

Minutes of Barnwell County School District Board of Trustees
Work Session
Thursday, May 23, 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

Dignitaries Present: Senator Brad Hutto, Representative Lonnie Hosey

I. Opening Business

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

Chair Richardson called the meeting to order at 8:10am am. SGM Abraham Sexton 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 Dr. Andy Sandifer to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by SGM Abraham Sexton. Hearing no objections, the agenda was unanimously approved.

II. Information Items

A. Presentation of Facility Plan Phase II Deliverables – SSOE and H.G. Reynolds

Dr. Crystal Stapleton shared a brief overview of Phase II of the Board’s Facility Plan. She then recognized Tim Williams from SSOE and Jeffrey Reynolds from H.G. Reynolds to share Phase II Deliverables.

SSOE and H. G. Reynolds presented the most up-to-date programs completed in collaboration with the district and school leaders. These programs outlined the parts of the high school and career center programming, as well as outlined in detail net area, total net, and actual square footage.

Conceptual Site Plan Studies were presented in four possible options, which were discussed in depth.

- Site 1 Concept – New CATE Focused High School at site to be determined
- Site Concept 2 – New CATE Focused High School at Barnwell High School Site

- Site Concept 3 – New CATE Focused High School – Renovate Existing Buildings at BHS
- Site Concept 4 – New Cate Focused High School – Renovate Existing Gym at BHS Site

The cost projections were shared for each concept, including breakdowns of each concept.

The Future Arena and Farm were presented as Future Plans.

A cost comparison overview, including identified concerns with each option, was presented and discussed.

Williams and Reynolds shared their ranking of the options: Concept 1, Concept 2, Concept 4, then Concept 3. A final recommendation was made for Concept 2.

B. Discussion of Barnwell County School District Historic Committees

The superintendent and board members discussed the historic committees and shared lists of names to be approved in June for the board appointed committees.

C. Discussion of District Policy Recommendations

The superintendent and board members discussed the Facility Naming Policy (Policy FF), Facility Naming Request Form, and the use of the Carolyne S. Williams Early Childhood Center by Hagood Avenue Baptist Church.

D. General Fund 2024-2025 Budget Information

The superintendent and board members, along with Chief Operations Officer Mike Beasley and CFO Holly Hutto, discussed the athletic supplements for the 24-25 school year. These will be approved as part of the General Fund Budget.

E. Review of Capital Improvement List 2024-2025

The superintendent and board members, along with Chief Operations Officer Mike Beasley and CFO Holly Hutto, reviewed the capital improvements list for the 24-25 school year. These will be approved as part of the General Fund Budget.

F. District Updates

During district updates, the board members discussed:

- Open school administrator positions
- Locally board approved courses for the 24-25 school year
- BCSD logo options
- Out of District tuition fees

Please note within the aforementioned minutes, the following occurred:

- Senator Hutto and Representative Hosey left the meeting at 10:33am, following Presentation of Facility Plan Phase II Deliverables by SSOE and H.G. Reynolds.
- Lunch was served at 12:03pm.

III. Executive Session

SGM Abraham Sexton made a motion to enter Executive Session for the purpose of:

Discussion of Out of District Student Requests – Student A and Student B

Discussion of Employment – District Leadership Positions

Mrs. Becky Huggins seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved. The Board of Trustees entered Executive Session at 12:27pm.

Dr. Andy Sandifer made a motion to return to open session, and Mr. Ronnie Brown seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved, and the Board of Trustees returned to open session at 12:40pm.

Upon return to open session, no action was taken.

IV. Adjournment

a. Meeting Adjournment

Chair Richardson asked if there was any objection to adjourning the work session. There were no objections to adjourning. The meeting adjourned at 12:54pm.

Chair



Clerk

