A Regular Meeting of the Berkeley County Board of Education was held on Tuesday, July 28, 2015 at 6:30 p.m., Boardroom, Berkeley County Board of Education. The following members were present: Jim Hayes, Chair; Dr. Kent Murray; Mac McQuillin; Phillip Obie; Shannon Lee; Kathy Schwalbe; Sally Wofford; Rev. Julius Barnes; and Frank Wright.

Call to Order, Declaration of Quorum, Media Notice

Chair Hayes called the meeting to order, a quorum was declared, and the media had been notified.

Approval of Agenda

On motion by Mac McQuillin, seconded by Phillip Obie, the agenda was unanimously approved.

Opening Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Hayes led those present in the Lord’s Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes

On motion by Rev. Julius Barnes, seconded by Sally Wofford, the minutes of the public hearing and regular meeting held on June 23, 2015, and board workshops held on July 17 and 18, 2015 were unanimously approved.

Approval of June 2015 Head Start Reports and Budgets

A motion was made by Dr. Kent Murray to approve the June 2015 Head Start Budget Expenditure Report, June 2015 Head Start Credit Card Report, Prospective New Hires, Revised Mental Health Handbook, and the Child Development Coach Job Description. The motion was seconded by Mac McQuillin and unanimously approved.

Citizen Comments

Chair Hayes provided the guidelines for speaking during Citizen Comments.

Jeff Reuer requested more detail on School Board agendas for items listed under Executive Session to comply with recent changes in the law.

Administration and Facilities

Contract Award for Berkeley Education Center Renovation Project
Deon Jackson, Chief Administrative Officer, presented a Powerpoint presentation on the architect selection process for the Berkeley Education Center. On motion by Sally Wofford, seconded by Jim Hayes, the Board unanimously approved the recommendation of the Architect Selection Committee to name Stubbs Muldrow Herin Architects, Inc. as the architecture firm for the Berkeley Education Center Renovation project as part of the School Improvement Referendum.

Quarterly Construction Update

Connie Myers, Director of Facilities, shared a Powerpoint presentation with updates on each of the District’s School Improvement Bond projects.

Human Resources

Human Resources Update

Dr. Glenda Levine, Chief Human Resources Officer, provided a Powerpoint presentation updating the Board on recruitment, hiring trends, leadership and evaluation activities, and employment numbers.


Dr. Levine shared a Powerpoint presentation outlining the South Carolina Department of Education accreditation process. She explained the District’s accreditation results for the 2014-2015 school year and went over steps planned for addressing any deficiencies.

Instruction and Accountability

Mathematics Teacher Leader

Dr. Kevin O’Gorman, Chief Academic Officer, introduced Melissa Negreiros, Elementary Math Coordinator. She presented a Powerpoint presentation with an overview of the Mathematics Teacher Leader program and noted a total of 88 teachers and coaches completed the series of eight professional development sessions.

Superintendent’s Report

Organizational Chart

Dr. Michael Turner, Interim Superintendent, presented an updated organizational chart for the office of the Superintendent.

Impact of Fee-In-Lieu of Taxes (FILOT) Revenue on 2015-2016 Budget

Dr. Turner spoke about the recent changes Berkeley County Council made on the percentage of money the District will receive from Fee-In-Lieu of Taxes (FILOT) Revenue.
Executive Session

On motion by Kathy Schwalbe, seconded by Frank Wright, the Board voted unanimously to enter into Executive Session to discuss student attendance appeals, discuss employment matters including appointment of administrators and an update on pending matters, and receive legal advice concerning employment/contractual matter.

Return to Regular Session

On motion by Sally Wofford, seconded by Phillip Obie, the Board voted unanimously to return to Regular Session.

Action as Required From Executive Session

Student Attendance Appeals

On motion by Kathy Schwalbe, seconded by Rev. Julius Barnes, the Board voted 8-1 to deny the appeal of Student #1. Sally Wofford voted against.

On motion by Dr. Kent Murray, seconded by Frank Wright, the Board voted unanimously to deny the appeal of Student #2.

