

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

**TIME:** 6:00 p.m., Thursday, June 2, 2022

**PLACE:** Barnwell Elementary School Multi-Purpose Room, 10524 Marlboro Avenue, Barnwell, SC 29812

**PRESENT:**

**Board of Trustees:** Rosey Anderson, Chair; Felicia Devore, Vice-chair; 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; Kelli Johnson, IT Technician; Daphne Still, Curriculum Support Coach; Lisa Solomons, Benefits Coordinator, Kinley Hair, Human Resources Coordinator

**Other:** People-Sentinel

The agenda for the meeting was as follows:

### OPENING BUSINESS

1. Rosey Anderson, Chair congratulated Superintendent Stapleton on receiving her doctoral degree.
2. Rosey Anderson, Chair, called the meeting to order. Dr. Rhett Richardson, member, delivered the reflection. Becky Huggins 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.
3. The board unanimously approved the agenda. Motion was made by Felicia Devore and seconded by Dr. Rhett Richardson.
4. The board unanimously approved the consent agenda items. Motion was made by Becky Huggins and seconded by Felicia Devore.
5. There was no hearing of the public.

### ACCOUNTABILITY

#### A. Recognition

1. Superintendent Stapleton and school administrators recognized the district's retirees.
  - a. Superintendent Stapleton expressed how wonderful it is to come together to celebrate the Retirees, Teachers of the Year, and District Teacher of the Year and she expressed that it is bittersweet and the district will miss the retirees dearly and will always be a part of our district.
    - Donna Selvey, BPS Principal, recognized:  
Kelley Carroll  
Kia Valentine  
Sherry Woods
    - Denise James, GBMS Interim Principal, recognized:  
Mary Fleetwood  
Gerald Lombardi  
Dinah Gaines
    - Franklin McCormack, BHS Principal, recognized:  
Sherri Felder  
Jeff Miller  
Paul (Pat) Thomas
    - John Hilton, Transportation Supervisor, recognized:  
Carrie Brown
    - Teresa Zorn, Food Service Director, recognized:  
Teena Renew

- b. Superintendent Stapleton asked that the retirees family members stand and be recognized as well. All together, with this year's retirees there is a total of 340 years of experience in education and 192 years in Barnwell School District 45.
2. Superintendent Stapleton recognized the district's Teachers of the Year.
    - BPS- Deanna Grubbs
    - BES- Jennifer Bodiford
    - GBMS- Elizabeth Thomas
    - BHS- Todd Teems
  3. Superintendent Stapleton announced our District Teacher of the Year.
    - Deanna Grubbs was selected as Barnwell School District 45 Teacher of the Year.

## B. Information

1. District Updates  
 Superintendent Stapleton gave the following updates:
  - a. As a part of the May 30<sup>th</sup> pay period, full-time employees who signed a contract for the 2022-2023 school year, received a \$1000 retention bonus.
  - b. Barnwell School District has a swim team that consists of 7 students. They will complete one year as a club sport.
  - c. The YMCA will have their Aquatic Center ribbon cutting on June 11, 2022.
  - d. The district will be revisiting safety plans. There will be a safety drill the 1<sup>st</sup> week of school.
  - e. Warhorse Staff Appreciation Month was during the month of May. Employees were given a gift every week during the month.
  - f. Summer Programs begin the week of June 6, 2022.

## ADVOCACY

### BASIC STRUCTURE

#### A. Actions

1. Approval of the Second Reading of the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Proposed General Budget. CFO Holly Hutto explained that the second reading of the budget contained no new information from the legislature. Based on the Senate version of the budget, there will be a step increase for all eligible employees. A legislative meeting will be held the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of June.  
 Motion made by Becky Huggins and seconded by Felicia Devore. The motion was approved unanimously.
2. Approval of the Second and Final Reading of Revisions to Policy JKA- Corporal Punishment.  
 Motion made by Becky Huggins seconded by Felicia Devore. The motion was approved unanimously.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Richardson-** Congratulations to all the retirees and thank you for the difference that you have made. I retired 4 years ago and it has given me time to reflect on my career. You will realize the positive influence that you have had on others. In life when we move on, the greatest gift is the positive impact that you have had on other people. When fall comes, and school starts, you will feel a tug because the majority of you here were always helping students. Congratulations to the District Teacher of the Year. Thank you for all you do.

**Devore-** I said I wasn't going to cry. Retirees, you have earned the right to sleep late. Thank you and you will definitely miss the kids. Thank you for everything and enjoy your time. Teachers of the Year and District Teacher of the Year, your

nomination speaks volumes for you being voted on by your peers. Thank you, we honor you, and Congratulations. Thank you Mrs. Deanna Grubbs, for being a wonderful representation of this district for being voted District Teacher of the Year.

**Huggins-** Another school year has passed and it seems to get faster every year. Thank you all for your dedication to our kids and that is your reason for being here. Students are touched by teachers, coaches, and everyone plays a vital part in their success. Your years of service speaks volumes on the impact that you have had on each of us. Congratulations Mrs. Grubbs and retirees! Thank you and enjoy this next chapter in your life.

**Anderson-** Retirees, **do** not make doctor appointments in the morning. We appreciate everything that you have done, and we will gladly take you back. We appreciate everything that you have done for the district. Teachers of the Year, we appreciate you. Being voted on by your peers means a lot. Congratulations Mrs. Grubbs for being voted as District Teacher of the Year.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

There was no need for Executive Session.

Board unanimously approved the adjournment of the meeting. The motion was made by Felicia Devore and seconded by Becky Huggins at 7:21 p.m.

Chair \_\_\_\_\_

Clerk \_\_\_\_\_