

Barnwell School District 19 and Williston School District 29
Board of Trustees
Joint Work Session
June 12, 2019
10:00 a.m.
Barnwell County Career Center
5214 Reynolds Road
Barnwell, South Carolina 29812

OPEN SESSION

1. Call to Order

Williston School District 29 Board Chair Michael L. Hutto called the June 12, 2019, special joint work session to order at 10:04 am.

Barnwell School District 19 members present: Board Chair Ethel T. Faust, Vice-Chair Karen Jowers, Secretary Fonda Patrick, and Member Carroll Priester.

Williston School District 29 members present: Board Chair Michael L. Hutto and Vice-Chair Ferlecia A. Cuthbertson.

Media: None present

Administration present: Blackville School District 29 Interim Superintendent David Corder, Williston School District 29 Superintendent Dr. Marcella Shaw, Barnwell School District 19 Director of Special Services Leah Bias, Attorney Connie Jackson from Halligan Mahoney & Williams, Barnwell School District 19 Recording Secretary Yvonne Birt, Williston School District 29 Recording Secretary Debbie Muns, Barnwell County Career Center Director David Augustine and 1 guest.

2. Invocation/Pledge Allegiance to the American Flag

The invocation was given by Ms. Faust, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag.

3. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Hutto asked that the agenda be approved as written.

MOTION: Mrs. Cuthbertson SECOND: Ms. Faust

ACTION: Motion passed unanimously by a show of hands.

4. Introductions

Ms. Faust asked that her board members and Interim Superintendent introduce themselves to the other Board members. Mr. Hutto asked that his board member and Superintendent do likewise. All introductions were made.

CLOSED SESSION

5. Executive Session: Legal and Contractual Matters Regarding District Consolidation-Proviso 1.88

At 10:09 am, Mrs. Cuthbertson made a motion that the two school Boards enter executive session for the discussion of legal and contractual matters regarding district consolidation-Proviso 1.88. Ms. Faust seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously by a show of hands.

At 11:37 am, Mrs. Cuthbertson made a motion to exit executive session. Ms. Jowers seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously by a show of hands.

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6. Action on matters discussed in Executive Session

No action was taken.

Before adjournment Mr. Hutto explained that the two school Boards met today to talk about the possibilities of consolidation, what does consolidation look like. Mr. Hutto went on to explain that Williston School District 29 would be having a meeting on June 20, 2019, and Barnwell School District 19 would be having a meeting on June 27, 2019. Both meetings will be open to the public for some comments about consolidation. He went on to say that a tentative meeting for both Boards to meet again had been set for July 15th. Mr. Hutto said this meeting will be a continuation for both school Boards to go forward to build a plan for Proviso 1.88.

7. Adjournment

At 11:39 am, Mrs. Cuthbertson made a motion for adjournment. Ms. Patrick seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously by a show of hands.

Respectfully submitted: _____
Debra W. Muns, Recording Secretary