

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

TIME: 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, August 26, 2014, adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

PLACE: Barnwell Primary School Auditorium, Barnwell, SC 29182

PRESENT:

Board of Trustees: Teresa Spence, Chairman; Rhett Richardson, Vice-Chair; Abraham Sexton, Clerk; Valenda Black, Member; Chad Perry, Member

District Office: J.H. Grissom, Superintendent; Jaci Bearden, Admin Assist; Margaret Matheny, Director of Human Resources; Crissie Stephens, Director of Curriculum; Rachel Wall, 7-12 Curriculum Coordinator; Kim Stokes, K-8 Curriculum Coordinator; Shirley Kitchings, CFO; Bill Wingard, Network Admin.; Linda Bell, Human Resources

BPS: Donna Selvey, Principal; Kay Gooding, Assistant-Principal; Derek Still, teacher;

BES: Open-House

GBMS: Craig Hart, Principal; Stephen Hergeth, teacher; Latoya Shuler, Career Specialist

BHS: Jon Burdge, Principal; Thomas Taylor, teacher;

Other: The PEOPLE SENTINEL

The agenda for the meeting was as follows:

OPENING BUSINESS

1. Ms. Spence called the meeting to order. Mr. Sexton delivered the Reflection. Mrs. Black led in the Pledge Allegiance to the American Flag. Superintendent Grissom announced that local media had received notice of the meeting as required by the Freedom of Information Act.
2. Hearing the Public- none

ACCOUNTABILITY

Recognition

1. Mr. Grissom asked Ms. Crissie Stephens, the Curriculum Director to the Board a report on the Summer Literacy Program. Ms. Stephens explained that school districts in which the state is providing reading coaches will be required to provide a Summer Reading Camp. It was decided that B45 would go ahead and start the camp this summer instead of next and then the program was expanded to include volunteers going out to various places in Barnwell and read to children and give books to them to keep. The Literacy outreach was done in conjunction with the Summer Feeding program and the recreation department. ETV came and filmed the Reading Camp. It was featured on Palmetto Scene. Prior to the Board meeting a reception was given for all the volunteers and groups that helped with the program. Ms. Kelli Sanders and Ms. Farmer Brown, teachers for the Reading camp, shared some of their experiences with the Board. They also introduced a few of the children which attended the camp and gave them some additional books. All the Board members expressed their appreciation to Ms. Stephens, Ms. Sanders, and Ms. Brown for their hard work. The Board also congratulated the children for their work and progress.
2. New Employees- Ms. Margaret Matheny
 - Derek Still- BPS
 - Stephen Hergeth- GBMS
 - Jody Truesdale- GBMS
 - Thomas Taylor- BHS
 - Latoya Shuler-GBMS
3. Mrs. Spence presented Mr. Sexton with his Level 5 pin and certificate for Boardsmanship. He highest level a Board Member can achieve is Level 6.

Information

1. Mr. Grissom gave the Board an overview of the opening of school. The day the teachers returned, everyone was involved in some high energy team building activities. All four schools reported smooth openings. Several teachers have emailed or spoken to DO personnel about how upbeat this year has begun.
2. Mr. Grissom shared the following information concerning the 2014 ACT Scores. Barnwell School District 45 is happy to announce a 1.2 point gain in ACT scores last school year. Barnwell High School's mean composite score improved from 18.9 for 2013 to 20.1 in 2014. According to ACT officials, districts and schools that have a 0.3 point increase or greater show statistically significant improvement. Barnwell School District 45 and Barnwell High School are among 32 school districts and 94 schools in South Carolina that saw this type

of improvement. We are very proud of the achievement of our students and the hard work and dedication of our teachers and administrators.

BASIC STRUCTURE

Action

1. The Board unanimously approved the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of July 24, 2014. (Sexton,Richardson)
2. The Board unanimously approved delaying the approval of the Personnel Report until after the executive session (Black,Perry)
3. The Board unanimously approved the diploma requests for students A, B, C, D, E. (Sexton, Perry)
4. The Board unanimously approved the transfer of students A and B to Williston.. (Black, Sexton)
5. The Board unanimously approved the transfer of student C to Lexington 2. (Perry, Black)
6. The Board unanimously approved the transfer requests for students A, H, I, to Barnwell from Williston. (Perry, Richardson)
7. The Board unanimously approved the transfer requests for students B, C, D, E, J, to Barnwell from Allendale pending their release. (Sexton, Perry)
8. The Board unanimously approved the transfer of students F and G from Blackville to Barnwell. (Sexton, Perry)
9. The Board unanimously approved the grade 3 overnight TAG field trip Teaching K.A.T.E., scheduled for May 13-15, 2015 (Black, Richardson)

Information

1. Mr. Grissom brought to the attention of the Board a memo concerning the July Financial Report. There were no questions.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Spence- appreciated all the new teachers attending the meeting and looks forward to meeting them.

Mr. Richardson- none

Mr. Sexton- welcomed all the new employees.

Mr. Perry- welcomed the new employees. He also thanked everyone for all their hard work. He said everyone does a lot with what we have. He also recognized Coach Moore and all those getting ready for the football season, the cheerleaders, band, players and coaches.

Ms. Black- appreciates everyone's hard work.

A motion was made by Black and seconded by Perry that the board enter into Executive Session after a 10 minute break. The motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board entered into executive session at 7:50 p.m.

The Board came out of executive session at 9:40 p.m. A motion was made by Sexton and seconded by Perry to approve the Personnel Report. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9:50

Chair

Clerk