**Support Staff:** Jesse McGee, Career Specialist; Delenia Phiniezy, Transportation

**Other:** Jonathan Vickery, The People Sentinel

The agenda for the meeting was as follows:

**OPENING BUSINESS**

1. Rhett Richardson, Chairman, called the meeting to order. Mr. Sexton, Clerk, delivered the Reflection. Mrs. Devore led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Superintendent Stapleton announced that local media had received notice of the meeting as required by the Freedom of Information Act.
2. The Board unanimously approved the agenda. (Anderson, Sexton)
3. The Board unanimously approved the Consent Agenda. (Devore, Anderson)
4. There was no hearing of the public.

**ACCOUNTABILITY**

A. Recognition

1. Mr. Burdge recognized two new employees to the district:
  - a. Jesse McGee- Career Specialist
  - b. Delenia Phiniezy - Transportation

B. Information

1. Mrs. Stapleton gave the Board a district update on the following:
  - a. United Way
  - b. SRP Partnership for Barnwell Warhorse Debit Card
  - c. Anderson Oil Spirit Pump for Fine Arts
  - d. USC-Aiken Partnership with BPS
  - e. New Career Specialist with a focus on BPS and BES
  - f. Districtwide Safety Trainings
2. Mrs. Stapleton will email the Board members some dates to have a Board Work Session. The Board members will in-turn contact Dr. Richardson.

**ADVOCACY**

**BASIC STRUCTURE**

A. Action

1. The Board unanimously approved the 1st reading of the following HR policies: (Anderson, Sexton)
  - a. Policy AC- Nondiscrimination/Equal Opportunity
  - b. Policy GBA- Open Hiring/Equal Employment Opportunity and Affirmative Action
  - c. Policy GCF- Professional Staff Hiring
  - d. Policy GBEBDA- Criminal Records Check (New Policy)
  - e. Policy GDF- Support Staff Hiring
  - f. Policy GCE- Professional Staff Recruitment
  - g. Policy GCEC- Posting and Advertising of Professional Vacancies (New Policy)
2. The Board unanimously approved the 2019-2020 calendar. (Sexton, Devore)
3. The Board unanimously approved the Superintendent's Goals. (Devore, Anderson)

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Dr. Richardson-** Dr. Richardson thanked Mr. McCormack for being thoughtful. He came to the Apprenticeship Signing even

though he was not well. Dr. Richardson also expressed his gratitude for being able to visit Swiss Krono and see the apprentices in action.

**Ms. Anderson-** Mrs. Anderson welcomed all the new employees and everyone on Valentine’s Day.

**Mr. Sexton-** Mr. Sexton welcomed the new employees. He stated that it is a pleasure to have you both. Happy Valentine’s Day to all. (In Song)

**Ms. Devore-** Mrs. Devore thanked everyone for coming out. Ms. Devore welcomed the new employees to the district. She also told everyone to have a good time with their families.

**Ms. Huggins-** Unable to attend.

**Executive Session**

Discussion of employment, appointment, compensation, promotion, demotion, discipline, or release of an employee, a student, or a person regulated by a public body or the appointment of a person to a public body; however, if an adversary hearing involving the employee or client is held, the employee or client has the right to demand that the hearing be conducted publicly. Nothing contained in this item shall prevent the public body, in its discretion, from deleting the names of the other employees or clients whose records are submitted for use at the hearing.

\*\*Note: Action may be taken at the end of the executive session. \*\*

The Board unanimously approved a motion to enter into executive session after a 5-minute recess. (Anderson, Devore) 6:23 pm

The Board unanimously approved a motion to come out of executive session. (Sexton, Anderson) 6:50 pm

No action was taken.

The Board unanimously approved a motion to adjourn. (Sexton, Devore)

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Chair

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Clerk

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