On motion by Mac McQuillin, seconded by Phillip Obie, the Board voted unanimously to approve the appeal of Students #3 and #4 (siblings).

On motion by Shannon Lee, seconded by Kathy Schwalbe, the Board voted 8-1 to deny the appeal of Student #5. Sally Wofford voted against.

On motion by Kathy Schwalbe, seconded by Shannon Lee, the Board voted 8-1 to deny the appeal of Student #6. Sally Wofford voted against.

The appeal for student #7 was withdrawn.

On motion by Kathy Schwalbe, seconded by Dr. Kent Murray, the Board voted 8-1 to deny the appeal of Student #8. Sally Wofford voted against.

On motion by Mac McQuillin, seconded by Kathy Schwalbe, the Board voted unanimously to approve the appeal of Student #9.

On motion by Kathy Schwalbe, seconded by Dr. Kent Murray, the Board voted 8-1 to deny the appeal of Student #10. Sally Wofford voted against.

On motion by Dr. Kent Murray, seconded by Frank Wright, the Board voted unanimously to deny the appeal of Student #11.

On motion by Rev. Julius Barnes, seconded by Kathy Schwalbe, the Board voted unanimously to approve the appeal of Student #12.
On motion by Dr. Kent Murray, seconded by Mac McQuillin, the Board voted 8-1 to deny the appeal of Student #13. Sally Wofford voted against.

On motion by Mac McQuillin, seconded by Sally Wofford, the Board voted unanimously to approve the appeal of Student #14.

On motion by Kathy Schwalbe, seconded by Rev. Julius Barnes, the Board voted 8-1 to deny the appeal of Student #15.

On motion by Kathy Schwalbe, seconded by Frank Wright, the Board voted 8-1 to deny the appeal of Student #16. Sally Wofford voted against.

On motion by Shannon Lee, seconded by Mac McQuillin, the Board voted unanimously to approve the appeal of Student #17.

On motion by Sally Wofford, seconded by Kathy Schwalbe, the Board voted unanimously to approve the appeal of Student #18.

On motion by Sally Wofford, seconded by Dr. Kent Murray, the Board voted unanimously to deny the appeal of Student #19.

On motion by Rev. Julius Barnes, seconded by Dr. Kent Murray, the Board voted 7-2 to deny the appeal of Students #20 and #21 (siblings). Shannon Lee and Sally Wofford voted against.

On motion by Shannon Lee, seconded by Kathy Schwalbe, the Board voted 8-1 to deny the appeal of Student #22. Sally Wofford voted against.

On motion by Phillip Obie, seconded by Sally Wofford, the Board voted unanimously to approve the appeal of Student #23.

On motion by Kathy Schwalbe, seconded by Rev. Julius Barnes, the Board voted 7-2 to deny the appeal of Students #24 and #25 (siblings). Phillip Obie and Sally Wofford voted against.

**Employment Matters**

On motion by Dr. Kent Murray, seconded by Mac McQuillin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Administration to name Jennifer Theilmann as the new Principal of Marrington Elementary School with a contract to take effect July 29, 2015.

On motion by Sally Wofford, seconded by Rev. Julius Barnes, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Administration to reassign the following individuals as Assistant Principals with contracts to take effect July 29, 2015: Denise Hucks at Berkeley Elementary School and Christina Furrow at Goose Creek Primary School.

On motion by Kathy Schwalbe, seconded by Shannon Lee, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Administration that the following individuals be named
Coordinators with contracts to take effect July 29, 2015: Brock Beaver as Social Studies Coordinator and Dr. Paulette Walker as Adult Education Coordinator.

**Employment/Contractual Matters**

Rev. Julius Barnes made a motion to invite Brenda Blackburn, Dr. Sam DePaul, and Dr. Jerome Stewart for a second interview for the Superintendent position. The motion was seconded by Shannon Lee and was unanimously approved.

**Adjourn**

On motion by Kathy Schwalbe, seconded by Sally Wofford, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn.

Jim Hayes, Chair

Shannon Lee, Secretary