

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

TIME: 7:00 p.m., Thursday, December 10, 2015, adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

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

PRESENT:

Board of Trustees: Teresa Spence, Chairman; Rhett Richardson, Vice-Chair; Abraham Sexton, Clerk; Chad Perry, Member
District Office: J.H. Grissom, Superintendent; Jaci Bearden, Admin Assist; Linda Zionkowski, Director of Federal Programs;
 Crissie Stephens, Director of Curriculum; Steven Strother, Assistant to CFO;
 Rachel Wall, Secondary Curriculum Specialist; Tim Him, Grants

BPS: Donna Selvey, Principal

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

GBMS: Craig Hart, Principal;

BHS: Franklin McCormick, Principal; Kelly Shealy, Teacher; Robin Boyleston, Teacher; Jeff Miller, Teacher;
 Billie Smith, Teacher

Other: The PEOPLE SENTINEL;

The agenda for the meeting was as follows:

OPENING BUSINESS

1. Teresa Spence, chairman called the meeting to order. Mr. Sexton delivered the Reflection. Chad Perry 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. Board Member Chad Perry asked that the agenda be amended to include a motion to add the steps lost during the freeze. A motion was made by Perry and seconded by Richardson that the steps for teachers and classified personnel be restored at a cost of approximately \$142,875. The motion carried unanimously.
3. There was one (1) request from the public to be heard. Ms. Robin Boyleston, a BHS teacher spoke on the need for the step increases to be restored.

ACCOUNTABILITY

Recognition

1. Mr. Grissom had prepared certificates of appreciation for the volunteers that have worked on the John hall baseball field. The volunteers were unable to be at the meeting due to their children having ballgames. They will be recognized at a later time. Terry Whitehead was presented with a certificate of appreciation for his work on the ball field that went above and beyond his regular responsibility. Mr. Grissom showed the board pictures of the work that has been completed at this time.
2. 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
			Michael Ray-Custodian			

3. Mr. Grissom presented 2 teachers with the Superintendent’s Apple Award.
 - Ms. Theresa Moore- Ms. Moore willing stepped up to the plate to teach a 5th grade class until a 5th grade teacher could be found. She then volunteered to continue to teach the class for the entire year as well as do some of her gifted and talented coordinator duties.
 - Ms. Renee Owens- Ms. Owens stepped up and took over the responsibilities of the band when Mr. Stannard died suddenly right before school started. She was named interim band director and is now the band director of the Scarlet Knights. She help his family and the band students during this difficult time.

Information

1. Mr. David M. Enzastiga, CPA delivered the 2014-2015 audit report. There were no findings, which is the highest rating possible.
2. Mr. Grissom reported that 0 diploma request had been made in November.

ADVOCACY

BASIC STRUCTURE

Action

1. The Board unanimously approved the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of November 19, 2015. (Perry, Sexton)
2. The Board unanimously approved the minutes of the Emergency Board Meeting of November 19, 2015. (Perry, Sexton)
3. The Board unanimously approved the September Financial Report. (Perry, Sexton)
4. The Board unanimously approved the Personnel Report. (Perry, Sexton)
5. The Board unanimously approved the attendance of the GBMS at the annual conference. (Perry, Sexton)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Sexton- He thanked all the staff for a job well done. He mentioned the importance of the finance department and thanked Mr. Grissom for his leadership. He also wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New year.

Dr. Richardson thanked the teachers for their work. He came from a household of teachers, so he understands he challenges. He also thanked all who have worked on the field. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas. He also mentioned that the district is trying to upgrade the career center through the use of Promise Zone funds. He also mentioned that 90% of the district's budget goes to salaries.

Mr. Perry went to the Advocacy Conference and he presented something from the conference. His concern is the DOT policy will effect school funding just as Bill 388. He spoke about the budget and how the board determines funding. He is excited about the way the schools are going, and the last thing the board wants to do is withhold money from the faculty and staff.

Ms. Spence thanked everyone for coming. She shared that her Christmas had already begun since her daughter is home from college and has done well. She credits her teachers. She also wished everyone a merry Christmas.

EXECUTIVE Session

Ms. Spence, Chairman stated there was a need for an executive session. A motion was made by Mr. Perry and seconded by Dr. Richardson that the board enter into an executive session to discuss employment, appointment, compensation, promotion, demotion, discipline, or release of an employee(s).

A motion was made by Mr. Sexton and seconded by Dr. Richardson that the board come out of executive session.

No action was taken.

Ms. Spence adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Chair

Clerk