

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

**TIME:** 7:00 p.m., Thursday April 23, 2015, adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

**PLACE:** Barnwell Primary School Auditorium, Barnwell, SC 29812

**PRESENT:**

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

**District Office:** J.H. Grissom, Superintendent; Jaci Bearden, Admin Assist; Crissie Stephens, Director of Curriculum Shirley Kitchings, CFO; Bill Wingard, Network Admin.; Kim Rhoad, Dir. Special Services; Sarie Tuten, Special Services Admin Assist; Kristle Davis, Special Services Admin Assist; Rachel Wall, Secondary Curriculum Coordinator; Tim Britt, Special Services

**BPS:** Donna Selvey, Principal; Kay Gooding, Assistant-Principal; Daphane Still, Teacher

**BES:** Sherry McIver, Principal; Mandy Pender, Assistant-Principal

**GBMS:** Craig Hart, Principal; Mr. Pisicreta, Teacher; Heather Peters, Teacher

**BHS:** Jon Burdge, Principal; Kelly Shealy, Teacher; Dr. Marcos, Teacher

**Other:** The PEOPLE SENTINEL

The agenda for the meeting was as follows:

**OPENING BUSINESS**

1. Ms. Spence, chairman called the meeting to order. Mr. Sexton delivered the Reflection. Ms. Valenda 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. Ms. Spence gave the oath of office to Mr. Sexton after the April 14, 2015 election.
3. The officers for the Board of trustees for the 2015-2016 were elected by secret ballot as directed by board policy. The outcome was as follows:
  - Chair- Teresa Spence
  - Vice-Chair- Rhett Richardson
  - Clerk- Abraham Sexton
  - Career Center Representative- Abraham Sexton
4. A motion was made by Ms. Black and seconded by Mr. Perry to amend the agenda to include a golf trip if the golf team qualifies. The motion carried unanimously.
5. Hearing the Public-none

**ACCOUNTABILITY**

**Recognition**

1. Brenda and Clinton Lemon and their daughter Charlotte were recognized for their tireless and outstanding service to the special needs students of Barnwell School. For 20+ years they have been purchasing, wrapping and delivering to the school Christmas gifts for the special education students in the district. The district presented them with a plaque and an apple award. Special Services presented them with some cards from the children and a gift.
2. Mr. Grissom recognized Dr. Marcos with an Apple Award for his willingness to go above and beyond to help the district with our Spanish speaking families.
3. Student Recognition
  - BPS- Ms. Selvey recognized the following students:
    - Drama- Rylie Peterson
    - Visual Arts- Kindrel Frazier
    - Multiplication Mania Masters- Brandon Tripp, Cailyn Morris, Jacquavian Bradley
  - BES- Ms. McIver recognized the following students:
    - Regional Spelling Bee Winner- Meagan White, She will represent us in Washington DC
    - BES Robotics Team- They Were the grand Champions of the competition under the direction of Susan Gardner and Theresa Moore. The team performed a skit.
  - BHS- Mr. Burdge introduced the following sponsors to share their accomplishments.

- TSA- Mr. Andrews said that 19 students competed. Each student has a specialty. The students have qualified to attend the National competition.
- JROTC- Col. Biddle explained the competition which begins in the fall. Out of several hundred units Barnwell is one of the 44 chosen to compete nationally. This unit is a 2015 Unit of Distinction in Leadership.
- Student Athlete of the Week-Coach Eryn Gable introduced Shelby Hooper. The clip from the news was shown.

### Information

1. Mr. Grissom reported that 0 requests had been made in April

## ADVOCACY

## BASIC STRUCTURE

### Action

1. The Board unanimously approved the minutes of the Special Board Meeting of March 3, 2015 (Perry, Black)
2. The Board unanimously approved the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of March 26, 2015. (Sexton, Richardson )
3. The Board unanimously approved the January Financial Report. (Sexton, Perry)
4. The Board unanimously approved the Personnel Report. (Perry, Black)
5. The Board unanimously approved the re-election of the non-certified personnel. (Sexton, Perry)
6. The Board unanimously approved the re-election of the letters of agreement. (Sexton, Perry)
7. The Board unanimously approved the TSA and JROTC overnight field trips of BHS students. (Perry, Richardson)
8. The Board unanimously approved the transfer of students (A) to Williston. (Black, Richardson)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Spence- She thanked everyone for being at the meeting. She thanked Dr. Marcos for being a good teacher and his willingness to help.

Mr. Richardson- He thanked the families and students that attended the meeting to receive awards. He is proud of what our students are doing.

Mr. Sexton- He thanked the families as well as the teachers and visitors. Thanks for a job well done. He really appreciates you and your hard work.

Mr. Perry- He said this is what it is all about. The students and their accomplishments.

Ms. Black- She thanked Mr. Andrews for all his hard work. She mentioned that Special Olympics great. The arts nights at BPS and BES were outstanding. She also mentioned, that even though, it is not school affiliated, there were several BHS students that earned the rank of Eagle Scout.

Mr. Grissom mentioned that we have 3 region championships in the spring sports.

Chairman Spence stated there was a need for an executive session. The Board unanimously approved the motion to enter into executive session (Perry, Sexton) at 8:10 p.m.

The Board unanimously approved the motion to come out of (Sexton, Richardson). No action was taken.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

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Chair

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Clerk