

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Barnwell School District 45 Board of Trustees.
A reception for the new employees of the district was held prior to the Board Meeting.

TIME: 7:00 p.m., Thursday, September 8, 2016, adjourned at 9:32 p.m.

PLACE: Multipurpose Room of Barnwell Elementary School, 10524 Marlboro Ave.

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, Administrative-Assistant; Linda Zionkowski, Director of Federal Programs; Steven Strother, CFO; Jon Burdge, HR Director; Bill Wingard, Technology Director; Kelly Shealy, Curriculum Support Coach; Kim Rhoad, Director of Special Services; Tim Hicks, Grants; Rachel Wall, Curriculum Director; Craig Hart, Director of Auxiliary Services, Linda Bell, HR Administrative Assistant; Crissie Stapleton, Assistant-Superintendent

BPS: Donna Selvey, Principal; Kay Gooding, Assistant-Principal; Kia Valentine, Teacher; Lisa Collins, Teacher; Meredith Wilson, Teacher

BES: Carolyn Anderson, Principal, Randy Wood, Assistant-Principal; Holly Abbott, Teacher; Mike Chestnut, Teacher; Debbie Bridgmon, Teacher, Janice Grubbs, Teacher

GBMS: Jessica Brabham-James; Denise James, Assistant-Principal; Susan Gardner, Teacher

BHS: Franklin McCormack Principal

Other: The PEOPLE SENTINEL, Jonathan Vickery;

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 Dr. Richardson to approve the agenda.
3. There were no requests from the public to be heard.

ACCOUNTABILITY

A. Recognition

1. Sgt. Jerry Smith was awarded a Superintendents Apple Award for his dedication and running the JROTC Program without additional help until Jeffery Gordon, JROTC instructor was hired.
2. Mr. Grissom recognized the formation of a Teacher’s forum, made up of Teachers of the Year. Those present: Janice Grubbs, Kia Valentine, Holly Abbott, and Susan Gardner. The teacher forum made gift bags for the new Personnel.
3. Each principal gave the Board a report on the opening of school and introduced their new personnel.
 - A. BHS- Theme/May you be proud of the work you do, the person you are and the difference you make.
 - B. GBMS- Theme/“Achieving Academic Greatness...Preparing OUR Student to Walk in Their DESTINY!”
 - C. BES- Theme/Teamwork Makes The Dream Work.
 - D. BPS- Theme/Pete The Cat

Barnwell Primary	Barnwell Elementary	Guinyard-Butler Middle School	Barnwell High	District Office	Food Service	Transportation	Maintenance
Taylor Alexander	Brooke Davis	Raquel Azhocar	Fred Orr				Kenny Johnson
Beth Bodiford	Elizabeth Hair	Adrian Bell	Keri Schneider				
Bridgett Brown	Kathryn Mitchell	Catrena Greene					
Stephanie Chestnut	Blaine Steinmyer	William Hammonds					
Kara Cook	Pricilla Summerford	Kelsey Robinson					
Hollie Evans	Rachel Williams	Bobby Sheridan					

Lindsay Gantt							
Kirsten Sanders							
Ashley Tedder							
Rachel Hair							

B. Information

1. The board unanimously approved the personnel report. (Sexton, Richardson)

ADVOCACY

BASIC STRUCTURE

Action

1. The Board unanimously approved the August 11, 2016 regular Board Meeting Minutes (Sexton, Richardson)
2. The Board unanimously approved the June financial report. (Richardson, Sexton)
3. The Board unanimously approved the Barnwell County FEMA Hazard Mitigation Plan. (Richardson, Sexton)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Richardson- Welcomed all the new employees, especially the BHS graduates. He thanked the administration for their hard work in opening school. He also thanked the employee’s families for supporting the schools. He is looking forward to a good school year. He mentioned the fundraiser and the good cookie dough.

Ms. Black- Welcomed all the new employees, especially the BHS graduates. She thanked the administration for their hard work in opening school. She also thanked the employee’s families for supporting the schools. She is looking forward to a good school year. She apologized for not being able to attend the last two meetings. She also thanked food service for the training they hosted this summer.

Mr. Sexton- Welcomed all the new employees, especially the BHS graduates. He thanked the administration for their hard work in opening school. He also thanked the employee’s families for supporting the schools. He is looking forward to a good school year. He also thanked Sgt. Smith for all he has done for the JROTC program.

Ms. Anderson- Welcomed all the new employees, especially the BHS graduates. She thanked the administration for their hard work in opening school. She also thanked the employee’s families for supporting the schools. She is looking forward to a good school year. She suggested everyone should go by and see the new STEM lab at GBMS.

Ms. Spence- Welcomed all the new employees, especially the BHS graduates. She thanked the administration for their hard work in opening school. She also thanked the employee’s families for supporting the schools. She is looking forward to a good school year.

The board unanimously approved a motion to enter into executive session at 7:51 pm, after a 5 minute break 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. (Richardson, Anderson)

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

The Board unanimously approve exiting the executive session at 8:50 pm. (Anderson, Richardson)

The Board approved the recommendation of dismissal of teacher A. (Spence, Sexton) Mr. Richardson abstained due to a close personal friendship.

Ms. Spence adjourned the meeting.

Chair

Clerk