

**Minutes of Barnwell County School District Board of Trustees**  
**Work Session**  
**Thursday, September 5, 2024**  
**(770 Hagood Avenue, Barnwell, South Carolina 29812)**

Board Members Present: Chairperson Terry Richardson, Ronnie Brown, Becky Huggins, SGM Abraham Sexton, 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 8:00 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 Mrs. Becky Huggins 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. Dr. Stapleton presented Information in Regard to the District Facility Plan**

Dr. Stapleton explained that there had been questions in the previous work session about the facility study updates. She explained that the purpose of this work session is to discuss and answer any questions regarding the options presented and to receive direction regarding any additional information needed to make a decision, as well as discuss any other questions that the board members may have going forward.

Dr. Stapleton provided updates, and the board members discussed the following:

- Reviewing the Options presented by SSOE and H. G. Reynolds
- Answers to Questions regarding the Future Arena and Farm Program
- Additional Pros and Cons of Options 1 and 2
- Steps for Selecting a Site with OSF
- Revisiting the Land Options (discussed in previous work sessions with new information and answers to questions asked previously)
- Revisiting Funding Options

- A Closer Look at Athletic Funding included for Option 1
- Revisiting the Fund Balance Summary
- FEMA Gym/Safe House Update
- Other district considerations: graduation dates, facility requests, and facility project updates

III. **Adjournment**

A. Meeting Adjournment

Dr. Andy Sandifer made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ronnie Brown. There were no objections to adjourning. The meeting adjourned at 10.42 am.

Chair 

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