

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

**TIME:** 6:00 p.m., Thursday, June 3, 2021

**PLACE:** Barnwell Elementary School Multi-Purpose Room 10524 Marlboro Avenue., Barnwell, SC 29812 for Board Members; virtual for the public

**PRESENT:**

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

**District Office:** Crissie Stapleton, Superintendent; Rachel Wall, Assistant Superintendent/Curriculum Director; Tina Smith, Administrative Assistant; Holly Hutto, Chief Financial Officer; John Moody, IT Director; Kelly Shealy, Curriculum Support Coach; Mike Beasley, Barnwell High School Assistant Principal; Jon Burdge, Principal Guinyard- Butler Middle School; Kay Gooding, Principal Barnwell Elementary School; Donna Selvey, Principal Barnwell Primary School

**Other:** Jonathan Vickery, The Barnwell People Sentinel

The agenda for the meeting was as follows:

Rosey Anderson began with thoughts, condolences, and remembrance of Shaniah Hankins, a student that attended Barnwell High School.

**OPENING BUSINESS**

1. Rosey Anderson, Chair, called the meeting to order. SGM Abraham Sexton, Clerk, delivered the reflection. Felicia 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. Motion was made by Felicia Devore and seconded by Dr. Rhett Richardson.
3. The Board unanimously approved the Consent Agenda. Motion was made by Becky Huggins and seconded by SGM Abraham Sexton.
4. There was no hearing of the public.

**ACCOUNTABILITY**

**A. Recognition**

1. Coach Youngblood and Coach Beasley announced Franklin McCormack, Barnwell High School Principal, as Region 5AA Principal of the Year and Superintendent Stapleton as the Region 5AA Superintendent of the Year.
2. Superintendent Stapleton and school administrators recognized retirees from the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 school year, and presented them with gifts.
3. Teachers of the Year were recognized and were presented with gifts.
4. Barnwell Elementary School Teacher of the Year Jenny Raines was announced as District Teacher of the Year. She received additional gifts and a \$1000 check for being selected.

**B. Information**

1. Superintendent Stapleton presented district updates:
  - a. Congratulations to Barnwell High School Senior Maleah Williams on signing to play basketball at Laine College in Jackson, Tennessee.
  - b. Congratulations to Barnwell High School Senior Reagan Martin on being the first to sign as a new member of the Charleston Southern University Clay Sports Team.
  - c. Congratulations to Barnwell High School Senior Makenzie Williams on signing to be a cheerleader with the University of South Carolina Gamecocks.
  - d. Barnwell High School Graduates did a Grad Drive through the school campuses on Tuesday, June 1<sup>st</sup>.

- e. WJBF news Channel 6 will air this year's annual Golden Apple Awards show on Friday, June 4, 2021 at 7pm. The show will air on WJBF News Channel 6. You will also be able to live stream the show from your laptop or mobile device by downloading the WJBF app or going to WJBF.com.
- f. Chief John Holston will be the new School Resource Officer at Guinyard- Butler Middle School. He is currently serving as Police Chief in Blackville, SC. He will begin on July 1, 2021.
- g. The Department of Energy has approved, through a partnership with our district, a Loaned Professional that will work in the district and focus on nutrition programs, our partnership with American Heart Association, and assist us in expanding and improving health-related programs within our schools. SRNS has confirmed that Kristin Huber will be filling this role.
- h. Our summer improvement projects will be funded by the General Fund, Capital Improvement Funds, ESSER II, and Grant Funding. Barnwell High School Assistant Principal, Mike Beasley will be directly overseeing the summer projects. Board Members were shared a list of summer projects.
- i. There will be a special-called board meeting in June to do the 3<sup>rd</sup> reading of the budget. Possible dates are June 24<sup>th</sup> or June 28<sup>th</sup>.

## ADVOCACY

### BASIC STRUCTURE

- A. Approval of Second Reading of the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Proposed General Fund Budget Presented by Chief Financial Officer, Holly Hutto.

The Board unanimously approved the second reading of the fiscal year 2021-2022 Proposed General Fund Budget. Motion was made by SGM Abraham Sexton and seconded by Dr. Rhett Richardson.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Richardson**—Very honored to be sitting here in front of such a wonderful group of people. It is amazing to me how teaching is a profession that has such a positive influence on so many people. Everybody benefits when you have a positive attitude. I am so fortunate to live in Barnwell and it's a pleasure to be affiliated with such amazing people.

**Huggins**- I would like to just echo Dr. Richardson's words. You are such amazing and true angels on earth that touch these children at such a delicate stage in their lives. It's amazing to be here and I applaud you 1000%. Congratulations Superintendent Stapleton on receiving such a well deserved award. Retirees, enjoy your retirement and thank you for all that you have done for Barnwell School District 45.

**Sexton**- I don't want to repeat everything said, but thank you to all the Barnwell school district staff. Congratulations to the retirees, Teachers of the Year, and Superintendent Stapleton. Thank you for touching our children in a special way and for all you have done for our kids because they are the future of tomorrow. Retirees, enjoy your life and thank you for what you have done. Congratulations to all the award winners. Your support and hard work does not go unnoticed.

**Devore**- Retirees, thank you for all you do and have done. I have been out of school 30 years and I remember a lot of the people being recognized here tonight. I will try not to get emotional, but to all of the teachers of the year, thank you because we realize that this year has been trying and challenging. I would just like to send love to each and every one of you.

**Anderson**- Amen to all of that. Retirees just remember not to make doctor appointments early in the morning because you are officially done with alarm clocks. You have spent a lot of years with a lot of students and you have touched the lives of many. I have enjoyed working with many of you and you will be missed. I appreciate everything that you have done. To the teachers of the year and the district teacher of the year, congratulations. You represent our school well. Also, congratulations to Mr. McCormack and Superintendent Stapleton, we appreciate your hard work and all you do.

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no need for an executive session.

Before the adjournment, Dr. Rhett Richardson thanked Superintendent Stapleton for her hard work and dedication and congratulated her on a well deserved award and recognition.

The Board unanimously approved the adjournment of the meeting. The motion was made by Mrs. Felicia Devore and seconded by Dr. Rhett Richardson at 7:17 p.m.

Chair Rosay Anderson

Clerk Abraham Seyton