

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

**TIME:** 6:00 p.m., Thursday, May 12, 2022

**PLACE:** Barnwell Schools Administration Building, 770 Hagood 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; Dr. Rhett Richardson, Member; Becky Huggins, Member

**District Office:** Crissie Stapleton, Superintendent; Rachel Wall, Assistant Superintendent/Curriculum Director; Tina Smith, Administrative Assistant; Kelley Shealy, Curriculum Support Coach; Holly Hutto, CFO; John Moody, IT Director, Kinley Hair; Human Resources Coordinator

**Other:** Jonathan Vickery, People-Sentinel

The agenda for the meeting was as follows:

### OPENING BUSINESS

1. Rosey Anderson, Chair, called the meeting to order. SGM Abraham Sexton, Clerk, delivered the reflection. Dr. Rhett Richardson 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 Dr. Rhett Richardson and seconded by Felicia Devore.
3. The election of board member officers was held due to being postponed last month because of an absent board member. The officers elected are as follows:
  - Rosey Anderson- Chair
  - Felicia Devore- Vice-Chairperson
  - SGM Abraham Sexton-Clerk
  - Becky Huggins- Career Center Representative
4. The Board unanimously approved the Consent Agenda Items. Motion was made by Felicia Devore and seconded by SGM Abraham Sexton.
5. There was no hearing of the public.

### ACCOUNTABILITY

#### A. Information

1. Superintendent Stapleton presented the following district updates:
  - a. On April 28, 2022, Barnwell Primary School (BPS) and Save the Children hosted an Early Childhood Mini-Summit for students and families who participate in Barnwell Primary School's Save the Children In-school Literacy program, as well as the school's Early Childhood Program.
  - b. The SRP Affinity Debit Card Program's 1<sup>st</sup> quarter total is \$6,015.55.
  - c. Savannah River Nuclear Solutions recently held their Innovative Teaching Mini Grants Program. Through this program, educators throughout the CSRA submitted an application to win funding to purchase equipment, materials, and/or supplies for their classroom.
    - Mustang Farms @ BES- Debbie Bridgmon- \$750
    - Oh Snap, I Just Made Electricity!- Melissa Moore- \$1000
    - Inclusion Made Possible and Challenging Tomorrow- Cathy McCurry- \$500
    - Where "Dewy" Find That?- Heather Peters- \$750
2. Dr. Rachel Wall presented the overview of Federal Programs and District Operations for 2022-2023.
  - a. On March 27, 2020, the Coronavirus Aid Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act was signed into

- law. The district allocation is \$947,799. As part of the CARES Act, Congress set aside approximately \$13.2 billion of the \$130.75 billion allotted to the Education Stabilization Fund for the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) Fund. Allocation: \$3,769,295. On December 27, 2020, the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSA) was signed into law. Projected allocation: 8,465,300.
- b. On March 11, 2021, the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act was signed into law.
  - c. District Academic Recovery Goals
    - Goal Area 1- ELA
    - Goal Area 2- Math
    - Goal Area 3- Career Readiness
    - Goal Area 4- Social-Emotional Readiness
  - d. The purpose of Title I is to provide opportunities for children to meet the challenging state performance standards. Projected allocation: \$1,113,796.
  - e. The purpose of the Title II, Part A grant is to support students and staff development.
    - to increase student achievement consistent with challenging state academic standards,
    - to improve the quality and effectiveness of teachers, principals, and other school leaders,
    - to increase the number of teachers, principals, and other school leaders who are effective in improving student academic achievement in schools, and
    - to provide low-income and minority students greater access to effective teachers, principals, and school leaders. Projected allocation is &140,169.57.
  - f. The purpose of Title III is to focus on programs that help children develop proficiency in English and achieve in content areas. The projected allocation: \$4,0000.00.
  - g. The Title IV funds support activities for well-rounded educational opportunities, activities to support safe and healthy students and technology. The projected allocation: \$87,471.74.
  - h. The Title V funds are intended to support student instruction. Projected allocation: \$40,756.55.
  - i. Dr. Wall discussed the district's return to in-person plans which adheres to the procedures and procedures outlined in the SCDHEC COVID-19 GUIDANCE FOR K-12 SCHOOLS.

