

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

TIME: 7:00 p.m., Thursday March 26, 2015, adjourned at 9:20 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.; Tim Hick, Grants

BPS: Donna Selvey, Principal

BES: Sherry McIver, Principal; Terry Whitehead, Maintenance Supervisor; Patty Zaletel, Custodian; Darlene Cook

GBMS: Craig Hart, Principal; Melanie Corell

BHS: Jon Burdge, Principal; Vickie Carter-Blocker, Assistant-Principal; Kelly Shealy, teacher; Elizabeth Driver, Teacher

Other: The PEOPLE SENTINEL; Roger Riley

The agenda for the meeting was as follows:

OPENING BUSINESS

1. Ms. 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 Mr. Perry to accept the agenda as read. The motion carried unanimously.
3. Hearing the Public-none

ACCOUNTABILITY

Recognition

1. The 2015 CSRA Regional Science Fair Winners were recognized. Lexi Thomasson, Austin Hutto, Shane Poplin, and Annabelle Ravencroft from GBMS all placed in the Regional Science Fair. Mr. Steve Smith and Mr. Bill Croft with Georgia Board of Education for STEM also attended and praised the Barnwell middle school program. They stated they come 4 times a year. There are 32 judges and they are willing to return to Barnwell because science is being taught.
2. Mr. Grissom recognized 2 individuals for the Superintendent's Apple awards. Patty Zaletel a custodian at BES who goes above and beyond to make sure the school is clean. She volunteers to help with other things and works 2 additional jobs. He also recognized Tim Hicks for his Power Wagon idea. He showed the power wagon idea to Roger Riley, who offered to fund it through emergency management if Tim did not get the grant. The grant was not awarded, so Roger Riley paid for it. It was built at the Career Center as a collaboration between emergency management, career center and the school districts.
3. Ms. Matheny introduced Olivia Sims, a Barnwell High graduate that will be working with the Flexible Learning Program.

Information

1. Mr. Grissom reported that 2 requests had been made in March, 1 have been approved to receive their diploma under ACT 155. A total of 19 requests have been made and 16 have been approved.

ADVOCACY

BASIC STRUCTURE

Action

1. The Board unanimously approved the minutes of the Special Board Meeting of February 12, 2015 (Perry, Richardson)
2. The Board unanimously approved the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of February 26, 2015. (Sexton, Black)
3. The Board unanimously approved the December Financial Report. (Perry, Sexton)
4. The Board unanimously approved the Personnel Report. (Black, Perry)
5. The Board unanimously approved the transfer of students (A) to Williston. (Sexton, Richardson)
6. The Board unanimously approved the transfer of students (B) and (C) to Barnwell. (Richardson, Sexton)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Spence- She thanked Ms. Driver for her service to the district. She wished everyone a good spring break and reminded everyone to be safe and drive safely if they were traveling.

Mr. Richardson- He stated that this type of meeting is exciting to him. There are so many positive things going on in the district. He reminded everyone that tonight is the Junior-Senior Prom. He wants everyone to get home safely.

Mr. Sexton- Thanks for a job well done. He really appreciates you and your hard work.

Mr. Perry- He is very proud of our students. It is always nice when someone from the outside says something good about our students. It says a lot when the engineers want to return to work with our students.

Ms. Black- She stated that are many great things going on in the district. There are a group of students in Washington and she would like to have these students recognized.

Executive Session

Ms. Spence stated that the Board had need of an executive session for a personnel matter. A motion was made by Mr. Perry and seconded by Mr. Sexton that the Board enter into executive session for a personnel matter. Motion carried unanimously. The Board entered into executive session at 7:30 pm.

A motion was made by Mr. Sexton and Seconded by MS. Black to come out of executive session. The motion carried unanimously. The board came out of executive session at 9:15 pm.

Madam Chairperson, I (Black) move that the Board conditionally accept the superintendent's recommendation that the employment agreement of a Continuing Contract teacher, Employee (A), not be renewed for the 2015-16 school year, subject to the Board's duty to review the matter on the merits pursuant to State law should the individual request a hearing. I so move. Seconded by Perry. The motion carried unanimously.

Madam Chairperson, I (Richardson) move that the Board conditionally accept the superintendent's recommendation that the employment agreement of a Continuing Contract teacher, Employee (B), not be renewed for the 2015-16 school year, subject to the Board's duty to review the matter on the merits pursuant to State law should the individual request a hearing. I so move. Seconded by Perry. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Chair

Clerk