

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

TIME: 6:00 p.m., Thursday, April 27, 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;
Dr. Rhett Richardson, Member; Becky Huggins, Member

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

Other: Jonathan Vickery, The People-Sentinel

The agenda for the meeting was as follows:

OPENING BUSINESS

- A. Rosey Anderson, Chair, called the meeting to order. SGM Abraham Sexton, Clerk, 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.
- B. The Board unanimously approved the Agenda. Motion was made by SGM Abraham Sexton and seconded by Felicia Devore.
- C. Superintendent Stapleton conducted the swearing in of the newly elected continuing school board members, Felicia Devore and Becky Huggins.
- D. Superintendent Stapleton conducted the election of school board officers. The officers elect are:
 - Rosey Anderson- Chair
 - Felicia Devore- Vice-Chair
 - SGM Abraham Sexton- Clerk
 - Becky Huggins- Career Center Representative
- E. The board unanimously approved the Consent Agenda Items. Motion was made by Becky Huggins and seconded by Dr. Rhett Richardson.
- F. There was no hearing of the public.

ACCOUNTABILITY

- A. Information
 1. Superintendent Stapleton presented the following district updates:
 - a. Update on the FEMA Gym: It was discovered that there were no findings during the Phase 1 Archaeological Survey that was conducted in accordance with the standards for archaeology outlined in South Carolina Standards for Archaeological Processes. The final report has been submitted to FEMA.
 - b. Facility and ESSER Highlights:

- Work is on schedule with Wade's Repair in the BPS Gymnasium to add a new HVAC system. Anticipated completion is the end of May, then they will begin work at GBMS immediately following.
 - We have begun work on the GBMS Fire Alarm System with Carver Security.
 - We are currently finalizing project proposals for the Windows and Doors Project.
 - The company installing the two playground shade structures are currently getting their licenses from the city for installing them on two BPS playgrounds.
 - Renovation of the BPS picnic shelter is complete.
 - With the bid opening on April 5th, the proposals for the roof work came in over cost. We have worked with our engineering firm Lyon & Associates to rework the proposal and include the priorities only. The bid will be awarded in the next week and work will occur during the summer.
 - New flooring was installed outside the BPS auditorium on the large ramp. We also have three estimates on the new flooring for the BPS auditorium. The BPS auditorium seats will be removed May 30th and new seats are set to be installed starting July 5th.
 - Our team is currently working on sealing the new mural on the 3rd grade hallway.
 - A new storage building for the baseball field is being installed the beginning of May. The concrete pad is being poured Monday.
 - We have a team of parent volunteers who are also doing some volunteer work at the field, and we are providing those materials and supplies. They are converting the old concession stand area back into being used for concessions.
 - A new GBMS stage curtain is being finalized now.
 - New audio visual equipment is being installed this week at BES in the Multipurpose Room.
 - We have additional tree removal projects going on at the district office. These are trees that are damaged and/or damaging the building.
 - Other projects we are currently working on with our engineering firm to gain approval through OSF include:
 - New intercom systems at BPS and BHS
 - New bathrooms in GBMS gymnasium and main hallway
 - New bathrooms at the football stadium
 - New flooring throughout GBMS
- c. The LED Lighting Projects at the District Office, BPS Gym, and BPS Media Center were completed in April. They have now begun working on the application for the BPS auditorium and GBMS gym. The Carolyn S. Williams Early Childhood Center will be next. New total savings to date since July 2022 is \$197,782.00 in our energy conservation program.
- d. BHS Senior Makayla Creech signed to attend USC Salkehatchie to play softball and basketball.
- e. Spring Sports Athletic Update:
- Baseball finished the regular season 15-7, 3rd region finish. State playoffs will begin on Tuesday, May 2nd (Away).

- Softball currently 14-2 (play last regular season game tonight) with 1st place region finish. State playoffs will begin on Wednesday, May 3rd (Home). Pitcher Jaidyn Devore was selected as SBLive SC Athlete of the Week.
 - Golf finished 2nd in the region. Rebecca Richardson made a Hole-In-One during the region meet.
 - Track has a region championship meet on May 3rd, Lower State meet on May 13th, and State Meet on May 19th.
 - Boys Soccer state playoff seeding will be determined on Friday.
 - Girls Soccer State Playoff seeding will be determined on Friday.
- f. Congratulations to our BHS Majorettes being named National Baton Twirling Association's State Champions for South Carolina Half-time Show Division.
 - g. Congratulations to Barnwell High School's Kayla Peters for being named SC Teaching Fellow and Reid Barker for being chosen as State Winner of the South Carolina Career Development Association Poetry and Art Contest. Reid is also this year's class valedictorian.
 - h. Barnwell Elementary School won the Learn.com Statewide Keyboarding Contest.
 - i. Congratulations to our District Teacher of the Year, Deanna Grubbs. Dr. Stapleton said it was such an honor to attend the South Carolina Teacher of the Year Garden Party with her yesterday.
 - j. BSD45 announced the new Teachers of the Year:
 - BPS- Lisa Collins
 - BES- Tanya Anderson
 - GBMS- Alex Kinard
 - BHS- Lainey Burdge
 - k. The Warhorse Cafeteria Open House was on Wednesday, April 12th. A huge thank you to everyone involved with the project, especially to SRNS for helping to fund it.
 - l. BHS Star Academy held its Ribbon Cutting and Open House on Tuesday, April 25th. Everyone was able to get a glimpse into the Academy. Visits were made to Todd Teem's Math Class and Alex Kinard's Science class. They also visited Denise James and asked questions about the Academy. Mrs. James is the GBMS Star Academy Director.

