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

TIME: 7:00 p.m., Thursday, April 28, 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; Rosey Anderson, 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

BPS: Donna Selvey, Principal

BES: Carolyn Anderson, Principal

GBMS: Craig Hart, Principal; Melanie Correl, Teacher

BHS: Franklin McCormick, Principal; Kelly Shealy, Teacher

Other: The PEOPLE SENTINEL, Laura McKenzie; 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

A. Recognition

1. Kiah Morris shared her experience as the Barnwell School District 45 student representative in connection with the Abbeville Lawsuit.
2. Donna Selvey completed the South Carolina Transformational Leadership Academy, a rigorous program that added an additional endorsement on her certificate. She is a Turn Around Principal.
3. The following principals were presented a flag which represented their schools achievement.
 - BPS- Palmetto Silver Award
 - GBMS- Palmetto Silver and Palmetto Gold Award
 - BHS- Palmetto Silver Award

B. Information

ADVOCACY

BASIC STRUCTURE

Action

1. The Board unanimously approved the strategic plan for the schools/District. (Sexton, Richardson)
2. The Board unanimously approved the Reading Plan-(Sexton Richardson)
3. The Board unanimously approved the March 2, 2016 Special Board Meeting minutes.
4. The Board unanimously approved the March 17, 2016 Regular Board Meeting minutes (Richardson,Sexton)
5. The Board unanimously approved the January Financial Report (Black, Richardson)
6. The Board unanimously approved the Personnel Report. (Sexton, Sexton)
7. Mr. Strothers presented he 1st reading of the FY; 2017 Budget. Good news the budget is balanced.
8. The Board unanimously approved the Golf Team's trip to the State Golf Meet. (Sexton, Richardson)
9. The Board unanimously approved the TSA to travel to Nashville for the National Conference and competition.
10. The vote for the Summer nutrition Program was tabled.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Richardson- He thanked all the principals for their presentations. He is very excited about the future of the district. He thanked Mr. Grissom for sharing his ideas with the Governor. He encouraged people to speak up about the good things going on in Barnwell 45 schools.

Ms. Black- Thanked Kiah Morris for sharing her experiences. She also thanked all school personnel for their dedication. She also mentioned there is a 9th grader that is now an Eagle Scout. There are great things going on in and out of the classroom, such as field trips and the trip to Nationals by the TSA.

Mr. Sexton- He agrees with Dr. Richardson. It starts at the top. Everyone should be proud of the students that attend Barnwell Schools, such as Kiah Morris. Barnwell can be a leader. Thanks everyone for all they do. Also a special thanks to finance.

Ms. Anderson- She agrees with all that has been said. She gave a special thanks to Kiah Morris and Ms. Selvey for their accomplishments. She encouraged everyone to support the activities such as sport. She appreciates all the teachers.

Ms. Spence- She thanked everyone for coming and again wants all employees know she appreciates them. She said her daughter wanted to thank her teachers. She is helping students that are not as prepared classes as she is.

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), (Richardson, Sexton) 8:25 pm

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

No action was taken.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Chair

Clerk