

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

**TIME:** 6:00 p.m., Thursday, February 9, 2023

**PLACE:** Barnwell Schools Administration Building, 770 Hagood Avenue, Barnwell, SC 29812

**PRESENT:**

**Board of Trustees:** Rosey Anderson, Chair; Felicia Devore, Vice-chair; SGM Abraham Sexton, Clerk; Becky Huggins, Member; Dr. Rhett Richardson, Member (not in attendance)

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

The agenda for the meeting was as follows:

### **OPENING BUSINESS**

1. Rosey Anderson, Chair began by announcing that Dr. Rhett Richardson, member was absent due to being out of the country, she then called the meeting to order. SGM Abraham Sexton 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 Becky Huggins and seconded by SGM Abraham Sexton.
3. The board unanimously approved the consent agenda items. Motion was made by Felicia Devore and seconded by SGM Abraham Sexton
4. There was no hearing of the public.

### **ACCOUNTABILITY**

#### **A. Information**

1. District Updates  
Superintendent Stapleton gave the following updates:
  - a. Facility Updates
    - LED Lighting Project at GBMS- underway (BES is next)
    - Auditorium Seats for BPS- Waiting on quote from Irwin Seating Company. This company is on state contract and the quote fits into the budget.
    - New Audio in BPS Auditorium- gathering quotes
    - BPS Playground Upgrades- sun screen for the K/1<sup>st</sup> Playground and new tables
    - BPS Outdoor Classrooms- renovate the picnic shelter, add a storage shed, get new tables, and additions to the garden (seats, etc.)
  - b. ESSER Updates  
We are currently in the scheduling and “kick-off” phase of the following projects:
    - BPS Gym, GBMS Gym , GBMS general HVAC, and BHS general HVAC Systems with Wade’s Repair
    - BHS fire alarm system with Carver Security (still awaiting approval of GBMS fire alarm system)
    - The next projects to bid that are awaiting OSF approval include:
      - Window and door project replacement of windows and doors at BPS, GBMS, and BHS
      - New intercom system at BPS
      - Roofing repairs- waiting on proposal
  - c. District Teacher of the Year, Deanna Grubbs, Barnwell Elementary Teacher, Jenna Raines, and Barnwell Elementary Assistant Principal, Jared Thrasher attended the Teacher Forum “Hill Day” They were introduced and received a standing ovation. They had a great day and really enjoyed it.
  - d. The Pierson Collective have been videoing across the district Tuesday, Wednesday, and today. There was one day of interviews and 2 days of video footage.

- e. The district was presented with a check from SRP Federal Credit Union in the amount of \$26,616.00 for the proceeds from the Barnwell High School Affinity Debit Program.
- f. The GBMS Science Fair was set up today in the gym and community members are welcome to come see the projects on Sunday from 3pm-4:30pm.
- g. The Save a Life Tour in partnership with Axis 1 will set up demonstrations and simulations at the BHS gym on Friday, February 10<sup>th</sup>. This is considered the nation's leading impaired and distracted driving prevention programs. The Save A Life Tour is a comprehensive high impact safe driving awareness program that informs, educates and demonstrates the potentially deadly consequences resulting from poor choices and decisions made by the operator of a motor vehicle.
- h. Barnwell High School Football Signing Day was February 1<sup>st</sup>. Tyler Smith signed with SC State University, Clay Pender signed with Erskine College, and Maurice Odom and Jaden James signed with Limestone College.

## **ADVOCACY**

### **BASIC STRUCTURE**

#### **A. Actions**

1. Approval of Naming Facilities Application. Motion made by SGM Abraham Sexton and seconded by Becky Huggins that the Barnwell Primary School Gymnasium will be renamed in honor of Mr. Willie E. Landrum. The motion was approved unanimously.
2. Approval of the First Reading of Policy GCLE. Motion made by Becky Huggins and seconded by SGM Abraham. The motion was approved unanimously.
3. Approval of Revisions to the Working Retiree Salary Schedule. Motion was made by Felicia Devore and seconded by SGM Abraham Sexton.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Devore-** The Teacher Forum "Hill Day" was very exciting. Thanks for the SRP Debit Card Project for being such a success. Congratulations to all the signees. We had four more players this year and it seems to be more every year. Thank you to the Axis 1 and the Save A Life Tour. My daughter is in Driver's Ed and this is very helpful. Thank you everyone in the district for your hard work.

**Huggins-** It is always nice to see the public in attendance. Thank you SRP and Axis 1. I was really excited about signing day and watching our athletes going further. "Go Warhorses". Thank you to everyone for being here, and thank you for all you do.

**Sexton-** Thanks to Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent for doing a great job. Special thanks to the teachers because I know what you're going through. We appreciate all of them. Thanks to finance. I have no complaints and thanks to all your staff. This school board is the greatest that I ever worked with. I have been on the school board for approximately 15 years and this board has no problems. Thank you to my fellow board members.

**Anderson-** I appreciate everything that everyone does. I am still looking at next year's calendar and considering coming back. Being a teacher is a job and they are doing a tremendous job. Thank you to SRP. Great things will be done with the profits from the Affinity Debit Card proceeds. It says a lot for the district that people are willing to help the schools profit.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Request for motion made by Chair Rosey Anderson to go into Executive Session at 6:40 p.m. Motion made by SGM Abraham Sexton and seconded by Becky Huggins.

Request for motion made by Chair Rosey Anderson to come out of Executive Session at 7:05 p.m. Motion made by SGM Abraham Sexton and seconded by Felicia Devore.

Request for motion was made to deny the appeal request of Employee A. Motion made by Felicia Devore and seconded by Becky Huggins. The motion was approved unanimously.

Request for motion to accept the suspension and termination of Employee B. Motion made by Becky Huggins and seconded by Felicia Devore. The motion was approved unanimously.

Board unanimously approved the adjournment of the meeting at 7:08 p.m. The motion was made by SGM Abraham Sexton and seconded by Becky Huggins.

Chair\_\_\_\_\_

Clerk\_\_\_\_\_