

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

TIME: 7:00 p.m., Thursday, November 19, 2015, adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

PLACE: Conference Room, 770 Hagood Ave, 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; Linda Zionkowski, Director of Federal Programs; Crissie Stephens, Assistant Superintendent; Steven Strother, Assistant to CFO; Margaret Matheny, Human Resources; Jon Burdge, Director of Human Resources; Rachel Wall, Director of Curriculum; Bill Wingard, Technology Director; Tim Him, Grants;

BPS: Donna Selvey

BES: Dr. Carolyn Anderson, Principal; Randy Wood, Assistant-Principal

GBMS: Craig Hart, Principal;

BHS: Franklin McCormick, Principal; Kelly Shealy, Teacher; Renee Owens, Teacher

Other: The PEOPLE SENTINEL

The agenda for the meeting was as follows:

OPENING BUSINESS

1. Teresa 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. The Board unanimously approved the agenda as read. (Richardson, Perry)
3. There were no requests from the public to be heard.

ACCOUNTABILITY

Recognition

2. Ms. Matheny introduced the following new employee for the 2015-2016 School Year:

Barnwell Primary	Barnwell Elementary	Guinyard-Butler Middle School	Barnwell High	District Office	Food Service	Transportation
Jacqueline Gunnells- TA	Morgan Bozard- TA	Angela Hudson- TA				Matt Williams
	Shawna McClary- TA					

Information

1. Mr. Grissom reported that no diploma request had been made in November.
2. Mr. Grissom presented the personnel report. The Board had no questions.
3. Mr. Grissom gave an update on the John Hall Baseball Field. He gave info on the parents and players that had been working. Things are progressing. He expects everything to be ready on time and plans to have a ribbon cutting and grand re-opening.

ADVOCACY

BASIC STRUCTURE

Action

1. The Board unanimously approved the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of October 22, 2015. (Sexton, Perry)
2. The Board unanimously approved the minutes of the Emergency Board Meeting of October 13, 2015. (Sexton, Richardson)
3. The Board unanimously approved the August Financial Report. (Sexton, Perry)
4. The Board unanimously approved the 2nd and final reading of the following policies. (Perry, Sexton)
 - A. Charter Schools- IHBH
 - B. Health Education- IHAM
 - C. Board Meeting Notification- BEDA
 - D. Agenda- BEDB
 - E. Graduation Requirements (Civics Education) -AR IKF-R

F. Bus Safety Programs- EEAE

G. School Year- IC

5. The Board unanimously approved the overnight Band trip to Coastal Carolina Honor Band Clinic. (Richardson, Sexton)
6. The Board Unanimously approved the revised Proficiency-Based District-Wide Application for 2015-2016. (Richardson, Perry)
7. The Board set December 15, 2015 as the date for the Board Work Session. It will begin at 9:00.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Black- Thanked everyone for attending. She had Thanksgiving lunch at BES, and thanked the cafeteria workers for all their hard work. She also brought up her concern for the teachers that have not had the 2 years when the state froze wages restored.

Mr. Sexton- Welcomed all the new employees. He also thanked the entire staff of B45 for their hard work and dedication, the teachers are to be commended.

Dr. Richardson – Thanked the parents and ball players for the improvements they have made on the ball field. He asked Jonathan to remind people that ACT 155 will be coming to an end soon, people who wish to apply for their diplomas need to do so before December 31, 2015. He also mentioned the 3rd grade test scores are higher than the state, thanks to Ms. Selvey and Ms. Gooding’s guidance.

Mr. Perry- Thanked Jonathan for the article about the superintendent’s salary in the paper. He hoped people understood that The district saved about \$90,000 which Mr. Grissom coming to B45. He stated the Board appreciates his hard work. He also thanked the BHS teachers for preparing students, his daughter in particular, for college.

Ms. Spence- She thanked everyone for coming and wished each person a happy and safe Thanksgiving. She appreciates all the hard work of the faculty and staff.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Chair

Clerk