

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

TIME: 6:00 p.m., Thursday, August 11, 2022

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; 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; John Moody, IT Director

Other: Jonathan Vickery

The agenda for the meeting was as follows:

OPENING BUSINESS

1. Rosey Anderson, Chair, called the meeting to order. SGM Abraham Sexton, Clerk, 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.
2. The board unanimously approved the agenda. Motion was made by Dr. Rhett Richardson and seconded by SGM Abraham Sexton.
3. The board unanimously approved the consent agenda items. Motion was made by Felicia Devore and seconded by Becky Huggins.
4. There was no hearing of the public.

ACCOUNTABILITY

A. Recognition

1. Rosey Anderson, Chairperson, delivered a welcome back message for the 2022-2023 school year.

B. Information

1. District Updates

Superintendent Stapleton gave the following updates:

- a. The school district was able to have their district opener this year with all faculty and staff. This is the first time that everyone has been able to gather in one room since 2019.
- b. The guest speaker was Sam Glenn. He brings humor and an inspiring message as he paints his picture to fit in with the story that he is telling.
 - SGM Abraham Sexton expressed how amazed he was at how Mr. Glenn could talk and paint. He painted the bald eagle that he felt came to life and is a military emblem that represents strength.
 - Chair Rosey Anderson spoke to several teachers who were very appreciative to all be in the same place at the same time.
- c. We are very excited that Meet and Greet will be held tonight at BPS, BES, and GBMS.
- d. During the inservice week, BSD45 collaborated with the Barnwell County Sheriff's department to host an active shooter drill at BHS. There were calls made to 911, stages of actual events, emergency responders, and classroom evacuations. We have a strong partnership with agencies throughout the county. We are very grateful for their help and support. If you see someone from the emergency response agencies, please make sure to thank them.
- e. BES is the grand prize winner of the Wellness Award for their accomplishments on completing school-based wellness initiatives during the 2022-2023 school year. Each school was awarded \$1000 for meeting the wellness qualifications. BES was awarded an additional monetary award.
- f. The district provided school supplies to all students in PreK through 8th grade.

ADVOCACY

BASIC STRUCTURE

A. Actions (following Executive Session)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Huggins- The school years are coming around faster and faster. I am excited for the kids having a good teacher and school staff. Prayers for a safe and exciting year.

Richardson- The speaker at the district opener had a heart felt message about positive attitudes. You should wake up with a positive attitude. Smile or hold the door for someone. A young man walked past me today and smiled and waved, and it made me feel good. All employees should take that to heart. Always stay positive and, if you start off that way, it will continue.

Sexton- The district opener was awesome. The speaker made a positive point when he asked, "Are you the type of teacher I want to teach my child?" He was funny and informative. It was a great way to start off the staff's new school year. Thanks to everyone and I hope the kids are ready for school. The doctor said smiling is the best medicine. Always let your light shine.

Devore- I am excited about the new school term. Everyone is ready to get back, and the staff is excited about getting back to some type of normalcy. It is nice to hear that the kids are ready to go back to school. That says a lot about this district because you don't usually hear that from students about attending school.

Anderson- Thank you to everyone involved in making this school year a success. The teachers are excited, but mostly looking forward to being able to go back into the cafeteria. I am hoping that the teachers have a great year and we are all looking forward to a new year. Sports will start next week and you can find the calendars and schedules online.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

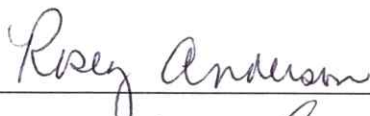
Request for motion was made by Chair Rosey Anderson to go into Executive Session at 6:24 p.m. Motion made by Dr. Rhett Richardson and seconded by Felicia Devore.

Request for motion made by Chair Rosey Anderson to come out of Executive Session at 7:15 p.m. Motion made by Becky Huggins and seconded by Felicia Devore.

Actions following Executive Session

1. Non-approval of Student A Non-Resident request. Motion made by Felicia Devore and seconded by Becky Huggins.
2. Approval of Student B and C Non-Resident request. Motion made by Dr. Rhett Richardson and seconded by Felicia Devore.

Board unanimously approved the adjournment of the meeting. The motion was made by Becky Huggins and seconded by Felicia Devore at 7:17 p.m.

Chair 

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