

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

TIME: 6:00 p.m., Thursday, April 26, 2018

PLACE: District Office Conference Room 770 Hagood Ave. Barnwell, SC 29812

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; Linda Zionkowski, Federal Programs; Craig Hart, Auxiliary Programs

BPS: Donna Selvey, Principal; Kay Gooding, Assistant Principal; Brooke Davis, Teacher

BES:

GBMS: Jessica Brabham-James, Principal; Melanie Corell, Teacher

BHS: Franklin McCormick, Principal; Elaine Burdge, Teacher; Emily Cobb, Teacher

Support Staff:

Other:

The agenda for the meeting was as follows:

OPENING BUSINESS

1. Rhett Richardson, chairman, called the meeting to order. Mr. Sexton 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. Dr. Richardson asked that the Personnel Report be taken off the consent agenda, to be discussed in executive session with possible action taken after the executive session. A letter was read by Dr. Richardson concerning the relationship of Board Member, Rosey Anderson and Employee B. Mrs. Anderson read a letter to the Board abstaining from voting on the Personnel Report. (The letter is attached.) The Board unanimously approved moving the personnel report to executive session. (Sexton, Devore)
3. Dr. Richardson swore in Mr. Abraham Sexton as a returning Board member after the recent election.
4. The Board held the election of Board Officers.
 - Dr. Rhett Richardson- Chairman
 - Mrs. Rosey Anderson- Vice-chair
 - Mr. Abraham Sexton- Clerk
 - Mrs. Becky Huggins- Career Center Representative
5. The Board unanimously approved the Consent Agenda, less the personnel report. (Sexton, Huggins)
6. Miss Kari Branch thanked the Board for allowing her to come out of district and attend BHS. She is having a great year.

ACCOUNTABILITY

A. Information

1. Mrs. Donna Selvey introduced 3rd grade teacher Mrs. Brooke Davis. Mrs. Davis brought 5 of her students to demonstrate some things they do on their Chromebooks in her class. Each student worked with one Board Member. Her students were Isaiah Altman, Andi Stevens, Gracie Carter, Skhylur Davis, and Eugene O'Berry.
2. Mr. Franklin McCormack introduced two of his English teachers, Elaine Burdge and Emily Cobb. They brought 5 students who had the Board Members doing the work on the Chromebook. They demonstrated the use of US Test Prep. Mrs. Burdge's students were Kirstin Dobson, Kari Branch, and Caroline Green. Ms. Cobbs' students were Christian Pray and Gabbi Sanders.

BASIC STRUCTURE

A. Action

1. Mr. Strother presented the 1st reading of the 2018-2019 Budget.
2. Mrs. Stapleton presented the 1st reading of Policy JIDCA, Code of Conduct

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Richardson- Commented on how great it is to have the 1:1 program. He mentioned the Board Work Session held earlier this week. He thanked the other Board Members for their willingness to attend. He also stated that the principals have vowed to continue instruction all the way to the end of school.

Mr. Sexton- Thanks to everyone in attendance. He thanked Mr. Strother for the budget reading and appreciates his hard work. He also thanked Mr. Burdge for all he does in recruiting employees.

Ms. Anderson- She thanked everyone for attending, especially the primary and high school teachers and students. She stated there are a lot of activities going on right now, with the baseball team in the playoffs. She thanked all the employees for their hard work.

Ms. Devore- She expressed her appreciation for everyone attending the meeting. She also thanked everyone for their hard work.

Ms. Huggins- She agreed with all that has been said. She said this is great to see students excited about learning. She encouraged all to support the sports programs.

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. ******

An executive session was needed to discuss employment.

The Board unanimously approved a motion to enter executive session after a 5-minute break. (Devore, Sexton) 6:55pm
The Board unanimously approved a motion to come out of executive session. (Sexton, Devore) 7:55pm

The Board unanimously approved a motion not to renew Employee A's contract. (Devore, Anderson)
The Board unanimously approved a motion to allow Student A to attend school in Barnwell School District 45. (Huggins, Sexton)
The Board approved, with Mrs. Anderson abstaining, a motion to offer Perspective Employee B a contract. (Huggins, Devore)
The Board Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm.

Chair

Clerk