

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

TIME: 7:00 p.m., Thursday, October 23, 2014, adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

PLACE: Board Room, 770 Hagood Ave, Barnwell, SC 29182

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; Rachel Wall, 7-12 Curriculum Coordinator; Shirley Kitchings, CFO; Margaret Matheny, Human Services Director; Bill Wingard, Network Administrator;

BPS: Kay Gooding, Assistant-Principal; Supreethi Mukthipudi, teacher;

BES: Sherry McIver, Principal;

GBMS: Craig Hart, Principal; Coreen Parler-Myers, Alternative School Director

BHS: Jon Burdge, Principal; Kelly Shealy, teacher; Samuel Liska, teacher; Casey Deer, Guidance

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. 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. The personnel report was brought to the attention of the Board. They had no questions
2. New Employees- Ms. Margaret Matheny
 - a. Roy Walker-Transportation
 - b. Casey Deer- BHS
 - c. Samuel Liska- BHS
 - d. Supreethi Mukthipudi -BPS

Information

1. Mr. Grissom asked Ms. Parler-Myers, Director of the Alternative School, to give an update. Ms. Parler-Myers told the Board that there were 19 students' grades 8-12 at the Alternative School at the present time. This year with the assistance of Dr. Wall and the high school they have begun a program designed to help the students get back on track to graduate on time at the high school. So far the program seems to be working. Students are successfully transitioning back to the high school
2. Mr. Grissom went over the Grand Jury findings and what is being done to address them. The team did not visit the primary school. Most of the findings are being addressed as funds become available. The major repair of the BHS parking lot will take place as funds become available. In the meantime the potholes will be patched.
3. Mr. Grissom shared the ESEA scores. (federal report card scores) There are no failing schools in the district. The numeric scores are higher at 3 of the 4 schools. Ms. Black asked that further explanation of the scores be given at the Board work session.
4. There have been 2 individuals that have applied for and approved to receive their high school diploma under ACT 155 since the last Board Meeting.

ADVOCACY

BASIC STRUCTURE

Action

1. The Board unanimously approved the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of September 25, 2014. (Black, Sexton)
2. The Board unanimously approved the July Financial Report. (Perry, Black)

3. 1st reading of Policy GBEB- Staff Conduct/Board Members asked that this policy be shared with administrators for their input/suggestions.
4. 1st reading of Policy GDF- Support Staff Hiring
5. 1st Reading of Policy IHAA English/Reading/Writing/Language Arts
6. 1st Reading of Policy IHAB Mathematics Education
7. 1st Reading of Policy IHBH Charter Schools which reflects changes in state law.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Spence- Thanks everyone for their hard work and coming to the meeting.

Mr. Richardson- He has visited the schools and even though they are old they are clean. He also encourages people to attend the football games.

Mr. Sexton- He thanks all the staff and teachers for their hard work. He also welcomes all the new teachers. He gave a special thanks to Mr. Burdge for the great things he is doing at BHS.

Mr. Perry- He thanks everyone for their hard work.

Ms. Black- She thanks everyone for their hard work.

A motion was made by Sexton 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 7:30 p.m. No action was taken.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50

Chair

Clerk