

Minutes of Barnwell County School District Board of Trustees

Work Session

Wednesday, March 25, 2026

(770 Hagood Avenue, Barnwell, SC 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 8:18am. Chair Huggins led the Reflection and the Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Becky Huggins confirmed the FOI Notice went out as required by the Freedom of Information Act.

B. Approval of Agenda

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

II. Information Items

A. Discussion of Updates regarding Facility Plan

Dr. Stapleton shared information on the following:

- FEMA Gymnasium Update
- New High School Update

B. Discussion of Strategic Plan Highlights for Each School and District

C. Discussion of 202-2027 BCSD Budget

- Not to exceed \$2,400,000 general obligation bond through the 2025 SCAGO Spring GO Program

D. Discussion of District Updates

- Community Use of Facilities Policy
- School Choice Summary

III. Executive Session

A motion was made to enter Executive Session at 9:34am for the purposes outlined on the agenda. The motion was made by Catrena Hughes-Parker and seconded by Felicia Devore. There was no discussion, and the motion was approved unanimously.

The Board entered Executive Session at 9:34am for the purpose of:

- To discuss any contractual agreements currently in place for the district or discussion of negotiations incident to contractual arrangements in regard to agenda items.
- To discuss any confidential employee or student matters in regard to agenda items. Specifically the re-elect lists for the 2026-2027 school year.

At 12:32pm, Rosey Anderson made a motion to come out of Executive Session, and Felicia Devore seconded the motion, There was no discussion, and the motion passed unanimously.

IV. **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 12:32pm.

Please Note:

The group took a break during the work session at 9:04am and started back at 9:18am.

At 10 am, SRP Community Engagement Specialist, Michael Clennett, along with team members from the Barnwell and Williston branches, presented a check to the superintendent and members of the Board of Trustees.

Lunch was served during Executive Session and the Board continued meeting through lunch.

Chair Becky Whiggins

Clerk Rosey Anderson