

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

TIME: 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 23 2018

PLACE: Multipurpose Room, Barnwell Elementary School, 10524 Marlboro Avenue Barnwell, SC

PRESENT:

Board of Trustees: Rhett Richardson, Chair; Rosey Anderson, Vice-chair; Abraham Sexton, Clerk; Felicia Devore, Member; Becky Huggins, Member

District Office: Crissie Stapleton, Superintendent; Rachel Wall, Assistant Superintendent/Curriculum Director; Steven Strother, CFO; Kelly Shealy, Curriculum Support Coach; Jaci Bearden, Administrative Assistant; Jon Burdge, HR Director; Craig Hart, Auxiliary Programs; John Moody, Interim IT Director, George McIntosh, Psychologist; Jan Beasley, Psychologist; Kristle Davis, Administrative Assistant

BPS: Donna Selvey, Principal; Ashleigh Anderson, Teacher; Patrice Barrett, Teacher; Dionne Bennette-Scully, Teacher; Missy Rutland, Teacher Assistant; Rachel Close, Teacher Assistant

BES: Carolyn Anderson, Principal; Michael Chapman, Assistant Principal; Elizabeth Holloway; Teacher; Rachele Hardin, Teacher; Shelby Morris, Shadow; Nadine Gibbs, Teacher; Melissa Judy, Teacher; Mark Carson, Teacher; Amanda Cruse, Teacher;

GBMS: Jessica Brabham-James, Principal; Mandy Smith, Teacher, Courtney Quinter, Teacher, Latasha Bethea, Computer Lab; Dinah Gaines, Teacher; Tamisha Wiggins, Guidance; Kayla Adams, Teacher Assistant; Mary Stark, Teacher

BHS: Franklin McCormack, Principal; Mike Beasley, Assistant Principal; Angela Gantt, Teacher; Dawn Reitz, Teacher; Sara Croft, Virtual Lab; Judy Martin, Teacher; Jene New, Teacher; Logan Sand, Teacher; Sophia Thomas, Teacher

Support Staff:

Other: Jonathan Vickery, The Peoples Sentinel

The agenda for the meeting was as follows:

OPENING BUSINESS

1. Rhett Richardson, chairman, called the meeting to order. Mr. Sexton, Clerk, delivered the Reflection. Mrs. Devore led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Superintendent Stapleton announced that local media had received notice of the meeting as required by the Freedom of Information Act.
2. The Board unanimously approved the agenda. (Anderson, Sexton)
3. The Board unanimously approved the Consent Agenda. (Sexton, Devore)
4. There was no hearing of the public.

ACCOUNTABILITY

A. Recognition

1. Mrs. Stapleton asked Mr. Washington and Mr. Hart to recognize Ms. Annette Frederick as the recipient of the SC Association of Pupil Transportation Humanitarian Award. This award is presented to anyone who has performed in a manner as to have a positive and dramatic impact on the pupil transportation system and their community. Each member of the Board thanked Ms. Frederick for representing Barnwell 45 so well.
2. Mrs. Stapleton asked Mr. McCormack to recognize Mr. Gary Brantley. Mr. Brantley does a tremendous amount of volunteering for the schools as well as the community. He DJ's, calls the football games and is a true Warhorse at heart. Each Board member thanked Mr. Brantley for the many things he does for the district. His wife Robin, former B45 teacher, was also recognized.

B. Information

1. Mrs. Stapleton began the school opening updates and introduction of new faculty and staff.
 - Mr. Jon Burdge (Human Resources) introduced Mr. George McIntosh, School Psychologist Intern.
 - Mr. Washington and Mr. Hart (Transportation) introduced Cindy Ferneyhough, Bus Driver.
 - Mr. Franklin McCormack- BHS' theme is BEST, BHS Expects Student's to Triumph. He then gave an update on academic and athletic events of importance.
 - Red and White Weekly Newsletter
 - Book Study
 - PD at lunch
 - Continue BHS traditions- BES Pep Rally, Graduation Walk at BPS

