

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

TIME: 6:00 p.m., Thursday, September 8, 2022

PLACE: Barnwell Schools Administration Building, 770 Hagood 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; John Moody, IT Director; Holly Hutto, CFO; Franklin McCormack, Barnwell High School Principal

The agenda for the meeting was as follows:

OPENING BUSINESS

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

ACCOUNTABILITY

A. Recognition

1. Barnwell High School Principal, Franklin McCormack, recognized Grayson Thompson as the 2022-2023 BSD45 IT Apprentice. Grayson is currently a junior at BHS. Mr. McCormack introduced Grayson to the Board. Since beginning the position with the district, Grayson has worked closely beside other members of the BSD45 IT Department.

B. Information

1. District Updates

Superintendent Stapleton gave the following updates:

- a. Barnwell School District 45 will have a sealed bid auction with bids being accepted beginning Monday, September 19, 2022 and ending on Friday, September 30, 2022. Bids will be accepted for a 2000 and 2009 Blue Bird Bus. The completion date for the new activity buses is still November/December, barring any unforeseen delays.
- b. We have received OSF approval for the following projects and are currently in bid advertisement phase.
 - BPS and GBMS Gym HVAC Systems (GBMS include lobby area)
 - BHS Fire Alarm System (still awaiting approval of GBMS fire alarm system)
- c. The district is awaiting approval for the following projects:
 - HVAC Project (replacement of wall units and rooftop units at BPS, GBMS, and BHS)
 - Windows and Door Project (replacement of windows and doors at BPS, GBMS, and BHS)
- d. Superintendent Stapleton gave updates on the following:
 - BPS Dominion Energy LED Project
 - BES Playground Maintenance and Upgrades
 - Painting at BHS stadium, STAR Academy, and BES
 - New Whiteboards at BES and GBMS
 - Parking lot refinishing and relining at BHS and Bus Lot (GBMS)
- e. Superintendent Stapleton gave updates on the following:
 - BHS Dominion Energy LED Project
 - Installation of the BPS and BES School Signs
 - New teacher desks at GBMS
 - Flooring for BHS Cafeteria (furniture arriving in Mid-October for cafeteria project)

- Awnings at BPS, GBMS, and BHS
 - Replacement of GBMS Stage Curtain
 - BHS girl locker room updates
- f. Finance Updates The South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) has awarded Barnwell School District 45 an Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER) III subgrant. Allocation total is \$100,000.00.
 - g. The Barnwell High School Warhorse FCA hosted a community-wide prayer event Sunday, August 15th at 5pm on the front lawn of Barnwell High School. Students, school leaders, families, and community members gathered to pray for the 2022-2023 school year. Warhorse FCA President Karrie Bolen led the event.
 - h. During the summer, Barnwell School District 45 students from Barnwell Primary School and Barnwell Elementary School participated in leadership opportunities through Envision. According to their mission, Envision by WorldStrides programs are designed to empower, engage, and equip next generation leaders to realize the power of their potential with amazing hands-on career exploration, state-of-the-art simulations, and experiences previous participants call “amazing” and parents call “transformational.” Trey Huber, Zamari Williams, and Onyx Winns were the district’s participants.
 - i. In August 2022, the College Board awarded students from across the country with academic honors from the College Board National Recognition Programs for excelling in their classrooms and on College Board Assessments.
The following students have been awarded recognition:
 - Amiya Johnson
 - Emma Creech
 - Karoline Bolen
 - Hayden Horton
 - Hussain Godhrawala

ADVOCACY

BASIC STRUCTURE

A. Actions

1. Approval of additional 2022-2023 locally board approved World Language courses. Motion made by Dr. Rhett Richardson and seconded by Becky Huggins. The motion was approved unanimously.
2. Approval of the SCSBA Delegates for the 2022 Delegate Assembly. The elected delegate is Felicia Devore, and the alternate is Becky Huggins. Motion made by Dr. Rhett Richardson. The motion was approved unanimously.
3. Approval of the 2022-2023 Board Meeting Dates. Motion made by Felicia Devore and seconded by Becky Huggins. The motion was approved unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Huggins- Congratulation to Grayson for being selected as the first IT apprentice. I would like to say that the grandparents events across the district were amazing. Congratulations to our Warhorse football team on your wins. Go Horses!

Richardson- Thank you to the entire district for a good start to the school year. People have made comments about how well things are going in the district so far this year. Congratulations to Grayson for being chosen as the first IT apprentice and the football team for your season thus far.

Devore- Congratulations Grayson on your apprentice selection and to all the other students for your accomplishments. I am proud that we are able to provide our students with these opportunities. The students are happy to be back in school and back to some normalcy. Thank you to everyone in the district for all you do.

Anderson- Ditto to everything that was said. Congratulations to our students in the district for your accomplishments and opportunities. I am very excited for the three students that traveled out of town for the summer leadership forum.

Congratulations Grayson on your apprenticeship selection and hopefully you will continue this through college. This is a great experience for you. Congratulations to the BHS College Board students and our Warhorse football team.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Request for motion was made by Chair Rosey Anderson to go into Executive Session at 6:26 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 7:50 p.m. Motion made by Felicia Devore and seconded by Becky Huggins. No action taken.

Board unanimously approved the adjournment of the meeting at 7:51 p.m. The motion was made by Becky Huggins and seconded by Dr. Rhett Richardson.

Chair Rosey Anderson
Clerk Abraham Saylor