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

TIME: 12:00 p.m., Thursday, May 28, 2020

PLACE: Virtual

PRESENT:

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

District Office: Crissie Stapleton, Superintendent; Rachel Wall, Assistant Superintendent/Curriculum Director; Jaci Bearden, IT Coach and Administrative Assistant; Steven Strother, CFO

BPS:

BES:

GBMS:

BHS:

Support Staff:

Other:

The agenda for the meeting was as follows:

OPENING BUSINESS

1. Dr. Rhett Richardson, Chairman, called the meeting to order. Mr. 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 a motion to move the student requesting a transfer to a future meeting when more information is available. (Anderson, Sexton)
3. The Board unanimously approved the Consent Agenda. (Sexton, Devore)
4. There was no hearing of the public.

ACCOUNTABILITY

A. Information

1. Superintendent Stapleton presented District Updates.

a. End of the year activities

- Tonight at 8:20pm, the virtual Athletic Awards Night webpage will go live. The link will be sent out at 8:20pm tonight.
- BES has an End of the Year Teacher Parade beginning at 10am on Friday, May 29, 2020. That is being advertised online.
- Our virtual baccalaureate ceremony will be held Sunday, May 31, 2020 at 8:20pm. The link will be sent out at 8:20pm that evening.
- The BHS Grade Drive, taking the place of the Grad Walk, will be Monday, June 1, 2020 beginning at 10am.
- We are currently continuing our parent and student drop-off days at each school. Those have been communicated with parents and families via Remind and social media.

- ##### b. Online instructional resources- Barnwell School District 45 is excited to offer a new resource for our families, and we will have an official press release soon. The district has created a comprehensive online curricular resource website, which includes instructional videos for students in kindergarten through eighth grade. The videos, which were created by Barnwell District 45 curriculum coaches, focus on essential standards found in both English Language Arts, and mathematics. Each video provides a short review along with an opportunity for independent practice. Given the unusual way we had to conclude this school year, this resource is instrumental to allow our families the opportunity to review essential standards and have practice prior to moving to the next grade level. As Kelly Shealy shared, If you need to be reminded of any material, it would be beneficial to look at the videos from the previous grade level. For example, if you are an eighth grader working with negative exponents, you will find it extremely helpful to work through the seventh-grade video on laws of exponents. Or if you are a fourth grader working on inferences, you may find it very helpful to work through the third-grade video on supporting inferences. We are very excited to launch this new site, and our Barnwell 45 parents and students will have access to it soon.

- c. Community Cares Project- We are continuing our Community Cares Project. Posts of videos and photos began today. With the help of Mrs. Gooding, she has created a new webpage devoted to posting those photos and videos after we share them on social media. We will also create a video at the end compiling all of them for the class of 2020.
- d. GBMS wins a grant with the help of Anderson Oil- Guinyard-Butler Middle School was a 2019 Educational Alliance School Grant Recipient and received \$500 to be used toward math and science instructional materials. This grant was a partnership with Anderson Oil Company, and they submitted the grant on the district's behalf. We thank Anderson Oil Company for their continued support and dedication to the school district.

ADVOCACY

BASIC STRUCTURE

A. Actions

- 1. The Board unanimously approved the Second Reading of the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Proposed General Fund Budget. (Sexton, Devore)
- 2. The Board unanimously approved a motion to rescind the recommendations regarding Employee A and Employee B from the April 16, 2020 board meeting because it is no longer needed. (Anderson, Huggins)
- 3. The Board unanimously approved the District Office Organizational Plan. (Huggins, Anderson)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Richardson- Expressed how proud he is of the seniors. He also recognized Linda Zionkowski's service to the district. During her tenure at B45 she wore many hats. She will be missed. He also thanked Mrs. Stapleton for her efforts to streamline.

Anderson- Ms. Anderson began by saying "wow," 51 years. She said she can't say enough about the staff of B45. She also congratulated the 2020 seniors.

Sexton- Voiced his appreciation of Mrs. Zionkowski's 51 years of service to the district. He thanked Steven for his report on the budget. His prayer is for all staff to be safe over the summer.

Devore- Expressed her thanks to Mrs. Zionkowski and Mr. Strother for their service to the district. She thanked Mrs. Stapleton and Mrs. Wall for planning and executing the virtual awards programs and graduation.

Huggins- Expressed her thanks for everyone's tireless work. No one understands how much work has been done to honor the 2020 graduates. She sent her congratulations to the graduates of 2020.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no need for an executive session.

The Board unanimously approved the adjournment of the meeting. (Anderson, Sexton) 12:30 p.m.

Chair _____

Clerk _____