

BLACKVILLE-HILDA PUBLIC SCHOOLS
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
February 8, 2021

Present: Mrs. Karen Jowers –Board Chair
Mrs. Fonda Patrick –Vice Chair
Mrs. Carroll Priester -Secretary
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 5:30 p.m. All Board Members called in on the number and pin that was provided including Mr. David Corder, Interim Superintendent, and Mrs. Birt, Board Recording Secretary as well as the public due to Covid 19. 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 called into the meeting.

Establishment of Quorum

The Chair stated a Quorum was established by phone by doing a roll call. All members of the Board were present.

Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Mrs. Faust, seconded by Mrs. Jenkins, and unanimously passed to accept the agenda for the February 8, 2021, board meeting.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Mrs. Patrick, seconded by Mrs. Faust, and unanimously passed to approve the minutes of the January 11, 2021, board meeting as presented. A motion was made by Mrs. Faust, seconded by Mrs. Jenkins, and unanimously passed to approve the minutes of the January 14, 2021, board meeting as presented.

Office of Superintendent

School Updates

Mr. Eryl Smalls, Principal of Macedonia Elementary/Middle School, gave a brief update on the opening of the virtual/hybrid school. He said they had 190 students attending school. They were eating breakfast and lunch in the cafeteria, and riding the buses. He commended the teachers for the outstanding job they were doing teaching face to face and virtual. Mr. Smalls informed the Board that the most they had in the classroom were 10 students. Mrs. Christina Snider, Principal at the Blackville-Hilda High School, stated that she had 85 face to face students. She stated that she had 42 to 43 students attending each day. The largest class had 10 students. She stated that Mrs. Dobbs, ELA Teacher, was doing an outstanding job and the EOC scores were very high. Some members of the Board discussed Benchmark testing and MAP testing scores with the Principals. Mr. Corder said he would like to commend Mr. Smalls, Mrs. Snider, Mrs. Calhoun, and Coach Mason on doing the tasks he gave them to get the schedules and buses going for the schools to re-open. He said they did an outstanding job. Mr. Corder informed the Board that Nurse Ford was in touch with DHEC and reported any cases we had knowledge of and DHEC kept in touch with her on the latest protocol she needed for the district.

Finance

Finance Report

Mrs. Bush, finance director, went over the finance report for January. The December Financial copy was sent in the Board packages. The Board Members asked several questions about the finance report and the CARES ACT. (See Attachment A)

Superintendent

Audit Report

Mr. Jim McGuire, of McGregor & Company, presented the audit report for year ended June 30, 2020. Mr. McGuire used the audit report to go over important facts that the Board needed to know. He stated that the fund balance was \$1,319,390. He continued with the audit book until he finished with the important facts that he felt the Board Members needed to know. The Board accepted this as information. (See attachment B)

Executive Session

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

Enter Into Open Session

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

Actions From Executive Session

A motion was made by Mrs. Priester, seconded by Mrs. Faust, and unanimously passed to accept the Superintendents recommendation to hire employee A for the Save the Children position.

Conference/Meeting Reminders

Mrs. Birt, Board recording secretary, read the reminders of the upcoming meeting and board elections on the agenda.

Board Comments

Mrs. Priester had a concern about parents reporting their children if they had Covid to the district Nurse.
Mrs. Patrick appreciated the time and patience with the Board and hoped to have a cohesive environment
Mrs. Faust stated she appreciated Mr. Corder and the staff on the good audit.
Mrs. Priester asked if the Middle School roof had been complete. Mr. Corder said it was completed.
Mrs. Jowers stated she appreciated Mr. Corder, Mrs. Birt and all that worked that to keep us looking good and all the staff that works so hard to keep us going.
Mrs. Jenkins had no comment.

Adjourn

A motion was made by Mrs. Priester, seconded by Mrs. Faust, and unanimously passed to adjourn the meeting of February 8, 2021 at 7:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Carroll Priester, Secretary

Yvonne S. Birt
Board Recording Secretary