

BLACKVILLE-HILDA PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
September 12, 2016

Present: Mrs. Carroll Priester  
Mrs. Ethel T. Faust  
Mrs. Sharon McClary  
Mrs. Karen Jowers  
Mr. George K. Fickling, Jr. - absent

The Chair called the meeting of the Board of Trustees, Barnwell School District No. 19 to order at the Blackville Hilda Public Schools Board Room at 7:00 p.m. Mrs. Ethel T. Faust 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**

Mrs. Priester welcomed everyone in attendance.

**Establishment of Quorum**

Mrs. Priester stated four members were present. Mr. Fickling was absent.

**Public Comments**

Mr. Jonathan Vickery, Managing Editor for *The People Sentinel*, spoke about the proposed changes on policy BEDH Public Participation at Meetings. He also spoke on the possibility of changing the times of the Board Meetings. Mr. Vickery handed out a copy of his article printed in the *The People Sentinel*. (See attachment A)

**Approval of Agenda**

A motion was made by Mrs. Faust, seconded by Mrs. McClary and unanimously passed to approve the agenda for the September 12, 2016 meeting as presented.

**Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Mrs. Faust, seconded by Mrs. McClary and unanimously passed to accept the minutes of August 16, 2016 meeting as presented. Mrs. Priester asked that on page 4 to follow through with obtaining the schedules of fundraisers and check on the concession money.

### **Executive Session**

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

### **Open Session**

A motion was made by Mrs. Faust, seconded by Mrs. Jowers and unanimously passed to return to open session.

**Action on Executive Session Items** - A motion was made by Mrs. Faust, seconded by Mrs. McClary and unanimously passed to adopt the 28 year pay scale for bus drivers. (See Attachment B)

### **Operations**

#### **Operations Update-Construction & Maintenance**

Mr. Corder gave an update on operations of construction & Maintenance. The air conditioning units at the high school have all been installed. Mr. Corder informed the Board that the field house has a new roof as well as a new air conditioning unit. Ceiling tile, restroom facilities and floor tiles are also being replaced in the field house. The high school auditorium is in the process of being painted and the restrooms are being renovated. The football field restrooms and press box have been renovated also. The tile in the hallway of Macedonia Elementary School has been completed. The classrooms and office area are scheduled to be tiled next.

#### **Federal Program Updates**

Mr. Corder stated the Title 1 and Title 2 applications are waiting to be officially approved. He talked about the things that are being funded for this year. He stated that he spent \$60,000 for classroom libraries and circulations in the libraries from the Title 1 mini grant. He also informed the Board that they paid for Balance Literacy Training for all the teachers at each school using Title 1 and Title 2 funds. He is now providing a graduate course to add on the Read to Success endorsement. The teachers only had to pay for the registration fee and the cost of the book. They will have 6 graduate hours when they finish. The current Title 2 plan will pay to bring in consultants for our teachers and principals. The Board and Dr. Johnson discussed repairs to the old ETV center and trying to obtain ownership of the building.

### **Finance**

Ms. Shereca Anderson, Finance Director and Mrs. LaPrecious Rivers, Assistant Finance Director, gave out the July check register. Ms. Anderson said that the transparencies would be on the website within this month. (See Attachment C)

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### **Review and Action**

#### **Human Resources**

**Personnel** - A motion was made by Mrs. McClary, seconded by Mrs. Faust and unanimously passed to approve all the recommendations for personnel made by Dr. Johnson. Mrs. Faust recused herself from one of votes on personnel stating the reason was a family member.

**Policy Revision –Second and Final Reading** – Dr. Johnson asked that the policies be approved for second and final reading. A motion was made by Mrs. Faust, seconded by Mrs. McClary and unanimously passed to accept the second and final reading of policies, GCC, GCC-R, BEDH, IKE, GBEBB, GBEBB-R, GBEBB, GBEBD, GBEBDA, DI, DI-R, JICJ, JICJ-R, IJNDB, IJNDB-R (1), IJNBD-R (2) and IJNBD-R (3). Mrs. Jowers opposed Policy BEDH Public Participation at Meetings. (See Attachment D)

**Curriculum and Instruction Update** – Ms. Blue Huggins, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, gave an update on curriculum. She shared that she had received the SC Ready data, the MAP data and Benchmark. She said they were currently analyzing the data to get it ready to present at the next Board Meeting. She stated that she wanted a plan in place to help the students achieve their goals. Ms. Huggins spoke on all the different meeting with teachers and staff concerning the tests that were given. Dr. Johnson stated the October meeting will be mostly on data so that everyone would know what direction we were going and what was being put in place. There was discussion with the Board on the current 2<sup>nd</sup> graders.

