

Minutes of Barnwell County School District

Board of Trustees Special-Called Meeting

Swearing-in of BCSD Board of Trustees

Monday, November 18, 2024

(770 Hagood Avenue, Barnwell, South Carolina 29812)

Board Members Present: Becky Huggins, Felicia Devore, Rosey Anderson, Catrena Hughes-Parker, John Melton

I. Opening Business

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

Becky Huggins called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Becky Huggins led the Reflection and the Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Dr. Stapleton confirmed the media was notified.

B. Approval of Agenda – Becky Huggins

A motion was made by Rosey Anderson to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Felicia Devore. Hearing no objections, the agenda was unanimously approved.

II. New Business

A. Swearing-in of Barnwell County School District Board of Trustees

Dr. Stapleton expressed how wonderful it is to be here tonight for the purpose of swearing in our newly elected board members. The board members were congratulated for being chosen by the community to represent them on the first ever elected School Board for Barnwell County School District. We are very excited about this next part of the journey as we continue into the first year as Barnwell County School District.

Each board member came forward, one at a time, to be sworn in by Dr. Stapleton. This was done in the following order as called upon by Dr. Stapleton: Rosey Anderson, Felicia Devore, Catrena Hughes-Parker, Becky Huggins, and John Melton.

The South Carolina Constitution requires each board member to swear or affirm the following Oath: *"I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I am duly qualified, according to the Constitution of this State, to exercise the duties of the office to which I have been elected (or appointed) and that I will, to the best of my ability, discharge the duties thereof, and preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution of this State of the United States. So help me God."*

Becky Huggins announced that the regular monthly board meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 26, 2024. She also expressed on behalf of everyone that it is a pleasure to have the support of our community and have the honor to serve on the School Board of Trustees. She stated that she looked forward to working with everyone and building a strong relationship and that the future here in Barnwell is so incredibly bright. She addressed Dr. Stapleton and said it is a privilege and honor to be able to continue to work alongside her.

III. Adjournment

A. Meeting Adjournment

Felicia Devore made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Catrena Hughes-Parker. There were no objections to adjourning. The meeting adjourned at 6:11 p.m.

Chair Becky W Huggins

Clerk Rosay Anderson