

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

**TIME:** 6:00 p.m., Thursday, January 10, 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; Becky Huggins, 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; Kim Rhoad, Special Services Director

**BPS:** Donna Selvey, Principal; Daphne Still, Teacher

**BES:** Riley Ridgeway, Teacher

**GBMS:** Denise James, Assistant Principal

**BHS:** Franklin McCormack, Principal

**Support Staff:** JaMarcus Smalls

**Other:** Logan Anderson, 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. Huggins 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, Devore)
3. The Board unanimously approved the Consent Agenda. (Devore, Anderson)
4. There was no hearing of the public.

### ACCOUNTABILITY

#### A. Recognition

1. Mr. Sexton was recognized for his service to the State of South Carolina and Barnwell School District 45 for his 10 years on the Board of Trustees.
2. January is School Board Appreciation Month. The Board was recognized for their service with gifts from each school. Mrs. Stapleton read the Proclamation from the Governor and the BES Chorus recorded a video for them.
3. Mr. Burdge recognized two new employees to the district:
  - a. Riley Ridgeway- Faculty at BES
  - b. JaMarcus Smalls- Transportation

#### B. Information

1. Mrs. Stapleton gave the Board a district update.
  - a. New Gate
  - b. Gym Floor
  - c. Phase I Weight Room
  - d. New online Spanish Course
  - e. New phone system
  - f. School Safety, new cameras at each school and all the necessary backup
  - g. Finalizing plans for HVAC in High School Gym

### ADVOCACY

### BASIC STRUCTURE

#### A. Action

1. 2<sup>nd</sup> reading and approval of the following policy- Superintendent
  - Policy IKF (Graduation Requirements) (Sexton, Huggins)
2. Dr. Richardson read the Board Ethical Principles and the Board Members signed the ethical principles.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Dr. Richardson-** Dr. Richardson thanked everyone for kind gifts, it's just like Christmas in January. He also thanked John for the work on the new phone service. Being on the Board is definitely a privilege. It is fun.

**Ms. Anderson-** Mrs. Anderson welcomed all the new employees. She thanked everyone for the gifts. She said that it was an honor to serve on the Board.

**Mr. Sexton-** Mr. Sexton welcomed the new employees. He thanked everyone for coming. He thanked the directors of each department. He also thanked Logan Anderson from the newspaper for attending.

**Ms. Devore-** Ms. Devore welcomed the new employees to the district and back to the community.

**Ms. Huggins-** Ms. Huggins stated that she was excited to have alumni back to work in the district. She stated she is excited about the new updates. She thanked everyone for the gifts and video. She also stated the basketball teams are doing well.

There was no need of an executive session. A motion unanimously passed to adjourn the meeting. (Devore, Sexton)

**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. **\*\***

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Chair

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Clerk