



Barnwell County Career Center

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David Augustine
Director

BCCC Board Virtual Meeting Minutes
April 26, 2021
6:00 PM

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Board Members Present:

Mrs. Becky Huggins
Mr. David Reuis
Ms. Teresa Hughes
Mrs. Annette Burnette

Ex Officio Members Present:

Also Present: Mr. David Augustine, Director, Mrs. Angela Overton, Business Manager, and Jonathan Vickery from the People Sentinel.

Mrs. Huggins called the meeting to order.

Mr. Augustine gave the invocation.

The Director advised the Board that the media had been given notice of the meeting in compliance with the freedom of information act and a notice had been posted at the Center.

Ms. Burnette made a motion to approve the agenda for the meeting as presented. Mrs. Hughes made a second. The motion carried.

There were no comments from the public.

Mr. Reuis made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 15, 2021 meeting as presented. Mrs. Burnette made a second. The motion carried.

2021 – 2022 School Year Programs –

Mr. Augustine stated that he has been looking at options on what programs to keep or transition into new programs for the next school year. He stated that there was a program that had been terminated several years ago due to no teacher. Mr. Augustine sent out a survey to the schools but did not have a good response so he did some research on the job markets in South Carolina. He found that the largest job market by far is the Agriculture industry with approximately 246,000 new jobs each year. He stated that he spoke with the Edisto Research Center and they feel that if the Agriculture program is expanded it will bring students good opportunities. He stated that he would like to keep the Building Construction Class and add a new Ag teacher.

Mr. Augustine stated that agriculture comes up at every digital economy meeting that he attends. He stated that he would like the new agriculture class to be focused on the technological side of agriculture. This class would teach the students things like working on the equipment and

agriculture engineering. He stated that the Career Center has had to turn students away because the current agriculture class fills up.

Ms. Hughes voiced concerns stating that when the students hear agriculture they automatically think of farming. She feels like the new class should be one that will attract more minorities. Mrs. Huggins stated that she believes that the new agriculture class could do so if it is presented in the correct way. She stated that it all depends on how the class is recruited.

First Budget Reading 2021-2022 –

Mr. Augustine stated that the programs discussion moves into the budget discussion. He stated that on the budget that was presented there are two scenarios. One with a new teacher and one without. He stated that the budget with the new teacher is not balanced yet because it is still being decided where the money would come from to pay an extra person. He stated that the previous Business Administrator eluded that it would be possible to add a new teacher.

Mrs. Annette Burnette suggested looking at using CARES Act money to fund a portion of the Maintenance and Nurses budgets because those professions can be directly tied back to the new COVID-19 protocols.

Ms. Hughes made a motion to accept the first reading of the budget. Mrs. Burnette seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Financial Report -

Ms. Hughes made a motion to approve the Financial Report as information as presented with a second by Mr. Reuis. The motion carried.

Director's Report –

Mr. Augustine stated that on March 26th he attended the Spring update meeting on Columbia for all state directors. He stated that each year the meeting is held to give updates on new information in CTE. He stated that it was a great networking event.

Mr. Augustine stated that Be Pro Be Proud came back to the career center on April 1. The truck allowed students to get on board and use different simulations to allow students to see what it is like to work with different types of equipment. They came this past Fall and we asked them to return to allow students that were unable to see the truck and participate to have that experience. On the truck, students were able to simulate welding, forklift operator, heavy equipment, CDL driving, and carpentry tools.

Mr. Augustine stated that he has spoken with Steven Brown and hopes to collaborate with him to target eighth and ninth grade students to become more interested in mechanical engineering.

Mr. Augustine stated that he participated in Digital Economy Meetings on April 13th and 15th. He stated that the focus has been on agriculture cyber security and mechanical engineering. He stated that a summer program was discussed.

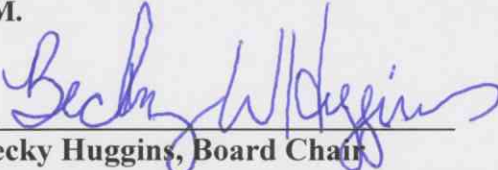
The next regular schedule Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 17, 2021 at 6:00pm. The meeting will be conducted in person unless a change is needed.

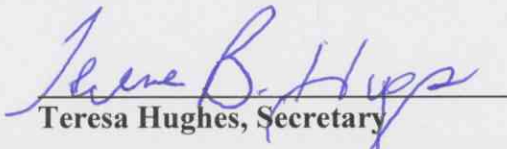
Ms. Hughes made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss Personnel Matters. Mrs. Burnette seconded the motion. The motion passed and the board went into Executive Session at 6:40 PM.

Ms. Hughes made a motion to come out of Executive Session. Mrs. Burnette seconded the motion. The motion passed and the board came out of Executive Session at 7:15 PM.

Mr. Reuis made a motion to hire Employee A for the Welding Instructor Position. Mrs. Burnette seconded the motion. The motion passed.

With a motion from Mrs. Burnette and a second by Mr. Reuis, the meeting was adjourned at 7:18 PM.


Becky Huggins, Board Chair


Teresa Hughes, Secretary