

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

**TIME:** 7:00 p.m., Thursday, September 25, 2014, adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

**PLACE:** Board Room, 770 Hagood Ave, Barnwell, SC 29182

**PRESENT:**

**Board of Trustees:** 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; Rachel Wall, 7-12 Curriculum Coordinator; Shirley Kitchings, CFO; Jack Johnson, Food Services Director

**BPS:** Donna Selvey, Principal; Sherry Woods, teacher;

**BES:** Sherry McIver, Principal; Mandy Pender, Assistant Principal; Jessica Floyd, teacher; Sherry Bodiford, teacher; Timothy McAfee, teacher; Masey Mathias, teacher

**GBMS:** Craig Hart, Principal; Heather Peters, teacher

**BHS:** Jon Burdge, Principal; Kelly Shealy, teacher; Stephens, teacher; David Anastasia, AD; Samuel Liska, teacher

**Other:** The PEOPLE SENTINEL, Connie Jackson, Legal

The agenda for the meeting was as follows:

**OPENING BUSINESS**

1. Mr. Richardson, vice-chairman called the meeting to order. Mr. Sexton delivered the Reflection. Mrs. 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- none

**ACCOUNTABILITY**

Recognition

1. New Employees- Ms. Margaret Matheny
  - Jennifer Bodiford-BES
  - Jessica Floyd-BES
  - Timothy McAfee-BES
  - Masey Mathias-BES
  - Scott Saunders-BES
  - Patty Zaletel-BES Custodian
2. Mr. Grissom asked each of the principals to come up and introduce their teachers of the year at which time he presented them with a token of the districts appreciation.
  - a. Ms. Selvey introduced Ms. Sherry Woods. She stated that she was well loved by her students. She always represented BPS well. She attended workshops and took classes, always looking for ways to help her students.
  - b. Ms. McIver spoke about AnneMarie Hebbard. Ms. Hebbard was unable to attend. Ms. McIver said she is the art teacher at BES. She is well liked by the students and staff. She tries to make sure the activities she does in art are related to what the students are doing in their other classes.
  - c. Mr. Hart introduced Ms. Heather Peters. He described her as a teacher leader. She always maximizes her time with the students. She serves on several committees and is always willing to share with her fellow teachers. She is dedicated and always puts her students first.
  - d. Mr. Burdge introduced Mr. Andrews as the BHS teacher of the year as well as the district teacher of the year. Mr. Andrews has been an educator for 26 years. He is admired and respected by his students and fellow faculty members. He has been a part of the TSA for many years and his students have competed in state and on the national level. He is the TSA advisor for the state of South Carolina. He is also active in bringing the STEM program to BHS.

Information

1. Mr. Grissom asked each of the principals to give an update on the opening of the 2014-2015 school year.
  - A. Mr. Burdge said BHS has had an exciting start. He named a few of the activities BHS has been involved in so far: 9<sup>th</sup> grade orientation; Bullying Prevention; Parent Information Night for Seniors; College Planning Night; Rotary Recognition(2 students that scored 100 on HSAP); Parent Information Night For Juniors; Jostens Visit; PD on Long-Range Plans and Benchmark Questions; Homecoming is October 3, 2014; Interims; College Night and Financial Literacy to name a few.

- B. Ms. McIver presented the Board with the BES yearbook. She thanked everyone for their support. She stated that the curriculum specialists and reading coach have been a tremendous help in the development of the Long-Range Plans, Pacing Guides and Common Assessments. She shared the schools THINK t-shirt with the Board. BES has completed their PTO fund raiser. The PTO will be purchasing some items for outside. October 31 is the Character Parade. BES has begun to have clubs. There are people from the community assisting with clubs.
  - C. Mr. Hart began by welcoming the new employees to GBMS. They began their year looking at management strategies by Harry Wong. GBMS has several new programs is continuing programs that have been successful in the past such as, flipping classrooms, monthly character traits, teachers as leaders, reading novels, bi-monthly clubs. Transportation is running smoothly. The motto for GBMS is "Moving Good to Great"
  - D. Ms. Selvey said that all was going well with her 792 students. All teaches have received Reading PD. Teachers that teach 4K and 5K have been trained and will be administering the Circle Assessment. All goals based meetings are completed. A few of the happenings at BPS are: book studies, grandparents day, PTO fundraiser, 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning Grant, Good News Club, Goodwill Drive, Red Ribbon Week.
2. Mr. Grissom Asked Mr. Jack Johnson to give an update on Food Service Issues. Mr. Johnson began by thanking the principals for having breakfast in the classroom. He explained the changes in the nutritional standards as well as what can and cannot be sold during school for fundraisers and be sold in vending machines. Three grants have been awarded for over \$4000. Mr. Johnson has been asked to teach at a conference in Myrtle Beach because he is certified in Food Safety. For the first time, possibly ever, food service was self-sufficient.

#### ADVOCACY

- 1. The Board unanimously approved Mr. Sexton as the Delegate for the 2014 Delegate Assembly (Perry, Black)
- 2. The Board unanimously approved Mrs. Spence as the Alternate Delegate for the 2014 Delegate Assembly (Perry, Black)

#### BASIC STRUCTURE

##### Action

- 1. The Board unanimously approved the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of August 26, 2014. (Sexton,Perry)
- 2. The Board unanimously approved the June Financial Financial Report. (Black,Perry)
- 3. The Board unanimously approved the personnel report. (Sexton,Black)
- 4. The Board unanimously approved the diploma requests for students A, B, C, D. (Sexton, Perry)
- 5. The Board unanimously approved the transfer of student A to Williston. (Black, Sexton)
- 6. The Board unanimously denied the transfer of student A from Blackville to Barnwell. (Perry, Black)
- 7. The Board unanimously approved the grade 7 overnight Washington DC Field Study Scheduled for March 25-27, 2015.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Spence- Unable to attend due to illness.

Mr. Richardson- Thanked all the teachers for their hard work and especially the teachers of the year. They should be especially proud as they are chosen by their peers. He also commended BHS for the way the grounds looked. He attended a girls volleyball game and had to park a ways off. A lot going on at our schools

Mr. Sexton- Welcomed all the new teachers and teachers of the year. He said we have only the Best. He also asked Mr. Hart to let the bus drivers know they are appreciated.

Mr. Perry- He thanked the teachers of the year for their hard work and thanked their families for sharing them. He thanked Mr. Johnson for his report and news. He also mentioned he would like to see a musical group perform at the SCSBA conference.

Ms. Black- She welcomes the new employees. She said her grandson really like the clubs as does she.

A motion was made by Black and seconded by Perry that the board enter into Executive Session after a 5 minute break. The motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board entered into executive session at 8:20 p.m. No action was taken.

The meeting adjourned at 9:50

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Chair

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Clerk