

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

**TIME:** 7:00 p.m., Thursday, February 26, 2015, adjourned at 8:45 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; Crissie Stephens, Margaret Matheny, Human Services Director; Shirley Kitchings, CFO; Bill Wingard, Network Admin.

**BPS:** Donna Selvey, Principal

**BES:** Sherry McIver, Principal; Mandy Pender, Assist. Principal; Jessica Floyd, teacher; Renee Owens, teacher; Lisa Gleaton, Teacher; Janice Grubbs, teacher; Kristina Etheridge, teacher; Debbie Bridgmon, teacher; Cheryl Sullivan, teacher

**GBMS:** Craig Hart, Principal;

**BHS:** Kelly Shealy, teacher, David Anastasia, AD; Elizabeth Driver, Teacher

**Other:** The PEOPLE SENTINEL; Jerry Bell; Linda Bell

The agenda for the meeting was as follows:

**OPENING BUSINESS**

1. Ms. Spence, chairman called the meeting to order. Mr. Sexton delivered the Reflection. Mr. Danny 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. Hearing the Public- Jerry Bell shared with the board information about the Smithsonian exhibit Hometown Teams which will be in Denmark from February 28-April 12. He also shared information on the upcoming Blues Festival to be held in Demark.

**ACCOUNTABILITY**

Recognition

1. Mr. Grissom recognized the food service workers at GBMS and BES for receiving 100% at their last visit, which is very hard to do.
2. Mr. Grissom recognized 2 teachers from BES with the Superintendent's Apple awards. Cheryl Sullivan for an outstanding job of organizing the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Science Day and Renee Owens for an outstanding job of organizing and preparing her students to perform at Medieval Times and the School Board Convention.

Information

1. Mr. Grissom reported that 1 person had requested and been approved to received their diploma under ACT 155. The board has requested the total number of individual that have received their diplomas at the next board meeting.

**ADVOCACY**

**BASIC STRUCTURE**

Action

1. The Board unanimously approved the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of January 22, 2015. (Black, Sexton )
2. The Board unanimously approved the November Financial Report. (Sexton, Richardson)
3. The Board unanimously approved the Resolution for Bond Issue. (Richardson, Sexton)
4. The Board unanimously approved the Personnel Report. (Perry, Black)
5. The Board unanimously approved the transfer of students A to Williston. (Richardson, Perry)
6. The Board unanimously approved the transfer of students B to Williston. (Sexton, Perry)
7. The Board had the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading and unanimously approved Administrative Rule JH-R Student Absences and Excuses (major Change- addresses make-up work for excused absences; gives more defined Timeline for students to complete work and meet grade requirements. Defines Truancy, reporting requirements, intervention plans and outlines referrals with Juvenile Justice.) (Sexton, Richardson)
8. The Board had the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading and unanimously approved Administrative Rule EFE-R Competitive Food Sales/Vending Machines (required due to changes in federal law) (Perry, Richardson)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Spence- She expressed her regrets at not getting to go, but she did get to see it on Facebook. She is very proud of our students. She thanked Ms. McIver and Mr. Hart and asked them to thank their cafeteria staffs for their hard work. She also thanked all the teachers as she thinks about her daughter getting ready to graduate.

Mr. Richardson- He thanked Ms. Owens for all her hard work. Everyone had a good time. It was wonderful to see so many family members attending with their children.

Mr. Sexton- Thanks for a job well done. Some of students that went have never seen the ocean and traveled that far away from Barnwell. He really appreciates you and your hard work.

Mr. Perry- Thanked Ms. Owens and stated how special it is when we have a group going. Everyone had a wonderful time and the students did very well. He also thanked the parents for supporting the schools. And for everyone's hard work.

Ms. Black- She stated that are many great things going on in the district. The trip to Myrtle Beach being one of them. She was surprised and thrilled to see the huge group of people from Barnwell come to Myrtle Beach to see their children and grandchildren perform.

It was also mentioned that Shelby Hooper was named a scholar athlete by Channel 6 news and a 3<sup>rd</sup> grader won the regional Spelling Bee.

Ms. Spence stated that the Board had need of an executive session for a personnel matter. A motion was made by Mr. Sexton and seconded by Mr. Perry that the Board enter into executive session for a personnel matter. Motion carried unanimously. The Board entered into executive session at 7:25 pm.

A motion was made by Dr. Richardson and Seconded by Mr. Perry to come out of executive session. The motion carried unanimously. The board came out of executive session at 8:45 pm. No action was taken.

Ms. Spence adjourned the meeting at 8:50.

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Chair

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Clerk