

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

**TIME:** 6:00 p.m., Thursday, August 8, 2019

**PLACE:** Conference Room, 770 Hagood Avenue, Barnwell, SC 29182

**PRESENT:**

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

**District Office:** Crissie Stapleton, Superintendent; Rachel Wall, Assistant Superintendent/Curriculum Director; Steven Strother, CFO; Kelly Shealy, Curriculum Support Coach; Jon Burdge, HR Director; Craig Hart, Auxiliary Programs; Linda Zionkowski, Federal Programs; Teresa Zorn, Food Service Director; Kim Rhoad, Special Services Director

**BPS:**

**BES:** Kay Gooding, Principal

**GBMS:** Denise James, Assistant Principal

**BHS:** Franklin McCormack, Principal

**Support Staff:**

**Other:** Jonathan Vickery, The People Sentinel; M. Wilson and Spouse

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. (Sexton, Devore)
4. There was no hearing of the public.

**ACCOUNTABILITY**

A. Recognition

1. South Carolina School Board Association Boardmanship Recognition was presented by Dr. Rhett Richardson and Mrs. Crystal F. Stapleton. Dr. Richardson reached Goal 2. Mrs. Anderson and Mrs. Devore each reached Goal 3.
2. Mrs. Stapleton introduced the SC School Board Association's welcome back by sharing the welcome back message from the SCSBA. Board Members posed with a framed welcome back print to share with all staff members and the SCSBA.

B. Information

1. Crystal Stapleton gave District Updates.
  - a. Summer Facility Project Updates
    1. BHS Exterior
    2. BHS Cafeteria Windows
    3. Press Bos Demolition and Platform Construction
    4. BES Painting
    5. HVAC Project in Gym at BHS
    6. Paving Project
  - b. Grant Updates
    1. DIG, in partnership with B45, was awarded a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Grant with a 4-year total of \$1,488,148. This will fund the afterschool programs.
    2. Mr. McCormack was awarded a grant he submitted to Dominion Energy for the Smart Irrigation: Harvesting Rainwater and Sustaining the Environment. Total was \$5,000.
    3. Barnwell 45, in collaboration with Williston 29 and Blackville 19, were awarded \$75,000 to begin a Cybersecurity program at the Career Center and to update current equipment being used in other programs.
    4. We have been awarded a second phase of the safety grant we submitted last year. Total funding was \$76,155.
    5. The new Rural Recruitment Funding for B45 was received, and the district was allocated \$128,500.

**ADVOCACY**

**BASIC STRUCTURE**

A. Action

1. The Board unanimously approved the 1st reading of Policy IMG, Service Animals. (Anderson, Sexton)
2. The Board unanimously approved the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of Policy BED and JICG, Revision of Tobacco-Free Workplace and Revisions of Tobacco Use by Students. (Anderson, Huggins)
3. The Board unanimously approved a motion to change the September Board Meeting to September 19, 2019. (Anderson, Sexton)

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The board members shared announcements with those in attendance.

**Executive Session**

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.

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

The Board unanimously approved a motion to enter into executive session after a five-minute break. (Anderson, Sexton) The Board entered into executive session at 6:25 pm

The Board unanimously approved a motion to exit the executive session. (Anderson, Sexton) The Board exited executive session at 7:15 pm.

There was not action taken.

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.

\_\_\_\_\_ Chair

\_\_\_\_\_ Clerk