ADVOCACY

BASIC STRUCTURE

A. Actions

1. Motion for approval for First Reading of the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Proposed General Fund Budget.
Motion made by Dr. Rhett Richardson and seconded by SGM Abraham Sexton. The motion was approved unanimously.
2. Motion for approval of the 2023-2024 Barnwell School District Strategic Plan and School Renewal Plans
Motion made by Becky Huggins and seconded by Dr. Rhett Richardson. The motion was approved unanimously.
3. Motion made for approval of the 2023-2024 District Waivers

Motion made by Dr. Rhett Richardson and seconded by SGM Abraham Sexton. The motion was approved unanimously.

4. Motion made for approval of 2023 Summer Programs
Motion made by SGM Abraham Sexton and seconded by Becky Huggins. Motion was approved unanimously.
5. Motion made for approval of the 2023-2024 Locally Board Approved Courses
Motion made by Felicia Devore and seconded by Dr. Rhett Richardson. Motion was approved unanimously.
6. Motion made for approval of the 2023-2024 Federal Project Plans
Motion made by Becky Huggins and seconded by SGM Abraham Sexton. Motion was approved unanimously.
7. Motion made for approval of 2023-2024 District Return to In-Person Plans
Motion made by Dr. Rhett Richardson and seconded by SGM Abraham Sexton. Motion was approved unanimously.
8. Before approval of the Act 207 Diploma Request, Dr. Stapleton explained that the Act 207 Diploma Request allows a person no longer enrolled in school, but met all other requirements except passing the exit exam, to receive their diploma. The person requesting the diploma met all requirements in May of 2006.
Motion made for approval of ACT 207 Diploma Request
Motion made by SGM Abraham Sexton and seconded by Felicia Devore. Motion was approved unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Devore - I can't believe the school year is almost at the end. Congratulations to all administrators and staff on all your accomplishments. Congratulations to the softball team, baseball team, and Rebecca Richardson for your hole-in-one. Thanks to everyone for all you do.

Huggins - I am also so appreciative to the faculty and coaches and also the finance department. Congratulations to the Teachers of the Year. The BHS Cafeteria Open House was exciting and the pizza was fabulous. To all the sports team, let's keep cheering them on.

Sexton - Congratulations to the students and staff with the Star Academy program. I missed the open house for the cafeteria, but I have seen the seating and it's outstanding. Everything trickles down. Thank you to finance department for an excellent report. I'm not a finance person, but we appreciate you. Dr. Wall, thank you for being Dr. Stapleton's right hand. IT Director, thank you for a job well done. Thanks to everyone for all you do.

Richardson - Congratulations to Mrs. Devore and Mrs. Huggins on your election wins. It is fantastic to serve with you. You are great additions to this school board. Thank you to Denise James for your hard work. The first person to take over a program has the hardest job. You will be appreciated a long time. Holly Hutto, your job is made even harder by the State Legislature, but thank you for your expertise with finance. Dr. Wall, thank you for helping to make Dr. Stapleton's job easier. When I read of all the

accomplishments of Coach Mac Wier, I was blown away. Ms. Huggins, I know that you are so proud. The renaming of the football stadium is well deserved.

Anderson - Mrs. Devore and Mrs. Huggins, I am super excited for your re-election to this school board, and I appreciate all you do to help keep this district rolling. Congratulations to the Teachers of the Year for being selected by your peers. Thank you for the calendar of events so we can pick out what we can make it to. Always nice to get in the schools and see the smiles on the students' faces and how excited they are. They will also be excited about starting school back soon because of the new modified calendar. Thanks to everyone for all you do.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no need for Executive Session.

Board unanimously approved the adjournment of the meeting. The motion was made by Becky Huggins and seconded by SGM Abraham Sexton at 6:50 p.m.

Chair Rosey Anderson

Clerk Abraham Sexton