

BLACKVILLE-HILDA PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
October 11 2021

Present: Mrs. Karen Jowers –Board Chair  
Mrs. Fonda Patrick –Vice Chair  
Mrs. Carroll Priester, Secretary - Absent  
Mrs. Ethel T. Faust –Board Member  
Mrs. Tykesha Jenkins-Board Member

**Call to Order**

The Chair, Mrs. Karen Jowers, called the meeting of the Board of Trustees, Barnwell School District No. 19, to order at 5:32 p.m. This was a face to face meeting. Mrs. Fonda Patrick, Vice Chair, gave the invocation. In accordance with the South Carolina Code of laws of 1976, Section 30-4-80(e) as amended, the following were notified of this meeting: *The Barnwell People-Sentinel, and Radio Station WDOG.*

**Mission Pledge**

The Mission Pledge was read by all in attendance.

**Welcome**

The Chair, welcomed everyone that came out to the meeting tonight.

**Establishment of Quorum**

The Chair stated a Quorum was established by having 4 members present. Mrs. Priester was absent.

**Approval of Agenda**

A motion was made by Mrs. Faust, seconded by Mrs. Patrick, and unanimously passed to approve the agenda.

**Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Mrs. Patrick, seconded by Mrs. Jenkins, and unanimously passed to approve the minutes of September 13, 2021.

**Office of Superintendent**

**Finance**

**Finance Report**

Mrs. Bush, went over the finance report for September. There was some discussion on several accounts that were answered by Mrs. Bush, Mr. Corder and Mr. Smalls. A copy of the check register and budget report was mailed out in the Board packet. (See Attachment A)

**Information**

**National Beta Club School/District of Distinction**

Mr. Corder was presented a plaque for our district being the District of Distinction. A plaque was presented to Beta Club Representatives, Mrs. Dobbs for Macedonia Elementary and Mrs. Sanders for Blackville-Hilda High as well.

**Technology Update**

Mrs. Wood stated that the school received 540 Chrome Books for each student. Chromebooks that are presently being used by students should be returned to school. This will allow students to have Chromebooks at home if needed as well as in school. Mrs. Wood also stated that we received 327 Verizon hot spots and 141 AT&T hot spots. Students that have wireless in homes will not receive a hot spot. The Chromebooks and Hot Spots were paid for through EFC Funding.

**Construction Update**

Mr. Corder stated that the roofs at Macedonia Elementary Middle School are being repaired using ESSERII funding. He stated that he had a meeting with architect to discuss the roofing at the high school. The HVAC unit repairs will be paid for using ESSERIII funding. The stadium will be paid for with the district General obligation bond funds.

**Review And Action**

**First Reading of Policy GCC-2R(2) COVID-19 Related Leave Revised**

Mr. Corder read the policy on COVID-19 related leave. There was some discussion about the policy. A motion was made by Mrs. Patrick, seconded by Mrs. Faust. Mrs. Jowers opposed. Policy was approved.

**Reinstatement of ADD-Face Covering**

Mr. Corder stated that the Department of Education has approved mandate for face coverings to be worn while in school building by students and staff.

A motion was made by Mrs. Patrick, seconded by Mrs. Faust to approve Reinstatement of ADD-Face Coverings, and unanimously approved.

**Executive Session**

A motion was made by Mrs. Patrick, seconded by Mrs. Jenkins, and unanimously passed to enter into executive session to discuss student placement, legal or contractual matters, and personnel.

**Enter Into Open Session**

A motion was made by Mrs. Faust, seconded by Mrs. Jenkins, and unanimously passed to enter into open session.

**Actions From Executive Session**

A motion was made by Mrs. Faust, seconded by Mrs. Jenkins, and unanimously passed to accept recommendations from Mr. Corder for personnel.

**Board Comments**

Mrs. Jowers congratulated Mrs. Faust and Mrs. Patrick form being appointed to serve on the new School District Board.

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Mrs. Patrick stated that Mrs. Sanders and Mrs. Dobbs are doing an excellent job with the Beta Club. She also thanked Mrs. Wood for working to get the Chromebooks for students. Everyone thanked Mr. Corder for doing a great job and asked that everyone continue to work hard to for our children.

**Adjourn**

A motion was made by Mrs. Faust, seconded by Mrs. Patrick, and unanimously passed to adjourn the meeting of October 11, 2021 at 7:08 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Carroll Priester, Secretary