

Minutes of the Special-Called Meeting of the Barnwell School District 45 Board of Trustees

TIME: 9:30 a.m., Tuesday, March 21, 2023

PLACE: Barnwell Schools Administration Building, 770 Hagood Avenue, Barnwell, SC 29812 for Board Members

PRESENT:

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

District Office: Crystal Stapleton, Superintendent; Tina Smith, Administrative Assistant; Rachel Wall, Curriculum Director; Holly Hutto, CFO; Franklin McCormack, Barnwell High School Principal

The agenda for the meeting was as follows:

OPENING BUSINESS

1. Rosey Anderson-Chair, called the meeting to order immediately following the conclusion of the work session. 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 SGM Abraham Sexton and seconded by Felicia Devore.
3. There was no hearing of the public.

ACCOUNTABILITY

ADVOCACY

BASIC STRUCTURE

A. Actions

1. Approval of 2023-2024 Re-Elect Lists for Certified Staff: Motion was made by Dr. Rhett Richardson and seconded by SGM Abraham Sexton. The motion was approved unanimously, with Chair Anderson recusing herself.
 - a. Prior to the approval of the 2023-2024 Re-Elect Lists for Certified Staff, Chair Rosey Anderson stated that she would like for it to be reflected in the minutes that she will be recusing herself from voting because of a conflict of interest.
2. Approval of 2023-2024 Re-Elect Lists for Non-Certified Staff: Motion made by Felicia Devore and seconded by Becky Huggins. The motion was approved unanimously.
3. Approval of 2023-2024 Retention Bonus: the following motion was made by Becky Huggins and seconded by Dr. Rhett Richardson, "I make a motion we approve a \$2,000 retention bonus for certified and non-certified employees who are in good standing and sign a contract to return for the 2023-2024 school year." The motion was approved unanimously, with Chair Anderson recusing herself.
 - a. Prior to the approval of the 2023-2024 Retention Bonus, Chair Rosey Anderson stated that she would like for it to be reflected in the minutes that she will be recusing herself from voting because of a conflict of interest.
4. Approval of Resolution for the Annual Capital Bond Issue Not to Exceed 1.5 Million: Motion made by Felicia Devore and seconded by Becky Huggins, "I make a motion to adopt a resolution authorizing the issuance and sale of a not to exceed \$1,500,000 general obligation bond. This is our annual issuance used to complete the approved 2023-2024 capital improvement priorities." The motion was approved unanimously.
5. Approval of Out of District Students A, B, and C was postponed pending review of additional information. Motion made by Felicia Devore for postponement and seconded by Dr. Rhett Richardson. The motion was approved unanimously.

Board unanimously approved the adjournment of the meeting. The motion was made by Dr. Rhett Richardson and seconded by Felicia Devore at 10:30 a.m.

Chair Rosy Anderson

Clerk Abraham Seyton