

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

TIME: 9:00 p.m., Thursday, August 13, 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; Steven Strother, CFO

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. The Board unanimously approved the agenda. (Anderson, Devore)
3. The Board unanimously approved the Consent Agenda. (Devore, Huggins)
4. There was no hearing of the public.

ACCOUNTABILITY

A. Recognition

1. The SCSBA welcomed everyone back through Board Chair, Dr. Richardson. This year's theme is: We're All in this Together.

B. Information

1. Superintendent Stapleton presented an overview of the Facility Tours.
2. Superintendent Stapleton presented the district updates.
 - a. FEMA Grant for Safehouse/Gym
 1. We have made modifications to the timeline regarding the FEMA grant. With the new timeline, Phase I has 36 weeks remaining. After this time period ends, our next step will be to complete Phase I approval from our third-party reviewer, approval from the Office of School Facilities, and final FEMA approval to be able to begin Phase 2 with bidding and construction.
 - b. Teacher Supply Checks
 - c. South Carolina High School League (SCHSL) Update
 1. A new proposed fall sports calendar was shared.
 2. There are no current changes to the Winter and Spring seasons; however, appropriate modifications will be made as they approach.
 3. The document reminded schools of the appropriate health and safety guidelines that should be followed.
 4. All coaches are required to complete the free NFHS online course "COVID-19 for Coaches and Administrators."
 5. Everything is subject to change depending upon COVID-19 conditions.
 - d. District Opening Updates
 1. Teacher In-service – August 17-21
 2. Leap Week – August 24-28
 3. Hybrid/Virtual – August 31
 4. Face-to-Face – September 8
 5. Safety Measures

- a. Daily Screenings
- b. Isolation Rooms
- c. COVID-19 Point of Contact
- d. Visitation Guidelines
- e. Touchless Water Filling Stations
- f. Transportation Guidelines
- g. Cleaning Procedures
- h. Hand Sanitizing Stations
- i. Handheld Disinfectant Sprayers
- j. School Cleaning Schedules and Protocols
- k. Arrival and Dismissal Procedures
- l. Student Supplies and Equipment
- m. Student and Staff Facial Coverings
- n. Recess and Activity Schedules
- o. Transitions
- p. Dismissal
- q. Substitutes
- r. Safety Plans
- s. Hygiene Education
- t. Signage throughout the School
- u. Floor Decals
- v. Ventilation
- w. Field Trips and Events
- x. Lower Class Size and Additional Staff Members Hired

ADVOCACY

BASIC STRUCTURE

1. The Board unanimously approved 2nd reading of the IX Policy. (Huggins, Devore)
2. The Board unanimously approved the locally board approved courses for the 2020-2021 school year. (Sexton, Anderson)
3. The Board unanimously approved the dates for the 2020-2021 board meetings. (Anderson, Sexton)
 - September 10, 2020 (change to September 17, 2020)
 - October 8, 2020 (change to October 15, 2020)
 - November 12, 2020 (change to November 19, 2020)
 - No meeting in December
 - January 14, 2021
 - February 11, 2021
 - March 11, 2021
 - April 29, 2021 (later because of Spring Break and Board Elections)
 - May 13, 2021
 - June 10, 2021

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Richardson- Dr. Richardson thanked the entire district for their work and dedication.

Anderson- Ms. Anderson thanked Mrs. Stapleton, transportation, custodians, food service, faculty, and staff for all they do. She welcomed the new staff.

Sexton- Thanked everyone for a job well done. There is no better team. He welcomed the new staff.

Devore- Thanked everyone for making the beginning of the year a success.

Huggins- Expresses her thankfulness that the Board could meet in person. She thanked all the faculty and staff for their hard work. She stated that she is excited about the new year.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board unanimously approved a motion to enter into Executive Session at 10:00 a.m. (Sexton, Devore)

The Board unanimously approved a motion to exit Executive Session at 10:33 a.m. (Anderson, Sexton)

No action was taken.

The Board unanimously approved the adjournment of the meeting. (Sexton, Huggins) 10:36 a.m.

Chair _____

Clerk _____