

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

**TIME:** 7:00 p.m., Thursday September 27, 2015, adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

**PLACE:** Conference Room, 770 Hagood Ave, Barnwell, SC 29812

**PRESENT:**

**Board of Trustees:** Teresa Spence, Chairperson; 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; Linda Zionkowski, Director of Federal Programs; Crissie Stephens, Director of Curriculum; Bill Wingard, IT Director; Shirley Kitchens, CFO; Steven Strother, Assistant to CFO; Terry Whitehead, Custodial Supervisor.

**BPS:** Donna Selvey, Principal; Kay McDonald, Assistant-Principal; Farmer Brown, Teacher; Meredith Wilson, Teacher; Lisa Collins, Teacher

**BES:** Dr. Carolyn Anderson, Principal; Randy Wood, Assistant-Principal; Holly Abbott, Teacher; Kara Bolen, Reading Coach

**GBMS:** Craig Hart, Principal; Glen Wyndham, Teacher; Amy Wilson, Speech

**BHS:** Jon Burdge, Principal; Franklin McCormick, Assistant-Principal; Kelly Shealy, Teacher; Don Mims, Teacher/Coach; Ruxie Lemnar, Teacher; Renee Owens, Teacher

**Other:** The PEOPLE SENTINEL

The agenda for the meeting was as follows:

**OPENING BUSINESS**

1. Ms. 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

1. 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
	Christy Sanders	Susan Collins	Herman Thompson			Mr. Williams
	Suparna Vardhan	Amy Williams				

2. The Teacher of the Year for each school was announced by Mr. Grissom as each principal gave the board information about their school’s teacher. The Teacher of the Year for each school are as follows:

- BPS: Ms. Farmer Brown
- BES: Ms. Holly Abbott
- GBMS: Mr. Glen Wyndham
- BHS: Ruxandra Lemnar

Mr. Grissom then announced the District Teacher of the Year to be Ms. Holly Abbott.

Information

1. Mr. Grissom reported that 3 diploma requests had been made in September. Two individuals qualified and one did not qualify.
2. The Board was given updates from the following programs/schools.
  - a. Energy Update- Franklin McCormack
  - b. Athletic Department- David Anastasia
  - c. Barnwell Primary School- Ms. Donna Selvey
  - d. Barnwell Elementary School- Dr. Carolyn Anderson
  - e. Guinyard-Butler Middle School- Mr. Craig Hart
  - f. Barnwell High School- Mr. John Burdge
  - g. Summer Reading Program- Ms. Crissie Stephens
3. Mr. Grissom informed the Board of the date change for the Washington Field Study the Board had previously approved for GBMS.

4. Mr. Grissom presented the Board with the options available for replacing the lighting on the John Hall Baseball Field.

#### ADVOCACY

1. The Board unanimously approved Mr. Sexton as the Certified Delegate and Mr. Perry for the Alternate delegate for the 2015 Delegate Assembly. (Spence, Perry)

#### BASIC STRUCTURE

##### Action

1. The Board unanimously approved the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of August 27, 2015. (Black, Richardson)
2. The Board unanimously approved the June Financial Report. (Perry, Richardson)
3. The Board unanimously approved the Personnel Report. (Perry, Richardson)

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Black- Appreciate all the parents in attendance, the reports from the principals, and Mr. Grissom researching a solution to the lighting problem at the baseball field. She also congratulated Holly as Teacher of the Year.

Mr. Sexton- Mentioned how good the new band uniforms looked and asked Ms. Owens to talk a little about how they raised the \$20,000. He also welcomed the new staff and told them the Board is here to support them. He thanked Mr. Grissom as well as finance for a job well done on finding a solution to the lighting problem.

Mr. Perry thanked Ms. Renee Owens for stepping up and taking care of the band when Mr. Stannard passed suddenly. He thanked the parents for coming and asked that they trust the board to work out solutions to issues that arise. The Board has the best interest of the District in mind at all times.

Dr. Richardson enjoyed the football game, especially the band. Congratulations to Ms. Owens on her winning the competitions. He also wants to make the community aware of the information Mr. Grissom is gathering to aid the district in hopefully being able to acquire Promise Zone monies.

Ms. Spence thanked all for being at the meeting. She congratulated the band for all their hard work, especially following the tragic death of Mr. Stannard. She also thanks the administrators and teachers for all their hard work.

Ms. Spence voiced the need for an executive session to discuss negotiations to proposed contractual arrangement. The Board unanimously voted to go into executive session at after a five minute break. (Perry, Richardson) The Board entered into executive session at 8:35pm.

The Board unanimously voted to come out of executive session at 9:20. (Perry, Richardson)

No action was taken.

Ms. Spence adjourned the meeting at 9:20.

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Chair

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Clerk