

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

TIME: 7:00 p.m., Thursday, November 10, 2016, adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

PLACE: Board Room at 770 Hagood Ave.

PRESENT:

Board of Trustees: Teresa Spence-Chair; Rhett Richardson, Vice-Chair; Abraham Sexton, Clerk; Valenda Black, Member; Rosey Anderson, Member

District Office: J.H. Grissom, Superintendent; Crissie Stapleton, Assistant-Superintendent; Steven Strother, CFO; Jon Burdge, HR Director; Bill Wingard, Technology Director; Kelly Shealy, Curriculum Support Coach; Tim Hicks, Grants; Rachel Wall, Curriculum Director; Craig Hart, Director of Auxiliary Services

BPS: Donna Selvey, Principal; Kay Gooding, Assistant-Principal; Meredith Wilson, teacher; Heather Chambers, teacher

BES: Carolyn Anderson, Principal, Randy Wood, Assistant-Principal; Debbie Bridgmon, teacher; Laurie Abbott, teacher

GBMS: Jessica Brabham-James; Denise James, Assistant-Principal; Thomas Taylor;

BHS: Franklin McCormack Principal; Mark Protheroe, Teacher;

Support Staff:

Other: The PEOPLE SENTINEL, Jonathan Vickery;

The agenda for the meeting was as follows:

OPENING BUSINESS

1. 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. A motion was made by Dr. Richardson and seconded by Mrs. Black to amend the agenda to include introduction of new staff. The motion carried unanimously.
3. There were no requests to be heard by the public

ACCOUNTABILITY

A. Recognition

1. Mr. Burdge introduced new employee(s).

Barnwell Primary	Barnwell Elementary	Guinyard-Butler Middle School	Barnwell High	District Office	Food Service	Transportation	Maintenance
Suzanne Frederick ESOL Teacher							

2. Mr. Burdge recognized the mentors for beginning teachers. He explained that they had participated in a 2 day training at the beginning of the year. The mentors are: Meredith Wilson, BPS; Paige Black, BPS; Debbie Bridgmon, BES; Laurie Abbott, BES; Sherry Moore, GBMS; Heather Chambers, BPS; Mark Protheroe, BHS; Anne Marie Hebbard, BES; George Snider, GBMS; Thomas Taylor, GBMS
3. Mr. Randy Woods, Assistant-Principal of BES gave an update on the Flexible Learning Program. It serves grades 3-6. Mrs. Gill Hackney is the lead teacher and they are serving 3 students at this time. The program of course works with students academically, but they also are provided with guidance support from Mrs. Burbage and counselors from Polly Best as well as character education.
4. Mrs. Denise James, Assistant-Principal at GBMS gave an update on the Alternative School Program. It serves students in grades 7-12 that are non-violent, but have chronic difficulties in the regular classroom. At this time 10 students are being served.
5. Athletic Director, Coach Dave Anastasia, gave an update on the Athletic Department. This has been a successful Fall Sports Season. Coach thanked the coaches for their dedication which led to the success. There are winning Records in all fall sports this year. 219 students participated. The football team was second in the region. The JV team outscored opponents 128 to 20. Cheerleaders organized a canned food drive. NCAA night will be November 15, 2016 at 6 pm.

B. Information

1. There were no questions concerning the personnel report.

ADVOCACY

BASIC STRUCTURE

Action

1. The Board unanimously approved the October 13, 2016 regular Board Meeting Minutes (Sexton, Richardson)
2. The Board unanimously approved the August and September financial reports. (Sexton, Richardson)
3. The Board unanimously approved Barnwell 45 to become the fiscal agent for First Steps. (Richardson, Sexton)
4. 1st reading of the following policies. There were no questions
 - A. KBB (Parental Rights and Responsibilities)
 - B. IHAM (Health Education)
 - C. IHAC (Social Studies Education)
 - D. ILBB-R (State Program Assessments)
 - E. GCB (Professional Staff Contracts and Compensation)
 - F. GCQF-R (Discipline, Suspension, and Dismissal of Professional Staff)
 - G. BEC (Executive Sessions/Open Meetings)
5. Student A was approved to attend in Williston. (Sexton, Black)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Richardson- He thanked the mentors for their work and Coach Anastasia for the athletic program.

Ms. Black- She thanked everyone for attending the meeting. She welcomed Ms. Frederick. She also thanked Coach Anastasia for the athletic program and coaches. She asked about ink cartridge collection. She requested prayers for the BES family for the loss of a teacher.

Mr. Sexton- He welcomed the new employee to the district. He thanked and congratulated the mentors. He mentioned he had heard the athletic program is going fine. He thanked everyone for a job well done. He mentioned teachers, administrators, Mr. Grissom, finance department, all Barnwell 45 staff and Mr. Burdge. He thanked BES for the Veteran's Day Program.

Ms. Anderson- She welcomed Ms. Frederick. She appreciates the work the mentors are doing. She stated "Good job Coach Anastasia and all the coaches."

Ms. Spence- She thanked everyone for attending. She hopes everyone has a good Thanksgiving. She announced there is a need for an executive session.

The board unanimously approved a motion to enter into executive session at 8:08 pm, for 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. (Sexton, Anderson)

**Note: Action may be taken at the end of the executive session. **

The Board unanimously approve exiting the executive session at 8:26 pm. (Sexton, Richardson)

The Board approved the recommendation of Mr. Grissom to rescind the dismissal of teacher A with a 3 to 1 vote in favor. Mr. Richardson abstained due to a close personal friendship and Mrs. Black voted no. (Richardson, Sexton)

Ms. Spence adjourned the meeting.

Chair

Clerk