

Minutes of Barnwell County School District Board of Trustees

Work Session

Wednesday, May 28, 2025

10:30am

(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 11:00am. (Please note: The meeting was delayed 30 minutes because of the 8th grade promotion ceremony at WEMS.) Chair Huggins gave the Reflection and led the Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Chair Huggins confirmed the media was notified.

B. Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Mrs. Rosey Anderson to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. John Melton. Hearing no objections, the agenda was unanimously approved.

II. Information Items

A. Discussion of District Updates and Policies

Superintendent Crissie Stapleton shared updates regarding the facility plan, specifically the feedback stage following the recent focus groups for the new facility. She also shared specific feedback from the community and student surveys administered in regard to the new facility.

Mike Beasley presented recommendations from the Facility Usage Committee made of administrators across the district. This included recommended fees, suggestions for changes to the application and contract, and question/answer period for any other aspects of this board policy.

Mike Beasley presented recommendations from his Mascot Committees, both the student committee (which included high school principals) and the community committee. He shared how the committees were formed with individuals across the county, how they operated the past several weeks, and how they came to a recommendation to bring the board members. He also presented the committee's

top two mascot choices, along with color options they recommended. After discussion, the board asked him to bring the top recommendation back for consideration at the June board meeting, along with colors, graphics, etc.

Superintendent Stapleton presented Student A and Student B school choice requests to attend school in BCSD.

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

CFO Holly Hutto provided the board with an overview of the current proposed budget. The CFO reviewed budgetary considerations and updates for the FY 2025-2026 General Fund. This included millage rate and CPI, revenue projections, budget considerations, salary impact examples, loss of consolidation funds for upcoming school year, and an overview of the budgeting process and collaborative meetings that occurred during the budget season.

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 1:00pm.

Please Note: The group did take one break during the work session – one at 12:24pm. Lunch was served and the group continued meeting until adjournment.

Chair Becky W. Higgins

Clerk Rose Anderson