

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

TIME: 8:30 a.m., Thursday, November 23, 2020

PLACE: Barnwell Schools Administration Building Board Room 770 Hagood Ave., Barnwell, SC 29812 for Board Members; virtual for the public

PRESENT:

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

District Office: Crissie Stapleton, Superintendent; Jaci Bearden, IT Coach and Administrative Assistant

The agenda for the meeting was as follows:

OPENING BUSINESS

1. Mrs. Rosey Anderson, Chairman, called the meeting to order. Mr. 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 made by Mr. Rhett Richardson, and seconded by Mrs. Becky Huggins.

ACCOUNTABILITY

ADVOCACY

BASIC STRUCTURE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mrs. Rosey Anderson stated, "As Chairperson, on behalf of my fellow board members, I wish to announce that Mrs. Stapleton received an overall 'exemplary' performance evaluation. Mrs. Stapleton has done an exceptional job dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic. She has provided strong, thoughtful, and compassionate leadership during these difficult times. The Superintendent has made it her primary mission to ensure that all students and staff members are both mentally and physically safe in the school environment. We were very impressed with the return-to-school plan that allowed students face-to-face instruction since the beginning of the school year.

Madame Chairperson, after reviewing Mrs. Stapleton's evidence on the District's progress towards the Superintendent's goals, and considering the Board members' comments regarding Ms. Stapleton's job performance, I move that we conclude as a Board that Mrs. Stapleton receive an overall exemplary evaluation on the 2019-20 school year, and that as a result, we extend Mrs. Stapleton's contract with the District by one year, or through June 30, 2026.

The Board ask that we please note, for the third year in a row at the request of the Superintendent, there was no increase in salary. Since becoming Superintendent in 2017, Mrs. Stapleton has declined an increase in salary each year.

The Board thanked Mrs. Stapleton for all that she has done for the District.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The board unanimously approved a motion to enter into Executive Session at 8:35 a.m.

The board unanimously approved a motion to exit Executive Session at 10:15 a.m.

The Board unanimously approved the extension of Mrs. Stapleton's contract. The motion made by Mrs. Felicia Devore and seconded by Mrs. Becky Huggins.

The Board unanimously approved the adjournment of the meeting. Motion made by Mrs. Becky Huggins and seconded by Mrs. Felicia Devore at 10:20 a.m.

Chair Roy Anderson

Clerk Abraham Sexton