**Technology Update-** Ms. Daphne Wood, Technology Director, gave an update to the Board. She talked about on-line Readiness Assessment. The State hired a consultant to come to all districts that were involved in the Abbeville Lawsuit. Ms. Wood said she asked for over \$8 million in help with infrastructure, hardware, workstations and teacher readiness. Infrastructure, hardware, teacher readiness is now what they will consider funding. We are now waiting for the state legislature to review our proposal for the district. The money is there, but the state legislature has to come to an agreement before we can be funded. Heather Sutton will be our consultant for our district and will oversee the funding once it becomes available for us.

**Special Services Update** – Mrs. Leah Bias, Director of Special Services, gave an update on special services. She stated that she had replaced the long term substitute teacher at the high school with a

certified special education teacher. She now has two teachers at the elementary school, one at the middle school and one at the high school. Mrs. Bias stated that additional support services will come

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Into the school to help provide services such as speech, occupational therapy and physical therapy. She informed the Board that she also had an alternative student who required services from the deaf and blind. Mrs. Bias said she wanted to be in compliance with providing services to our students at no additional cost to them. Mrs. Bias also stated that she was in compliance with the private school to offer them the same services that are provided at the public education level. The child find advertisement is put in the paper quarterly. Mrs. Bias also informed the Board about mass screening for students. Barnwell 19 offers pull out services at the school and we do not have self-contained. Students that are high maintenance are served through Barnwell District 45. Mrs. Bias stated that they follow the IEP to make sure they are given services that they are deficit in.

### **Superintendent**

**Superintendent's Update** – Dr. Johnson thanked the members of the Board for their support. Dr. Johnson said the Directors and the individuals that work in the district, principals, teachers and everybody has been trying to do what they need to do. We are trying to get all information out to parents through Mr. Saxton. Please feel free to contact any of our staff members anytime you have a question. Dr. Johnson stated that if anyone needs to talk to him he is always available. He invited everyone to the informational meeting at the elementary school at 6:00 on Wednesday. Middle and high school will also have an informational meeting as soon as they can set a date for it. He talked about informational observations at the schools. He stated that our teachers and staff need to know that we are here to support them and help them do what they need to do to help our students perform on grade level and to succeed. Dr. Johnson informed the Board that he and Mr. Corder would be at an Abbeville Lawsuit conference on Monday. Tuesday and Wednesday he will be attending the high school league. New personnel and roundtable discussion in Greenville will be attended by Ms. Huggins, Mr. Corder and Dr. Johnson. Dr. Johnson discussed the phases of getting ID badges for all staff, faculty and students.

### **Review and Action**

**Board Meeting Times-** The Board has decided to keep the meetings on the second Monday of the month. We will keep most meetings at 6 or 7 o'clock but budget and different meetings will be held in the mornings. Mrs. Priester stated that two or three of the meetings will be in the day time. The change in time has not been specific, but if we start early we will notify the media well in advance. We will hold executive session first from 5 to 6 p.m. and this will help to not be on the road so late at night.

**Young Enchanting Sisters (Y.E.S.) use of Facilities** - Dr. Johnson shared a letter sent from the Y.E.S. group asking for the use of facilities at the Golden Retreat Center. Dr. Johnson said in the letter they are asking that all the fees be waived for the use of the facility. Mrs. Priester stated that she had no idea that the building was being used for free. Madam Chair stated that all Board Members or staff members

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pay for the use of the building. She said that if we let one group use the building for free, then we would have to allow other groups to use it for free. Madam Chair and the Board agreed that the consensus of the Board is not to waive fees for the use of the Golden Retreat Center by the Y.E.S. Group. (See Attachment E)

#### **Conference/Meeting Reminders/Board Comments**

Mrs. Priester stated the Risky Business Conference is coming up in October. Dr. Johnson stated that Mrs. Birt and the Finance Department would be attending. Dr. Johnson stated he would attend the conference if his schedule permits.

Dr. Johnson reminded the Board of the informational meeting at Macedonia Elementary School at 6:00 on Wednesday.

A motion was made by Mrs. McClary and seconded by Mrs. Faust and unanimously passed to appoint Mrs. Jowers as the delegate and Mrs. Faust as the alternate to the SCSBA.

#### **Board Comments**

Mrs. Priester thanked Dr. Johnson for all the renovations that were going on in the district. She said that she was excited to see all the progress that was being made.

Mrs. Faust stated that she toured the schools with Mr. Fickling and she said she was pleased that everyone was working together and how nice the schools looked.

Mrs. McClary said she was excited to see the schools and community working together. She was excited to see how many community members attended the ballgame in McCormack to support the football team.

#### **Adjournment**

**Adjourn** - A motion was made by Mrs. Jowers, seconded by Mrs. Faust to adjourn the meeting of September 12, 2016 at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon McClary, Secretary