

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

TIME: 7:00 p.m., Thursday, February 25, 2016, adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

PLACE: Conference Room, 770 Hagood Ave, Barnwell, SC 29812

PRESENT:

Board of Trustees: Teresa Spence, Chair; Abraham Sexton, Clerk; Valenda Black, Member; Chad Perry, Member

District Office: J.H. Grissom, Superintendent; Jaci Bearden, Admin Assist; Linda Zionkowski, Director of Federal Programs; Crissie Stephens, Assistant Superintendent; Steven Strother, Assistant to CFO; Jon Burdge, Director of Human Resources; Rachel Wall, Director of Curriculum; Bill Wingard, Technology Director; Tim Hicks, Grants; David Alexander, Curriculum Coordinator.

BPS: Kay Gooding, Assistant Principal, Lawanda Jackson, Teacher; Daphne Still, Teacher; Farmer Brown, Teacher; Sherry Woods, teacher; Wendy Harter, Teacher

BES: Lisa Gleaton, Teacher

GBMS: Sherry Cooler, Guidance Counselor; Jessica Brabham, Assistant-Principal; Sherry Moore, Teacher

BHS: Franklin McCormick, Principal; Kelly Shealy, Teacher; Renee Owens, Teacher; Robin Boyleston, Teacher; Richard Stanton, Teacher; Jared Thrasher, Teacher; Philip Hutto, Teacher,

Other: The PEOPLE SENTINEL, Jonathan Vickery; Roger Riley, Emergency Management; Jonathan Burgiel, Tetra Tech; Rosey Anderson, Becky Huggins,

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 Mrs. Black to approve the agenda. The motion passed unanimously.
3. There were no requests from the public to be heard.

ACCOUNTABILITY

Recognition

1. Mr. Grissom introduced Ms. Sherry Cooler, GBMS Guidance Counselor. Ms. Cooler recognized the GBMS Jr. Scholars as they received a collegiate dictionary from the district. Those present were Kenzie Parler, Hannah Waraich, Logan Hutto. Those unable to attend were Olivia Hartley and Saylor Zamora. The parents of those were able to attend were also recognized.
2. Mr. Grissom recognized Daphane Still, Sherry Woods, Farmer Brown, Wendy Harter, Christa Horton (unable to attend) and Bethany Mackins (unable to attend). They are all third grade teachers and last year their scores on the ACT Aspire assessment, in 3 subject area tests, English, math, and writing were higher than the state average. They each received a Superintendent's Apple Award.
3. Mr. Burdge introduced the following new employee(s) for the 2015-2016 School Year:

Barnwell Primary	Barnwell Elementary	Guinyard-Butler Middle School	Barnwell High	District Office	Food Service	Transportation
				Mr. David Augustine		

Information

1. The 21st Century Grant, School Coordinators Lawanda Jackson (BPS), Lisa Gleaton (BES) and Sherry Moore (GBMS) presented the Board an update on the program. They described family like atmosphere as well as the variety of activities the children have opportunities in which to participate.

ADVOCACY

BASIC STRUCTURE

Action

1. The Board unanimously approved the January 28, 2015 Regular Board Meeting minutes (Black, Sexton)
2. The Board unanimously approved the November Financial Report (Sexton, Black)
3. The Board unanimously approved the Personnel Report. (Perry, Sexton)
4. The Board tabled the approval of the superintendent's evaluation goals. Ms. Black said she did not agree with Goal 3, Find and enact methods to reward and incentivize excellence in an effort to increase morale and retention. She wants there to be percentage attached to the teacher retention rate. The matter will be taken up at the next meeting.
5. The Board unanimously approved the locally approved BHS Mentor Class, 3799. (Perry, Sexton)
6. The Board had the 1st reading of the 2016-2017 School Calendar.
7. The Board unanimously approved the SCTSA conference field trip.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Black- Thanked everyone for their attendance. She said success is brought about by good leadership. She is pleased there are so many good things going on in our schools. She appreciates the teachers.

Mr. Sexton- Thanked the teachers for all the work they are doing as well as all others involved.

Mr. Perry- Agrees with Mr. Sexton in thanking and appreciating all the work being done. He has no doubt our teachers and staff are doing a good job. He also mentioned that the field trip in the afterschool program sound great.

Ms. Spence- Greatly appreciates what the teachers are doing, especially after hearing about the afterschool program and the outstanding 3rd grade scores. She thanked everyone for coming and again wants all employees know she appreciates them.

A motion was made to go into executive session after a short break to have a discussion of employment, appointment, compensation, promotion, demotion, discipline, or release of an employee(s), or Discus of matters relating to the proposed location, expansion, or the provision of services encouraging location or expansion of industries or other businesses in the area served by the public body. (Perry, Sexton) 7:45 pm

A motion was made to come out of executive session. (Sexton, Black)

No action was taken.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Chair

Clerk