

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

TIME: 7:00 p.m., Thursday August 27, 2015, adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

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

PRESENT:

Board of Trustees: 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; Rachel Wall, 7-12 Curriculum Specialist.

BPS: Donna Selvey, Principal; Kay McDonald, Assistant-Principal

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

GBMS: Craig Hart, Principal; Jessica Brabham, Assistant-Principal

BHS: Jon Burdge, Principal; Franklin McCormick, Assistant-Principal; Vicki-Carter-Blocker, Assistant Principal; Kelly Shealy, Teacher;

Other: The PEOPLE SENTINEL

From 6:15pm to 7:00pm there was a reception for all the new district personnel in the lobby of the District Office. Cake, punch, sandwiches, and vegetables were served.

The agenda for the meeting was as follows:

OPENING BUSINESS

1. Dr. Richardson, vice-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. (Black, Perry)
3. Hearing the Public-Mr. Harold Blackmon spoke about recycling.

ACCOUNTABILITY

Recognition

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

Barnwell Primary	Barnwell Elementary	Guinyard-Butler	Barnwell High	District Office	Food Service	Transportation
Deanna Grubbs-teacher	Denise James-teacher	Henrietta Williams-teacher	Travis Morehead-teacher	Steve Strother	Irvin Williams	Rosa Charlton
Stephanie Davis-teacher	Melissa Easterling-teacher		Richard Stanton-teacher			Krystal Hudson
Beverly Burton-teacher	Debbie McEwen-teacher		Sudha Alamanda-teacher			Sammy Williams
Andrea Whittington-speech	Ashley Pritchard-teacher		Heath Corley-teacher			
Hannah Johnson-speech	Heather Leeper-teacher		Dwayne Garrick-teacher			
Elizabeth Weaver-OT	Heather Bessinger		Warren Wintrode-teacher			
Mary Ann Atkins-TA	Robin Carter-teacher		Emily Coble-teacher			
Jaime Corley-TA	Stacy Garvin-speech		Ali Godhrawala-teacher			
	Dr. Carolyn Anderson-principal		Alice Medidi-teacher			
	Randy Wood-assistant-principal		Alan Brenner-teacher			
			Jared Thrasher-teacher			

Information

1. Mr. Grissom reported that 2 diploma requests had been made in August. One individual qualified and one did not qualify.

ADVOCACY

BASIC STRUCTURE

Action

1. The Board unanimously approved the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of July 23, 2015. (Sexton, Perry)
2. The Board unanimously approved the May Financial Report. (Perry, Sexton)
3. The Board unanimously approved the Personnel Report. (Perry, Sexton)
4. The Board Unanimously approved the overnight, 7th grade, Washington DC Field Study, scheduled for March 25-27, 2016. (Perry, Sexton)
5. The Board unanimously approved for students (A-I) to continue to attend in Williston. (Perry, Sexton)
6. The Board unanimously approved for students (J-N) to continue to attend in Allendale. (Perry, Sexton)
7. The Board unanimously approved for student (A) to attend in Barnwell 45 pending their release from Bamberg. (Perry, Sexton)
8. The Board unanimously approved for student (B) to attend in Barnwell 45 pending their release from Allendale. (Perry, Sexton)
9. The Board unanimously approved for student (C) to attend in Barnwell 45 (Perry, Sexton)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Black- Welcomed all the new staff to B45. It is particularly gratifying to have so many former Barnwell grads returning. It will be a great school year.

Mr. Sexton- Hats off to Ms. Matheny. He welcomes everyone to the district. He is glad you have chosen B45.

Mr. Perry welcomed the new employees and he agrees with everyone else. He is looking forward to a good year.

Dr. Richardson thanked the staff that prepared the reception. He said it was good to put a name with a face on the new employees. He also encouraged everyone to attend the football games.

Mr. Richardson 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, Sexton) The Board entered into executive session at 7:30pm.

The Board unanimously voted to come out of executive session at 8:45. (Perry, Sexton)

The following action was taken after the executive session.

- Mr. Chairperson, I, Chad Perry, move that the Board accept the Superintendent’s request to withdraw his recommendation that employee A be non-renewed from employment and accept Employee A’s request to withdraw her request for an evidentiary hearing based on the reasons that were provide in Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Ms. Black and passed unanimously.
- A motion was made by Mr. Sexton to authorize the Superintendent to take the necessary legal steps to transfer property (A) to citizen (A) based on our lawyer’s recommendation. The motion was seconded by Ms. Black and passed unanimously.

Dr. Richardson adjourned the meeting at 8:55pm.

Chair

Clerk