

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

TIME: 7:00 p.m., Thursday, March 17, 2016, adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

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

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; Linda Zionkowski, Director of Federal Programs; Crissie Stephens, Assistant Superintendent; Steven Strother, Assistant to CFO; Jon Burdge, Director of Human Resources; Rachel Wall, Director of Curriculum; Bill Wingard, Technology Director; Tim Hicks, Grants; David Alexander, Curriculum Coordinator; Tina Smith, Special Services Assistant; Garry Baxley, Assistant CFO.

BPS: Donna Selvey, Principal

BES: Carolyn Anderson, Principal; Kara Bolen, Reading Coach; Denise Parker, Media Specialist

GBMS: Craig Hart, Principal;

BHS: Franklin McCormick, Principal; Kelly Shealy, Teachers; Steve Andrews, Teacher; Jason Browning, teacher; Robin Boyleston

Other: The PEOPLE SENTINEL, Jonathan Vickery; Rosey Anderson, Becky Huggins,

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 Mr. Sexton and seconded by Mrs. Black to approve the agenda. The motion passed unanimously.
3. There were no requests from the public to be heard.

ACCOUNTABILITY

Recognition

1. Mr. Burdge introduced the following new employee(s) for the 2015-2016 School Year:

Barnwell Primary	Barnwell Elementary	Guinyard-Butler Middle School	Barnwell High	District Office	Food Service	Transportation
			Chief Jeffery Gordon-JROTC	Garry Baxley		
				Tina Smith		

Information

1. **Project Lead the Way** was presented to the Board by teachers, Steven Andrews and Jason Browning and students Able Villalobos and Vivek Patel. Project Lead the Way is a STEM program, dealing with engineering. The entire Board expressed their appreciation for the hard work of both the teachers and students.
2. **Library Conference Presentation-** Denise Parker and Kara Bolen shared the presentation they did at the library conference. The entire Board voiced their appreciation.

ADVOCACY

BASIC STRUCTURE

Action

1. The Board unanimously approved the February 25, 2016 Regular Board Meeting minutes (Perry, Sexton)
2. The Board unanimously approved the December Financial Report (Perry, Richardson)
3. The Board unanimously approved the resolution for the Bond Issue (Perry, Sexton)
4. The Board unanimously approved the re-election of the certified personnel. (Sexton ,Perry)
5. The Board unanimously approved the re-election of the non-certified personnel. (Richardson, Sexton)
6. The Board unanimously approved the Personnel Report. (Sexton, Perry)

7. The Board approved the Superintendent's Evaluation Goals with a 4 to 1 vote. The dissenting vote was cast by Ms. Black (Richardson, Sexton)
8. The Board unanimously approved the 2016-2017 school calendar.
9. The Board unanimously approved the 5th grade Barrier Island Field Trip. (Richardson, Sexton)
10. The Board unanimously approved Student A to attend Barnwell 45 Schools.(Richardson, Perry)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Richardson- He voiced his feelings concerning the district making progress. He shared information about a meeting he attended concerning funding for a new Tech and Career Center. The facility would benefit the entire county. He thanked Mr. Perry for idea and is pleased with the progress. He thinks it would be beneficial for Mr. Grissom and Ms. Stephens to go to Washington. He is very pleased with the quality of teachers we have here in Barnwell.

Ms. Black- Thanked everyone for their attendance. She congratulated the BES Community Service Club for collecting 200 pair of jeans. They are now doing pennies for patients. She also congratulated the students that helped Mr. Andrews and Mr. Browning present.

Mr. Sexton- Thanked the teachers for all the work they are doing as well as all others involved. He also stated that being on the Career Center Board, he sees a new career center as a wonderful thing for Barnwell County. Mr. Sexton shared his experience of attending 2 Day at the Capital. He was able to speak with legislators concerning the \$400 million being taken out of the general fund for road repairs. Another topic at the meeting was a 2% raise for teachers next year. He thanked all employees for their hard work, welcomed the new employees, and stressed the Board is here to help.

Mr. Perry- Agrees with Mr. Sexton in thanking and appreciating all the work being done. He mentioned the house and senate passed the road bill. He was pleased that Senator Hutto attended the career center meeting. And the community seems very positive about the idea. He thanked everyone for their support since it might be his last board meeting, depending on the election.

Ms. Spence- She thanked everyone for coming and again wants all employees know she appreciates them. She also mentioned the Band had received an excellent rating.

A motion was made to go into executive session after a short break to have a discussion of employment, appointment, compensation, promotion, demotion, discipline, or release of an employee(s), (Sexton, Richardson) 8:10 pm

A motion was made to come out of executive session. (Sexton, Perry)

No action was taken.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Chair

Clerk