

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

**TIME:** 7:00 p.m., Thursday, January 22, 2015, adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

**PLACE:** Multipurpose Room, Barnwell Elementary School 10524 Marlboro 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.

**BPS:** Donna Selvey, Principal; Missy Barker, teacher; Denise Hooper, teacher; Kellie Sanders, Reading Coach; Lori Porter, teacher

**BES:** Sherry McIver, Principal; Mandy Pender, Assist. Principal; Robin Viard, Teacher, Kara Bolen, Reading Coach

**GBMS:** Craig Hart, Principal; Latoya Shuler, Career Specialist; Sherry Cooler, Guidance Counselor; Julie Gartman, teacher  
Meagan Kinard, teacher

**BHS:** Jon Burdge, Principal; Kelly Shealy, teacher, David Anastasia, AD; Elizabeth Driver, Teacher

**Other:** The PEOPLE SENTINEL

The agenda for the meeting was as follows:

**OPENING BUSINESS**

1. Ms. Spence, chairman called the meeting to order. Mr. Sexton delivered the Reflection. Mr. Danny 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. Ms. Owens directed the BES Shooting Stars in two of the songs they sang on their audition tape. They sang Celebrate and Let It Be. There was also a special announcement that they have been as to perform at the pre-show at Medieval Times.
2. Mr. Hart introduced the Jr. Scholars by naming their qualities. Mrs. Cooler then recognized each student and their parents. The GBMS Jr. Scholars are Mercy Barigala, Kendyl Baxley, Caleb Bozard, Brenna Hutto, Kayla Hutto, Animesh Sahu, Tom Sanders, Alexandra Thomason, Harrison Walsh, Haakim Waraich.
3. Mr. Danny Black made a special presentation of 5 flags, one for each school and the district office on behalf of the Salkehatchie Chapter 828 Vietnam Veterans of America.
4. Ms. Matheny introduced Julie Gartman, GBMS Resource Teacher; Meagan Kinard, GBMS Math Teacher; Annie O'Berry, BHS Special Services aide; Angel Brabham, BPS Guidance Counselor.

Information

**ADVOCACY**

**BASIC STRUCTURE**

Action

1. The Board unanimously approved the minutes of the Board Work Session of December 2, 2014 (Perry, Sexton)
2. The Board unanimously approved the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of December 18, 2014. (Sexton, Richardson )
3. The Board unanimously approved the October Financial Report. (Black, Richardson)
4. The Board unanimously approved the Personnel Report. (Sexton, Perry)
5. The Board had the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading and unanimously approved policy IHAM. (Black, Sexton)
6. The Board had the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading and unanimously approved policy BEDA. (Perry, Richardson)
7. The Board had the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading and unanimously approved policy BEDB. (Sexton, Perry)
8. The Board unanimously approved the transfer of students A and B to Williston. (Richardson, Black)
9. The Board unanimously approved the transfer of students C, D, E, F, G, H to Williston. (Sexton, Richardson)
10. 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of Administrative Rule JH-R Student Absences and Excuses (major Change- addresses make-up work for excused absences; gives more defined Timeline for students to complete work and meet grade requirements. Defines Truancy, reporting requirements, intervention plans and outlines referrals with Juvenile Justice.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Grissom wanted the board to know that Ms. Owens had been responsible for beginning the steel drum band in Allendale that had performed last year at the school board conference.

Ms. Spence- She expressed how much she enjoyed the singers. She congratulated the Jr. Scholars and parents. She expressed her special thanks to Danny Black for the flags and his service to our country. She also thanked all the schools and students for the gifts.

Mr. Richardson- He thanked all the BES performers. He is very pleased about the Jr. Scholars. He thanked all the schools and students for the gifts.

Mr. Sexton- Thanked the BES performers for their hard work. He congratulated the Jr. Scholars and their parents. He asked the principals to express to the teachers how much they are appreciated. The also welcomed the new teachers and employees and congratulated them on their dedication. He thanked all the schools and students for the gifts.

Mr. Sexton spoke about the special Brotherhood that he and Mr. Black share as veterans.

Mr. Perry- He expressed his enjoyment of the program and stressed that going on this trip is a big deal. He applauds Ms. Owens for preparing the group to perform. He thanked all the schools and students for the gifts.

Ms. Black- She appreciates the new employees. She is very proud of all the students, those that are performing at the convention and the Jr. Scholars. She also thanked the parents for their support. She thanked all the schools and students for the gifts.

Ms. Spence adjourned the meeting at 7:40.

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Chair

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Clerk