

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

TIME: 6:00 p.m., Thursday, December 12, 2019

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

PRESENT:

Board of Trustees: Rhett Richardson, Chair; Rosey Anderson, Vice-chair; Abraham Sexton, Clerk; Becky Huggins, Member; Felicia Devore, Member

District Office: Crissie Stapleton, Superintendent; Rachel Wall, Assistant Superintendent/Curriculum Director; Steven Strother, CFO; Jon Burdge, HR Director; John Moody, IT Director; Kelly Shealy, Curriculum Coach; Jaci Bearden, IT Coach and Administrative Assistant; Teresa Zorn, Food Service Director; Craig Hart, Auxiliary Programs Director

BPS: Paige Black, Teacher

BES:

GBMS: Jessica Brabham-James, GBMS Principal

BHS: Franklin McCormack, Principal; Kalyn Baxley, Career Specialist

Support Staff:

Other: Jonathan Vickery, The People Sentinel; David Enzastiga, Auditor; Several family members of Mrs. Black for recognition.

The agenda for the meeting was as follows:

OPENING BUSINESS

1. Rhett Richardson, Chairman, called the meeting to order. Mr. Sexton, Clerk, delivered the Reflection. Mrs. Devore 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. The Board unanimously approved the Agenda. (Anderson, Devore)
3. The Board unanimously approved the Consent Agenda. (Sexton, Sexton)
4. There was no hearing of the public.

ACCOUNTABILITY

A. Information

1. Mrs. Stapleton turned the floor over to Mr. Strother to introduce Mr. David M. Enzastiga, CPA, to deliver the 2018-2019 Audit Report. The district received an Unmodified Opinion, which is the highest rating which can be awarded a District.
2. Mrs. Stapleton updated the board on upcoming Holiday Events being held within the District.
3. Mrs. Stapleton recognized Mrs. Paige Black. Mrs. Black has been nominated for the LifeChanger Award. LifeChanger of the Year is an annual program recognizing K-12 educators and school employees across the country. The program celebrates those who are making a significant difference in the lives of students by exemplifying excellence, positive influence and leadership.

ADVOCACY

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Richardson- Dr. Richardson said that children naturally gravitate to Mrs. Black. He also stated she comes from a wonderful family. Dr. Richardson then thanked Mrs. Stapleton and Dr. Wall for their aid with the district finances. He then thanked Mr. Strother and Mr. Enzastiga for their hard work. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Rosey Anderson- Mrs. Anderson stated that Paige Black makes a large impact on BPS and BHS students. Mrs. Anderson congratulated Mrs. Black and her family. She thanked all in attendance and told the faculty and staff to hang in there.

Abraham Sexton- Mr. Sexton said that Mrs. Black has that same smile all the time. He added that he appreciates her and is very proud of her. In congratulating Mrs. Black, he said it is a pleasure when people you see everyday succeed. He also thanked Mr. Strother, Mr. Enzastiga, Mrs. Stapleton, Mr. Burdge and all at the DO for their hard work. He ended with Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Felicia Devore- Mrs. Devore said that Mrs. Black has been her friend for over 40 years. She then congratulated Mrs. Black and stated she is so proud of her. Mrs. Devore also congratulated Mr. Strother on the clean audit. She ended with wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Becky Huggins- Mrs. Huggins said that Mrs. Black was the poster child for the criteria listed for the award. She called Mrs. Black special as she congratulated her. Mrs. Huggins said she is proud of the football team, and all the faculty and staff.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The board unanimously approved a motion to enter executive session after a 5-minute break. (Anderson, Sexton) 6:28 p.m.
The board unanimously approved a motion to exit executive session. (Anderson, Devore) 7:38 p.m.

BASIC STRUCTURE

A. Action

1. The Board unanimously approved a motion not to move forward with approval of the basketball field trip due to lack of information. (Devore, Huggins)
2. The Board unanimously approved the 3rd and final reading of Policy IMG. (Sexton, Huggins)
3. Following the Executive Session, the Board unanimously approved a motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation that the contract of Employee A, an annual contract teacher, be immediately terminated for the reasons provided by the superintendent. (Anderson, Devore)

The Board unanimously approved a motion to adjourn. (Sexton, Anderson) 7:40 p.m.

Chair _____

Clerk _____