

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Barnwell School District 45 Board of Trustees

TIME: 6:00 p.m., Thursday, September 17, 2020

PLACE: Conference Room, 770 Hagood Avenue Barnwell, SC 29812 for Board Members; virtual for the public

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; Jaci Bearden, IT Coach and Administrative Assistant

BPS:

BES:

GBMS:

BHS:

Support Staff:

Other:

The agenda for the meeting was as follows:

OPENING BUSINESS

1. Dr. Rhett Richardson, Chairman, called the meeting to order. Mr. Abraham Sexton, Clerk, delivered the reflection. Mrs. Becky Huggins 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. Dr. Rhett Richardson swore in the re-elected members of the Board, Mrs. Felicia Devore and Mrs. Becky Huggins.
3. The Board elected the following officers.
 - a. Chair- Rosey Anderson
 - b. Vice-Chair- Felicia Devore
 - c. Clerk- Abraham Sexton
 - d. Career Center Representative- Becky Huggins
4. The Board unanimously approved the agenda. (Huggins, Devore)
5. The Board unanimously approved the Consent Agenda. (Richardson, Sexton)
6. There was no hearing of the public.

ACCOUNTABILITY

A. Recognition

1. Dr. Rhett Richardson recognized Mrs. Rosey Anderson for achieving her 4th Level of Boardmanship, which is awarded by the SCSBA.
2. Dr. Richardson recognized Mr. Abraham Sexton for achieving the highest level, Level 6.

B. Information

1. Superintendent Stapleton presented the district updates.
 - a. FEMA Grant for Safehouse/Gym
 - b. The Presbyterian Church Property- The Presbytery donated \$20,000.00 of the proceeds back to the district.
 - c. The Teacher of the Year process
 - d. Donations from the community.
 1. City of Barnwell- Hand Sanitizers for the buses
 2. BWX- Hundreds of bottles of individual hand sanitizers
 3. First Baptist Church- Facemasks
 - e. District Reopening Plan Update
 1. Athletic update
 2. Virtual Tour through pictures of safety measures

ADVOCACY

1. The following Board members were certified as Delegates to the 2020 Delegate Assembly.
 - a. Mr. Abraham Sexton- Certified Delegate
 - b. Mrs. Rosey Anderson- Alternate Certified Delegate

BASIC STRUCTURE

1. The Board will vote on approval of out of district requests after the executive session.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Richardson- Dr. Richardson thanked Mrs. Anderson for her willingness to serve on the Board as Chair. He is also thankful for the donations given by the Presbyterian Church, the City of Barnwell and BWX. He also stated he is mindful of the logistics that go into keeping our students, faculty and staff safe.

Dr. Richardson asked each of us to remember Mrs. Anderson in the passing of her mother.

Anderson- Ms. Anderson thanked Dr. Richardson for his leadership as Chairman of the Board. She stated that we are stronger together.

Sexton- Mr. Sexton stated, he is thankful for all the hard work of the administration, faculty and staff.

Devore- Mrs. Devore expressed her thanks for all the safety measures in place, as well as all the work needed to put them in place.

Huggins- Mrs. Huggins expressed her thanks to the Presbytery’s donation back to the school district, as well as all the donations the district has received. She also said she is glad the Teacher of the Year program is now able to go forward.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board unanimously approved a motion to enter Executive Session at 7:00 p.m. (Huggins, Devore)

The Board unanimously approved a motion to exit Executive Session at 7:45 p.m. (Devore, Sexton)

The Board unanimously approved a motion to approve the out of district transfer request for Student A to attend Barnwell School District 45. (Huggins, Devore)

The Board unanimously approved a motion to approve the out of district transfer request for Student B to attend Barnwell School District 45. (Sexton, Richardson)

The Board unanimously approved the adjournment of the meeting. (Sexton, Huggins) 7:55 p.m.

Chair _____

Clerk _____