

Minutes of Barnwell County School District Board of Trustees
Work Session
Tuesday, April 8, 2025
(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

Chair Becky Huggins called the meeting to order at 8:07am. Chair Huggins led the Reflection and the Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Chair Huggins confirmed the media was notified.

B. Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Mrs. Felicia Devore to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Catrena Hughes-Parker. Hearing no objections, the agenda was unanimously approved.

II. Information Items

A. Discussion of Consolidation Plan and Facility Plan

Dr. Stapleton provided updates regarding the design and development process for the new high school facility, including committees and groups who would be meeting, and the FEMA Safe Room project. The members discussed the final finishes for the FEMA gymnasium.

B. Discussion of Budgetary Information for Preparation of 2025-2026 BCSD General Fund Budget

CFO Holly Hutto discussed general budgetary information in regard to the finalizing of the 2025-2026 BCSD General Budget. This included, but was not limited to, house projections, state revenues and other revenue sources, millage rates, budget considerations from the General Assembly, salary schedules, and proposed general fund budget information.

Dr. Stapleton led discussion on the following budgetary topics: bonuses/incentives, supplemental budgets, and facility costs.

C. Discussion of BCSD Strategic Plan and School Plans

The Superintendent and the board members discussed the district and school strategic

plans. A packet was presented with highlights from each school and the district office, including performance goals and action steps for the new five-year plans.

Dr. Stapleton presented the newly proposed BCSD Vision, Mission, and Core Values, as well as the feedback data provided by survey participants.

D. Discussion of District Updates

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

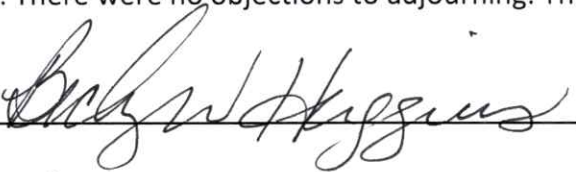
- BCSD Partnership with Child Development Centers and Darnell
- Locally Board Approved Courses for Approval for 2025-2026
- BCSD Math Textbook Adoption
- BCSD Contracts and Positions for Approved Staff
- BCSD School Choice Overview

III. **Adjournment**

A. Meeting Adjournment

Mr. John Melton made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Felicia Devore. There were no objections to adjourning. The meeting adjourned at 12:18pm.

Chair



Clerk

