

Berkeley County School District – Board of Education Meeting

November 15, 2016

Observers: Mev McIntosh and Jane Pulling

Note: Observers provided the attached as meeting summary prepared by the Berkeley County School District's Department of Communication.



BERKELEY COUNTY
SCHOOL DISTRICT

Department of Communications and Community Engagement

Brenda B. Blackburn Archie Franchini Donald B. Porter, Ed.D. Superintendent of
Schools Deputy Superintendent Director of Communications

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Below are highlights from last night's Board of Education meeting.

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Board of Education Swearing-In and Officer Elections

Four* new members of the Board of Education were sworn in at the meeting. They are:

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- € Michael Ramsey
- € Laura Kelly
- € Kelly Spann, Jr.
- € Ann Conder

District 1 District 3 District 7 District 9

*Brian Adams, District 5, was absent

The Board also elected new officers. They are:

- € Sally Wofford Chair
- € Mac McQuillin Vice Chair **Board Actions APPROVED**
- HG Reynolds to begin work on the Early Site Package for Bowen's Corner Elementary
 - The work is not to exceed \$2 million dollars and will be included in the Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) to be presented at a later date.
 - € The termination of existing legal counsel, Childs & Halligan
 - € Brandon Gaskins of Moore Van Allen and Joshua Whitley of Smythe Whitley LLC to serve as interim general counsel **Appointments** Upon returning from executive session, Superintendent Blackburn recommended that the Board

name Rebecca Doyle as the new Interim Curriculum Coordinator of Programs for Students with Disabilities. The Board

unanimously approved this appointment.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Blackburn welcomed the new Board members and expressed her excitement to work with the entire board on new opportunities for BCSD. Recognizing American Education Week, Superintendent Blackburn thanked all educators and asked classroom teachers, support staff and administrators to stand. She also officially introduced the new Director of Communications and Community Engagement, Dr. Donnie Porter. Superintendent Blackburn shared that she hosted a successful luncheon for area realtors last week, mentioning that many who attended shared their positive experiences with BCSD schools. Finally, she emphasized the importance of BCSD's ongoing efforts to make safety a priority as officials prepare for the joint effort with the Berkeley County Sheriff's Office and the Berkeley County Emergency Preparedness Department to conduct the fall active shooter training exercise at Sangaree Intermediate on November 17.

Board Chair Report

Ms. Wofford informed the Board that a representative and an alternate were still needed to represent the Board at the South Carolina School Board Association's (SCSBA) Legislative Advocacy Conference scheduled for December 2-4. She shared with the new board members that the SCSBA will hold a new board member training at a multi-day convention in February, but offered to schedule a training for members in December if they did not want to wait until February. She asked that members interested in attending provide her with their availability for the December training with the SCSBA. Board members scheduled a special meeting to begin at 5 p.m. before the regular meeting on December 13 to discuss opportunities for teacher recruitment programs and funding proposals in more detail.