

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

TIME: 7:00 p.m., Thursday, October 22, 2015, adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

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

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; Linda Zionkowski, Director of Federal Programs; Crissie Stephens, Director of Curriculum; Shirley Kitchens, CFO; Steven Strother, Assistant to CFO; Rachel Wall, Secondary Curriculum Specialist; Tim Him, Grants

BPS:

BES: Dr. Carolyn Anderson, Principal; Theresa Moore, Teacher

GBMS: Craig Hart, Principal; Jessica Brabham, Assistant-Principal

BHS: Franklin McCormick, Assistant-Principal; Kelly Shealy, Teacher; Renee Owens, Teacher

Other: The PEOPLE SENTINEL; Jess Williams, United Way

The agenda for the meeting was as follows:

OPENING BUSINESS

1. Dr. Rhett Richardson, vice-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. The Board unanimously approved the agenda as read. (Black, Sexton)
3. There were no requests from the public to be heard.

ACCOUNTABILITY

Recognition

1. Ms. Jess Willbanks from the Barnwell County United Way presented Mr. Grissom with a check from monies collected during the Stuff the Bus campaign at the beginning of school to help provide students with school supplies.
2. Ms. Bearden introduced the following new employee for the 2015-2016 School Year:

Barnwell Primary	Barnwell Elementary	Guinyard-Butler Middle School	Barnwell High	District Office	Food Service	Transportation
Stephanie Mead	Officer Rodney Brown					

3. Mr. Grissom presented 2 teachers with the Superintendent's Apple Award.
 - Ms. Theresa Moore- Ms. Moore willing stepped up to the plate to teach a 5th grade class until a 5th grade teacher could be found. She then volunteered to continue to teach the class for the entire year as well as do some of her gifted and talented coordinator duties.
 - Ms. Renee Owens- Ms. Owens stepped up and took over the responsibilities of the band when Mr. Stannard died suddenly right before school started. She was named interim band director and is now the band director of the Scarlet Knights. She help his family and the band students during this difficult time.

Information

1. Mr. Grissom reported that 1 diploma request had been made in October. One individual qualified.
2. Mr. Grissom informed the Board of amended state law that did not require policy change.
 - A. Waiver for Ineligibility to Participate in Interscholastic Activities
 - B. Raffles for Charitable Purposes
 - C. Local Surplus Public Fund Investments

ADVOCACY

BASIC STRUCTURE

Action

1. The Board unanimously approved the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of September 24, 2015. (Sexton, Black)
2. The Board unanimously approved the minutes of the Emergency Board Meeting of September 29, 2015. (Sexton, Black)
3. The Board unanimously approved the July Financial Report. (Sexton, Black)

4. The Board unanimously approved the Personnel Report. (Sexton, Black)
5. The Board unanimously approved the Student A to attend school in Williston. (Sexton, Black)
6. The Board had the 1st reading of the following policies.
 - A. Charter Schools- IHBH
 - B. Health Education- IHAM
 - C. Board Meeting Notification- BEDA
 - D. Agenda- BEDB
 - E. Graduation Requirements (Civics Education) -AR IKF-R
 - F. Bus Safety Programs- EEAE
 - G. School Year- IC

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Black- Thanked everyone for attending. She thanked Officer Brown for his work, she knows he has already been put to the test. She also thanked Dr. Moore for being a team player.

Mr. Sexton- Congratulated the new employees and Ms. Owens as the new Band Director. He thanked all the staff for a job well done. He mentioned that Dr. Anderson's school is looks great. He mentioned the importance of the finance department and thanked Mr. Grissom for his leadership.

Dr. Richardson likes to see people get the apple awards because it shows how people step up to the plate and are willing to go the extra mile. He also appreciates all the hard work of the faculty and staff.

Dr. Richardson voiced the need for an executive session to discuss negotiations to proposed contractual arrangement. The Board unanimously voted to go into executive session at after a five minute break. (Sexton, Black) The Board entered into executive session at 7:25pm.

The Board unanimously voted to come out of executive session at 9:20. (Perry, Black)

No action was taken.

Dr. Richardson adjourned the meeting at 9:20.

Chair

Clerk