

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

TIME: 6:00 p.m., Thursday, May 13, 2021

PLACE: Barnwell Schools Administrative Building Board Room, 770 Hagood Avenue, Barnwell, SC 29182

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; Holly Hutto, CFO; Tina Smith; Administrative Assistant, John Moody; IT Director

Other:

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, Becky Huggins, Member, 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 Becky Huggins.
3. The Board unanimously approved the Consent Agenda. Motion was made by Becky Huggins and seconded by Felicia Devore
4. There was no hearing of the public.

ACCOUNTABILITY

A. Recognition

B. Information

1. Superintendent Stapleton provided District Updates

1. Superintendent Stapleton stated that there are many different statements coming out about masks, and we are still receiving information via email and other outlets, as well. DHEC is still recommending the same safety measures they have been emphasizing throughout the school year. The SCDE recommends school districts confer with their legal counsel, which we have done and will continue to do. Superintendent Spearman and the SCDE continue to urge schools and districts to follow DHEC's public health guidance as they have throughout the pandemic, even after statements that have been made this week.
2. May is Staff Appreciation Month and several surprises are being delivered throughout the month of May. Although these tokens of gratitude may be small compared to the tremendous work they do each day, we would like to thank all our employees in the Barnwell 45 family for their dedication and commitment to our students. We continue to thank them for giving their best within our district!
3. The school-level Teachers of the Year submitted their application packets, and the interview team interviewed the candidates on May 12, 2021. Our District Teacher of the Year will be announced at the June Board Meeting. We will honor our retirees from the 2019-2020 school year and the new retirees from the 2020-2021 school year.
4. On Wednesday, May 5, 2021, we attended the State Teacher of the Year Gala in Columbia to honor the 2020-2021 district teachers of the year across the state. Keri Schneider was recognized, and Sarah Lehman also joined us for the celebration. Keri Schneider was our 2020-2021 District Teacher of the Year, and Sarah Lehman was our 2019-2020 District Teacher of the Year. We are so proud of Keri and the way she has represented the district this year.

ADVOCACY

BASIC STRUCTURE

- A. The board unanimously approved the of change of Board Meeting date from June 10, 2021 to June 3, 2021. Motion was made by SGM Abraham Sexton and seconded by Felicia Devore.

- B. The board unanimously approved the Superintendent's goals that are focused on student achievement, recruiting and retaining qualified staff, increasing technology, facilities, and fiscal responsibility. Motion was made by Dr. Rhett Richardson and seconded by Becky Huggins.
- C. The board unanimously approved the first reading of the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 proposed general fund budget. Motion was made by Becky Huggins and seconded by Dr. Rhett Richardson.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Becky Huggins stated that she was very impressed with how the challenges of the school year were handled. Proud of the sports teams and can't wait to see what the future holds for them.

Dr. Rhett Richardson thanked everyone for a great school year. Thanks to Mrs. Hutto for a balanced budget and all the staff for all you do.

SGM Abraham Sexton thanked Mrs. Hutto and everyone involved in balancing the budget. He thanked Superintendent Stapleton and all the staff for their hard work this year and congratulated the Teacher of the Year.

Felicia Devore thanked all the district administration and staff and Mrs. Hutto and her staff for their hard work managing the budget.

Rosey Anderson thanked the entire staff and said she appreciates everything that they do. Good job to the soccer team and to all the staff "Stay Strong". You have done an amazing job this year.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no need for executive session.

The Board unanimously approved the adjournment of the meeting. The motion was made by Becky Huggins and seconded by Dr. Rhett Richardson at 6:25 p.m.

Chair Rosey Anderson
Clerk Abraham Sexton