- Brooks Harper and Representative Joe Wilson spoke.
- Fall sports are doing well.
- He introduced his new faculty and staff and their families. Mike Beasley, Assistant Principal; Sara Croft, Virtual Lab Coordinator; Judy Martin, Teacher; Jene New, Teacher; Logan Sand, Teacher; Sophia Thomas, Teacher. Also new to his faculty and staff, Angel Brabham, Guidance; Allyson Carson, Teacher; Anna Mink, Teacher; Dawn Searson, Teacher.
- Dr. Brabham-James- GBMS' theme is a continuation of last year's theme- Preparing Students to Walk In Their Destiny. She then gave an update on the following.
 - Utilizing Data
 - Addressing Literacy
 - Accountability
 - RTI
 - Jr. Beta Club
 - Career Readiness Activities
 - Dr. Brabham James introduced the following new faculty and staff. Mandy Smith, Teacher; Courtney Quinter, Teacher; LaTasha Bethea, Computer Lab; Dinah Gaines, Teacher; Tanesha Wiggins, Guidance; Kayla Adams, Teacher Assistant; Janice Gainey, Teacher Assistant; Mary Stark, Teacher; JanReqa Baines, Teacher.
- Dr. Carolyn Anderson- BES' theme is Change Your Words, Change Your Mindset. She gave an update on the following.
 - Growth Mindset
 - New Teacher Retreat
 - Teacher Tour
 - Team Building at the State Park
 - 2 after-school programs
 - Summer Reading Program
 - Safety Drills
 - AAA Safety Patrol- 56 Students
 - Bullying Prevention
 - Dr. Anderson introduced Michael Chapman, Assistant Principal; Rachelle Hardin, Teacher, Shelby Morris, Shadow; Nadine Gibbs, Teacher; Melissa Judy, Teacher; Sumita Sinha, Teacher; Andrea Yingling, Teacher; Mr. Carson, Teacher; Amanda Cruse, Teacher.
- Mrs. Donna Selvey- Happy Campers is BPS' theme. She gave an update on the following.
 - Community Outreach
 - Grandparent lunch
 - Family Nights
 - Fall Book Fair
 - Emergency Drills have been completed
 - All classrooms have good reading areas
 - Students prepped for 5K
 - All fall formal observation are complete.
 - Anti-bullying week
 - After-school program has 50 students.
 - Every 3rd grader received a dictionary from Rotary.
 - Monthly Cool Colts
 - iStation Superheroes
 - New Interactive Boards
 - Emphasis on producing products in the 1 to 1 program

- Mrs. Selvey introduced Patrice Barrett, Teacher; Dionne Bennette-Scully, Teacher; Ashleigh Anderson, Teacher; Missy Rutland, Teacher Assistant; Rachel Close, Teacher Assistant.

ADVOCACY

A. Mr. Abraham Sexton was chosen as the delegate for the 2018 Assembly. Mrs. Rosey Anderson was chosen as the alternate delegate for the 2018 Assembly.

BASIC STRUCTURE

A. Action

1. The first reading of Policy IKFC (new employability credentials)
2. The Board unanimously approved the additional Locally Board Approved Courses. (Devore, Sexton)
3. The Board unanimously approved waiving the make-up day missed for Hurricane Michael on October 11, 2018. (Sexton, Anderson)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Richardson- Thanked everyone for coming. He then thanked Gary and Robin Brantley. He thanked the principals and the new employees that returned to work in the district as well as all the new employees. He thanked Ms. Reitz for bringing the band back.

Ms. Anderson- She thanked everyone for coming. She appreciates everyone’s hard work. Welcome to the new employees and it is good to see Barnwell Grads returning. Congratulations to Mrs. Frederick and thank you to Mr. Brantley. Sports are moving along. Mrs. Stapleton also recognized the band for their success in competition.

Mr. Sexton- He welcomed all the new employees. He said Gary Brantley is always the same great guy. Mr. Beasley is just like a family member. He is glad to have such great people working for the district. Ms. Frederick is a really good lady.

Ms. Devore- She welcomed everyone and thanked them for choosing Barnwell 45. She also thanked Gary Brantley for being the voice of the Warhorses. Thank you to BHS for the gifts.

Ms. Huggins- She thanked everyone for attending. She really enjoys this meeting because there is a lot of joy and energy. She also thanked Gary Brantley and Mrs. Frederick for their contributions to the district. Thank you for all the goodies.

Executive Session

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.

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

There was a need for an executive session to discuss personnel and contractual matters.

The Board unanimously approved entering the executive session. (Anderson, Devore)

The Board unanimously approved exiting the executive session. (Anderson, Sexton)

The following action was taken.

The Board unanimously approved the Superintendent’s recommendation to hire Employee A. (Huggins, Devore)

The Board unanimously approved the adjournment of the meeting. (Sexton, Devore)

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Chair

Clerk