

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

TIME: 6:00 p.m., Thursday, December 14, 2017

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, Curriculum Director; Steven Strothers, CFO; Kelly Shealy, Curriculum Support Coach; Jaci Bearden, Administrative -Assistant; Craig Hart, Auxiliary Services;

BPS: Donna Selvey, Principal; Kay Gooding, Assistant-Principal; Sarah Lestrud, Language Facilitator

BES: Carolyn Anderson

GBMS: Jessica Brabham-James, Principal; Susan Gardner, teacher

BHS: Franklin McCormick, Principal; Steve Andrews, teacher

Support Staff: Asher Dickerson, transportation

Other: The People's Sentinel; Carrie Branch, student; David Enzastiga, CPA;

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. Devore 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. The Board unanimously approved the Consent Agenda. (Devore, Sexton)
3. There were 2 requests to be heard.
 - Officer Brown invited the Board and all at the Board meeting to attend the Dare Graduation, Friday, December 15, 2017.
 - Rhonda Overby presented the District with a check. The Aiken Standard shares a portion of the revenue when games are broadcast.

ACCOUNTABILITY

A. Recognition

1. Mrs. Stapleton presented Mr. and Mrs. Dukes with a certificate thanking them for all the work they do to help the schools in Barnwell 45. Mr. Dukes is the minister of the Ned Branch Baptist Church. He thanked the district for the opportunity to serve and invited everyone to services.
2. Two new employees were introduced. Sarah Lestrud is the new language facilitator at BPS and Asher Dickerson is with transportation.

B. Information

1. Mr. David M. Enzastiga, CPA, presented the audit for the 2016-2017 school year. The district received an unqualified opinion which is the highest rating possible. The district added \$861,820 to the fund balance.
2. Mrs. Gardner presented information about the STEM Lab at GBMS. Her presentation included slides and videos of the various activities students complete in the Lab. Mr. Andrews had a number of videos demonstrating to the Board the activities that students complete in his Industrial Technology Class.

BASIC STRUCTURE

A. Action

1. The Board unanimously approved the following policies at the 2nd Reading. (Sexton, Huggins)
 - i. Policy BE- School Board Meetings
 - ii. Policy IKADD-Content and Credit Recovery
 - iii. Policy IKA-R- Grading Assessment Systems, Administrative Rule
 - iv. Policy JFAB- Non-Resident Students
 - v. Policy JFAB-R- Non-Resident Students, Administrative Rule

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Richardson- Thanks to all who came out. He thanked Dave for his work on the audit. He asked everyone to check out the newsletter and share it with others in the community.

Mr. Sexton- Thanks to all who attended the meeting. He thanked the finance department for their hard work. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Ms. Anderson- Thanks to everyone in attendance. She thanked everyone for all they do, especially the Finance Department.

Ms. Devore- She thanked everyone for their hard work and all those in attendance.

Ms. Huggins- She commented on the STEM presentations and especially enjoyed watching the children love learning. She thanked Pastor and Mrs. Dukes for their support. She also wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Executive Session

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.

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

1. Student appeal
2. Discussion of employment, appointment, compensation, promotion, demotion, discipline, or release of an employee.

The Board unanimously approved a motion to enter into executive session. (Anderson, Huggins)

The Board unanimously approved a motion to come out of executive session. (Sexton, Devore)

The Board unanimously approved a motion to uphold the student's expulsion. (Anderson, Sexton)

The meeting was adjourned.

Chair

Clerk