

Minutes of the Work/Planning Session of the Barnwell School District 45 Board of Trustees.

**TIME:** 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, December 2, 2014, adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

**PLACE:** Professional Development Room, 770 Hagood Ave, Barnwell, SC 29182

**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, Director of Curriculum; Margaret Matheny, Human Services Director

**BPS:** Donna Selvey, Principal

**BES:** Sherry McIver, Principal

**GBMS:** Craig Hart, Principal

**BHS:** Jon Burdge, Principal

**Other:** Ken Childs, Legal

Opening Business

- A. Welcome, Call to order, Refection, FOI Notice – Chair

Information

- A. Opening remarks were made by Mr. Grissom.
- B. Ms. Stephens gave the Board an overview of the data used in the Federal and State Accountability Systems, as well as how that data is determined. She also explained why SC has 2 accountability systems.
- C. Each of the principals presented what they were doing in their schools to maintain and or improve student achievement using the *Nine Characteristics of High Performing Schools*. Each principal prepared a powerpoint and brought evidence of work being accomplished.
- D. At 11:00 a motion was made by Richardson and seconded by Black that the Board go into executive session to receive legal advice.
- E. Ms. Stephens discussed the district-wide initiatives, such as the *Nine Characteristics of High Performing Schools*, teacher observations, teacher evaluations, benchmark assessments, pacing guides, professional development calendars, and data rooms and meetings.
- F. Mrs. Matheny presented an eye-opening Power Point on the topic of Teacher Supply and Demand. It helped all to understand the difficulty Barnwell often has in recruiting teachers.
- G. Mr. Grissom presented a Power Point to the Board about how some school districts are building new schools without a bond referendum and no need to raise taxes. Mr. Grissom read a press statement to the board concerning the football eligibility situation.

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Chair

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Clerk