

Minutes of Barnwell County School District Board of Trustees
Special-Called Meeting
Monday, May 6, 2024
(770 Hagood Avenue, Barnwell, South Carolina 29812)

Board Members Present: Chairperson Terry Richardson, Ronnie Brown, Becky Huggins, SGM Abraham Sexton (not present at the start of the meeting), 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 9:30 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

A motion was made by Dr. Andy Sandifer to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Ronald Brown. Hearing no objections, the agenda was unanimously approved.

II. New Business

Holly Hutto, CFO presented the First Reading of the General Fund 2024-2025 Budget for approval.

- After discussion with Sandy Houck at DOR and Gwen Kinard, Barnwell County Auditor, the millage has been set at 243.1 mills. This millage rate takes into consideration the mills needed to produce revenue for all the county schools and the Career Center.
- This millage set by DOR does not include the increase limitation allowed by local governing bodies. The school district is allowed to increase the millage rate based on the consumer price index (CPI) increase. The increase allowed is 4.12%. That increase for the school district equates to 10 mills. Operating millage does not affect owner occupied homes – only non-owner occupied, commercial, and industrial properties.
- Projections from the Senate have been considered when setting the revenues.
- The state minimum salary schedule draft and the bus driver recommendation has been used with setting teacher and certified salaries and bus driver pay.

- Each department has met and determined the best way to consolidate any purchase services that have been utilized. Some examples: Lawn care has now been added to Williston Schools and the Career Center, the accounting software has been brought together into one program, Special Services has determined what purchase services they will use and utilize throughout the County, IT has worked diligently to equalize the technology across the county and bring all purchase services together.
- During the collaborative budget process, each department and school was given the opportunity to discuss their individual needs for supplies. Those needs have been assessed and have been distributed appropriately based on student population, programs offered, special considerations, and overall needs.

**FY 2024-2025
RECOMMENDED GENERAL FUND BUDGET**

Local Taxes (Taxes, etc.)	\$12,185,201.00	27%
State Funding and State Revenue in Lieu of Taxes	\$27,696,089.50	62%
Federal and Transfers (DOE and Indirect Cost)	\$ 2,486,467.00	5.5%
Consolidation Funds	\$ 2,500,000.00	5.5%
Total Revenue	\$44,867,757.50	100%
Salary & Benefits	\$39,483,626.60	88%
Purchased Services	\$3,140,743.02	7%
Supplies & Other	\$2,243,387.88	5%
Total Expenditures	\$44,867,757.50	100%

A. Approval of First Reading of General Fund 2024-2025 Budget

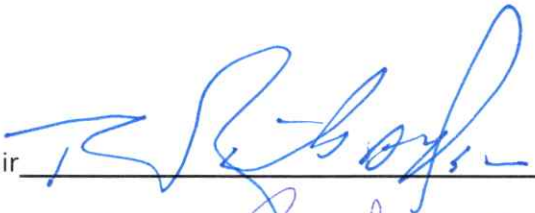
(Action) Motion was made by Dr. Andy Sandifer to approve the first reading of the General Fund 2024-2025 Budget. The motion was seconded by Becky Huggins. The motion was unanimously approved.

III. Adjournment

A. 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 9:56 am.

SGM Abraham Sexton, Clerk was not present in the room during the motion for adjournment.

Chair 

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