

**Barnwell County School District Board of Trustees**  
**Work Session Minutes**  
**Wednesday, August 2, 2023 at 2pm**  
**(770 Hagood Avenue, Barnwell, South Carolina 29812)**

Board Members Present: Chairperson Terry Richardson, Ronnie Brown, Becky Huggins, SGM Abraham Sexton, and Dr. Andy Sandifer

**I. Opening Business**

A. Call to Order, Reflection, Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, FOI Notice

Chair Richardson called the meeting to order at 2:00pm. SGM Abraham Sexton led the Reflection and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chair Richardson confirmed the media was notified.

B. Additions, Deletions, and Approval of Agenda – Chair Terry Richardson

Chair Richardson asked if there were any additions or deletions to the proposed agenda. Chair Richardson asked board members if there were any objections to approving the agenda as presented. A motion was made by Ms. Becky Huggins to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by SGM Abraham Sexton. Hearing no objections, the agenda was unanimously approved.

**II. Information Items**

Mr. David Corder, Dr. Crystal Stapleton, Mr. David Augustine, and Dr. Lee D’Andrea provided information to the board members and led discussion on the following topics:

A. Consolidation Plan Update

Dr. Stapleton explained the total allocation from the SC Department of Education for associated consolidation costs is 3.125 million and shared that she, Mr. Corder, and Mr. Augustine had met to discuss necessary steps to include in the consolidation plan that would be submitted to the State Department of Education.

Action steps under the following areas were discussed in detail:

- Transition Leadership, Community Input, and Facilitation
- Personnel
- Consolidated Financials & Millage
- Assets, Inventory, and Contractual Obligations/Student Information Systems
- Facilities

- Attendance Zones, School Configurations, Shared Facilities, and Transportation
- Technology
- Instructional and Special Services Programs
- Other Factors Necessary for Consolidation

#### B. Budget Considerations

Board members discussed possible meeting dates, times, and board compensation. During that time, the board members consulted a chart of board member compensation from districts across the state.

#### C. Facility Study Planning

Dr. Stapleton shared the proposal from the Facility Study procured by Barnwell School District 45. She explained the extent of the study currently underway. Mr. Corder and Dr. Stapleton recommended approving an addendum to the BSD45 Facility Study contract to include the Barnwell County Consolidation School District facilities.

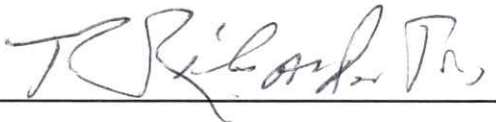
#### D. Next Steps

The superintendents explained the next steps in the consolidation process, which they are currently working on:

- Include estimated costs in the consolidation plan.
- Continue information gathering and comparison charts between the current school districts. Examples were shared.
- Obtain ID numbers and bank account.
- Continue working with the State Department of Education to determine and address next steps.

### III. **Adjournment**

Chair Richardson asked for a motion to adjourn. Ms. Becky Huggins made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Dr. Andy Sandifer. There were no objections to adjourning. The meeting adjourned at 3:59pm.

Chair 

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