Chief Financial Officer, Holly Hutto presented the first reading of the fiscal year 2022-2023 proposed general fund budget:

- a. The Governor's executive budget called for education funding reform. While the Senate and House have not determined the way the new funding formula will be distributed and have not adopted a final budget, our 22-23 first reading is based on the Senate version of the proposed state budget.
- b. The Senate is currently proposing an increase of \$2000 to teacher salaries. We will continue to watch this in legislative updates.
- c. This budget includes a step increase for all eligible employees, 1% increase in the district's portion of Retirement, and 18.1% increase in the district's portion of insurance.
- d. CFO Holly Hutto reviewed the allowed operating millage increase for Barnwell 45. The consumer price index increased 4.7% from calendar year 2020 to 2021. The population of Barnwell 45's service area increased by .05%. Combining these two components yields the cap of 4.74% for 2022. CFO Hutto explained operating millage does not affect owner occupied homes-only non-owner occupied, commercial, and industrial properties. The increase would help ensure revenue flow and stabilize any shortfalls and shortfalls in state funding.
- e. The proposed budget outlined revenue totaling \$21,187,314.00 and proposed expenditures totaling the same amount, thus resulting in a proposed balance budget. This was a \$1,929,660.00 change from the 2021-2022 general fund budget.
- f. CFO Holly Hutto explained the breakdown of the revenue and expenditures within the newly proposed budget.

## ADVOCACY

### BASIC STRUCTURE

#### A. Actions

1. Approval of the Federal Projects Plans for 2022-2023  
Motion made by Becky Huggins and seconded by SGM Abraham Sexton. The motion was approved unanimously.
2. Approval of District Return to In-Person Plans for 2022-2023  
Motion made by SGM Abraham Sexton and seconded by Felicia Devore. The motion was approved unanimously.
3. Approval of the First Reading of the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Proposed General Fund Budget  
Motion made by SGM Abraham Sexton and seconded by Dr. Rhett Richardson. The motion was approved unanimously.
4. Second Reading and Approval of Revisions to Policy ADF-District Wellness
5. Second Reading and Approval of Revisions to Policy EFE-Competitive Food Sales
6. Second Reading and Approval of Revisions to Policy IHAE-Physical Education
7. Second Reading and Approval of Revisions to Policy IHAM- Health Education  
All Wellness Policy revisions were approved together.  
Motion was made by Becky Huggins and seconded by Felicia Devore. The motion was approved unanimously.
8. First Reading of Revisions to Policy JKA- Corporal Punishment  
Motion made by SGM Abraham Sexton and seconded by Felicia Devore. The motion was approved unanimously.
9. Approval of change to June 2022 regular board meeting from June 9, 2022 to June 2, 2022  
Motion made by Felicia Devore and seconded by Dr. Rhett Richardson. The motion was approved unanimously.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Richardson-** Congratulations to board members on elected offices. We have a great school board. Thank you SRP for you community involvement. Thank you to John Moody, Dr. Wall, Ms. Shealy, and Mrs. Hutto for all that you do to help things run smoothly and thank you Superintendent Stapleton for your leadership.

**Sexton-** Thank you to all the staff. Congratulations to the baseball team. We are proud of them. Again, thank you to everyone and thank you to the school board for a job well done.

**Devore-** I would like to echo what everyone has said. Dr. Wall, thank you for your hard work, Mrs. Hutto, we appreciate what you do to keep the budget intact. Superintendent Stapleton, thank you for your leadership.

**Huggins-** Congratulations to the Teachers of the Year and for being nominated by your peers. To all the staff, your tireless work does not go unnoticed. I appreciate everyone.

**Anderson-** I would just like to say, job well done. Congratulations to the class of 2022 Thanks to everyone for their hard work. You are appreciated for what you do.

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

Request for motion was made by Chair Rosey Anderson to go into Executive Session at 6:54 p.m. to discuss employee matters and contractual matters. Motion made by SGM Abraham Sexton and seconded by Felicia Devore.

Out of Executive Session at 7:18 p.m. Motion made by SGM Abraham Sexton and seconded by Felicia Devore.  
No action was taken.

Board unanimously approved the adjournment of the meeting. The motion was made by Felicia Devore and seconded by Becky Huggins at 7:18 p.m.

Chair Rosey Anderson

Clerk Abraham Saylor