

Minutes of Barnwell County School District Board of Trustees
Work Session
Friday, March 8, 2024
(770 Hagood Avenue, Barnwell, South Carolina 29812)

Board Members Present: Chairperson Terry Richardson, Ronnie Brown, Becky Huggins, SGM Abraham Sexton, and Dr. Andy Sandifer

I. Opening Business

- A. Call to Order, Reflection, Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, FOI Notice

Chair Richardson called the meeting to order at 9:15 am. Dr. Andy Sandifer led the Reflection and the Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Chair Richardson confirmed the media was notified.

- B. Approval of Agenda – Chair Terry Richardson

Chair Richardson asked board members if there were any objections to approving the agenda as presented. A motion was made by SGM Abraham Sexton to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Becky Huggins. Hearing no objections, the agenda was unanimously approved.

II. Information Items

Dr. Crystal Stapleton provided information to the board members and led discussion on the following topics:

- A. Discussion of Barnwell County School District Facility Plan Phase II

Dr. Stapleton provided a brief overview of Phase II of the Facility Plan.

- B. Presentations for Architectural/Engineering Services

The following firms led their presentations for the Board of Trustees, and board members asked questions regarding the presentations.

1. Jumper, Carter, and Sease (began at 9:21am)
2. Hord, Caplan, Macht (began at 10:15am)
3. SSOE (began at 11:06am)

III. Executive Session

SGM Abraham Sexton made a motion to enter Executive Session for the purpose of *“Discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangement.”* Becky

Huggins seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved. The Board of Trustees entered Executive Session at 12:01pm.

Dr. Andy Sandifer made a motion to return to open session, and SGM Abraham Sexton seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved, and the Board of Trustees returned to open session at 12:17pm.

Upon return to open session, Ronald Brown made a motion to select SSOE as the Architectural/Engineering Services firm subject to negotiations. SGM Abraham Sexton seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Chair Terry Richardson asked the district to notify the firm that the district was moving forward with negotiations.

IV. Information Items

C. Presentations for Construction Management At-Risk Services

The following firms led their presentations for the Board of Trustees, and board members asked questions regarding the presentations.

1. Edcon General Contractors (began at 12:45pm)
2. M. B. Kahn (began at 1:30pm)
3. H.G. Reynolds (began at 2:09pm)

D. District Updates regarding Consolidation Process and Consolidation Plan

Superintendent Stapleton presented the first edit of the new Barnwell County School District recruitment video to the Board of Trustees.

Franklin McCormack presented the new Barnwell County School District website to the board members. Mr. McCormack also showed the School Choice page on the new website, and Dr. Stapleton explained the School Choice application window to the board members.

V. Executive Session

Dr. Andy Sandifer made a motion to enter Executive Session for the purpose of *"Discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangement."* SGM Abraham Sexton seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved. The Board of Trustees entered Executive Session at 3:03pm.

Dr. Andy Sandifer made a motion to return to open session, and Becky Huggins seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved, and the Board of Trustees returned to open session at 3:16pm.

Upon return to open session, Ronald Brown made a motion to select H.G. Reynolds as the Construction Management at Risk Services for the district subject to negotiations. Becky Huggins seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

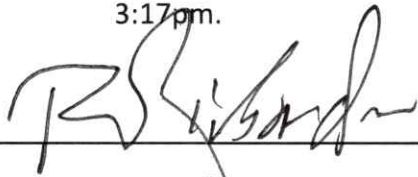
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Adjournment

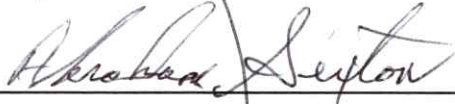
E. Meeting Adjournment

Ronald Brown made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Dr. Andy Sandifer. There were no objections to adjourning. The meeting adjourned at 3:17pm.

Chair

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Clerk

Handwritten signature of Abraham Sexton in cursive script, written over a horizontal line.