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

**TIME:** 6:00 p.m., Thursday, February 13, 2020

**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; Kelly Shealy, Curriculum Coach; Jaci Bearden, IT Coach and Administrative Assistant; Kim Rhoad, Special Services Director

**BPS:** Donna Selvey, BPS Principal; Jeffery Allen, SRO

**BES:** Kay Gooding, BES Principal; Lorena Thomas, Teacher; Vickie Allen Black, Support Staff; Will Towne, SRO

**GBMS:** Jessica Brabham-James, GBMS Principal, Robbie Gunnells, SRO

**BHS:** Franklin McCormack, Principal; Sarah Lehman, TOY; Greg Gantt, SRO

**Support Staff:**

**Other:** Jonathan Vickery, The People Sentinel; Chuck Hallman, SRP Credit Union; Shelby Bloomfield, DIG; Abigail Frickling, Student; Mary Cling, Student; Johnathan LaPlant, Student; as well as several family members of the students

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

### ACCOUNTABILITY

#### A. Information

1. Sarah Lehman, Barnwell School District 45's Teacher of the Year, updated the Board on all the activities she has been part of, such as the 2019 SC Teacher Forum Conference and SCABSE District Teacher of the Year Reception. She also shared that she would be recruiting in Ohio in April.
2. Mrs. Stapleton shared information about the two Active Shooter Drills which will be held in February. The drills include a briefing and debriefing. BPS and BES will have their drills together at BPS. GBMS and BHS will have their drills together at BHS.

#### B. Recognition

1. Mr. Burdge introduced 3 new employees.
  - a. Ms. Christie Paladino – BHS Science
  - b. Ms. Tori Skyy- GBMS Math
  - c. Mr. Tamyn Garrick – BHS Math and Alternative Program
2. Mrs. Stapleton introduced Officer Gantt, BHS SRO, who in turn introduced the SRO officer for each school.
  - a. Officer Jeffery Allen – BPS
  - b. Officer William Towne – BES
  - c. Officer Robbie Gunnells - GBMS
3. Mr. Chuck Hallman from SRP Credit Union presented the district with a check for \$13, 186 in connection with the Warhorse Debit Card.
4. Mrs. Shelby Broomfield explained the DIG GoIT App Development Challenge. Three Barnwell 45 students, Abigail Frickling, Mary Cling, and Johnathan LaPlant, developed an app called Helping the Homeless, which won them the "Most Passionate" award. Abigail, Mary and Johnathan explained the purpose of their app was to help people in the community know where to look when they needed assistance. Ms. Beth Overton, Deputy Director of Southeastern Housing and Community Development, who is partnering with the team to sponsor the app, spoke briefly about working with the students to make the app available to their clients.

## ADVOCACY

### BASIC STRUCTURE

#### A. Action

1. The Board unanimously approved the 2020-2021 District School Calendar. The General Assembly is currently considering requests to add flexibility to the school calendar. If flexibility is approved, the district will present a modified calendar. (Sexton, Devore)
2. The Board unanimously approved the Superintendent's Goals. (Huggins, Sexton)
  1. Enhancing Student Achievement
  2. Strengthening the District's Recruitment Process and Retention of Quality Teachers
  3. Developing a Technology Refurbishment Plan
  4. Continuing the Focus on Safety within the District
  5. Fiscal Responsibility and Innovative Funding

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Richardson-** Dr. Richardson wished everyone a Happy Valentine's Day. He thanked everyone for attending, especially the children and their families; the SRO and their families, and new teachers. He also mentioned the athletes who have signed with schools and are receiving scholarships. The athletes are in the Beta Club and National Honor Society.

**Anderson-** Mrs. Anderson appreciates everyone attending. She also welcomes the new employees. She thanked the students for sharing their app and being so compassionate. She thanked the administration for their support of the teachers. She also thanked SRP Credit Union for their support of the district.

**Sexton-** Mr. Sexton welcomed all the new employees. He thanked the students for their presentation. He thanked the teachers that support the students.

**Devore-** Mrs. Devore thanked Mrs. Lehman for her presentation about the TOY program. She thanked the SRO for coming to the meeting and what they do in the schools. She also thanked the students for their work on the app.

**Huggins-** Mrs. Huggins said it is always good to have a full house. She welcomed the new teachers and thanked SRP Credit Union for their support. She stated it is always good to have student and their parents attend. She also thanked Mrs. Lehman for sharing her experiences.

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

The board unanimously approved a motion to enter executive session after a 5-minute break. (Anderson, Devore) 6:45 p.m.  
The board unanimously approved a motion to exit executive session. (Anderson, Devore) 8:40 p.m.

No action was taken. Dr. Richardson congratulated Mrs. Stapleton on her appointment to the State Board of Education.

The Board unanimously approved a motion to adjourn. (Devore, Huggins) 8:45 p.m.

Chair \_\_\_\_\_

Clerk \_\_\_\_\_