

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

TIME: 7:00 p.m., Thursday, December 8, 2016, adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

PLACE: Board Room at 770 Hagood Ave.

PRESENT:

Board of Trustees: Rhett Richardson, Vice-Chair; Abraham Sexton, Clerk; Valenda Black, Member;
Rosey Anderson, Member

District Office: J.H. Grissom, Superintendent; Jaci Bearden, Administrative-Assistant; Crissie Stapleton, Assistant Superintendent; Steven Strother, CFO; Jon Burdge, HR Director; Bill Wingard, Technology Director; Kelly Shealy, Curriculum Support Coach; Rachel Wall, Curriculum Director; Craig Hart, Director of Auxiliary Services; Kim Rhoad, Special Services Director; Tim Hicks, Grants; Tina Smith, Administrative-Assistant

BPS: Donna Selvey, Principal

BES: Randy Wood, Assistant-Principal; Stephanie Grissom, TA

GBMS: Jessica Brabham-James, Principal

BHS: Franklin McCormack Principal

Support Staff:

Other: The PEOPLE SENTINEL, Jonathan Vickery; David M. Enzastiga, Auditor; Jess Wilbanks, United Way

The agenda for the meeting was as follows:

OPENING BUSINESS

1. 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. (Sexton, Anderson)
3. There were no requests to be heard by the public.

ACCOUNTABILITY

A. Recognition

1. Ms. Jess Wilbanks of the United Way, presented the district a check to be used toward the basic needs of students in Barnwell 45.
2. Mr. Grissom presented Tina Smith an administrative-assistant in the Special Services Department, a Superintendents Apple Award for taking the initiative to speak to the manager of Walmart to donate all the unsold Halloween merchandise to the district.

B. Information

1. Mr. David M. Enzastiga, CPA delivered the 2015-2016 audit report. Barnwell 45 received an unqualified report, Which is the highest rating given. The fund balance increased again, this year by \$90,000. Dr. Richardson thanked Mr. Strothers for his hard work.

ADVOCACY

BASIC STRUCTURE

Action

1. The Board unanimously approved the November 10, 2016 Special Board Meeting Minutes (Sexton, Anderson)
2. The Board unanimously approved the November 10, 2016 Regular Board Meeting Minutes (Sexton, Anderson)
3. The Board unanimously approved the November 29, 2016 Special Board Meeting Minutes (Sexton, Anderson)
4. The Board unanimously approved the December Personnel Report (Sexton, Anderson)
5. The Board unanimously approved the October financial report. (Sexton, Anderson)
6. The Board unanimously approved the Procedures for Naming a Facility. (Black, Sexton)
7. The Board unanimously approved the 2nd reading of the following policies, A-G (Sexton, Anderson)
 - A. KBB (Parental Rights and Responsibilities)
 - B. IHAM (Health Education)
 - C. IHAC (Social Studies Education)
 - D. ILBB-R (State Program Assessments)
 - E. GCB (Professional Staff Contracts and Compensation)

- F. GCQF-R (Discipline, Suspension, and Dismissal of Professional Staff)
- G. BEC (Executive Sessions/Open Meetings)
- 8. 1st reading of the following policies. Mr. Grissom report to the Board, a temporary halt on Policy GDBC-R due to a pending court case.
 - A. IJA (Comparability of Services)
 - B. GDBC-R (Support Staff Supplementary Pay/Overtime)
- 9. The Board unanimously approved the GBMS Beta Club’s request to attend the Annual Jr. Beta Clubs Convention. (Anderson, Sexton)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Richardson- He thanked everyone for attending. He gave a special thanks to Mr. Strothers, Ms. Smith, and Ms. Wilbanks.

He is proud of the football team and commented on two very well-mannered football players that he met at the Tree Lighting.

Ms. Black- She thanked everyone for attending the meeting. She wished everyone a good and safe Christmas. She asked for the schedule of the upcoming Christmas Programs. She stated she was glad that the district gave our students so many experiences, such as attending plays, etc. She congratulated the football team for their season.

Mr. Sexton- He wants everyone to know that he thanks and appreciates all the staff. He stated that we have outstanding teachers, curriculum staff. He also thanked the newspaper for covering the district. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Ms. Anderson- She thanked everyone for coming. She hope everyone will be at the game to support the team. She visited BHS and commented on the good manners the students displayed. She thanked the teachers for the wonderful job they are doing. She wishes everyone a Merry Christmas.

Ms. Spence- Unable to attend due to illness.

The board unanimously approved a motion to enter into executive session at 7:35 pm, for 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. (Sexton, Black)

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

The Board unanimously approve exiting the executive session at 8:00 pm. (Sexton, Anderson)

There was no action taken. The meeting was adjourned

Chair

Clerk