



Barnwell County Career Center

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Director

BCCC Board Virtual Meeting Minutes
March 15, 2021
6:00 PM

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Board Members Present:

Mrs. Becky Huggins
Mr. David Reuis
Ms. Teresa Hughes
Mrs. Cathy Smith
Mrs. Annette Burnette
Mrs. Shelby Broomfield
Mrs. Fonda Patrick

Ex Officio Members Present:

Crissie Stapleton

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. Patrick made a second. The motion carried.

There were no comments from the public.

Ms. Hughes made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 22 2021 meeting as presented. Mrs. Smith made a second. The motion carried.

Mrs. Burnette made a motion to approve the Financial Report as information with a second by Mrs. Broomfield. Ms. Hughes asked questions on several of the line items. Mr. Augustine answered her questions. The motion carried.

Mr. Augustine gave the Director's report. He stated that on March 8th he and Mrs. Mindy Sandifer met with the director at the Clemson Extension Office in Blackville. He stated that the visit was to discuss the agriculture curriculum and ways that the Career Center could partner with the research center to better prepare the students. He stated that there has been a push to bring a digital economy to Barnwell County and that almost everything the research center does is centered around technology.

Mr. Augustine stated that on March 9th he met with the Barnwell High and Williston-Elko High Schools and on March 11th he met with Blackville Hilda. He stated that the Apprenticeship Carolina representative was in the meeting and a conversation was started on developing ideas with local students and businesses. He stated that it got the wheels turning for the Principals and Guidance Offices to explore new ideas.

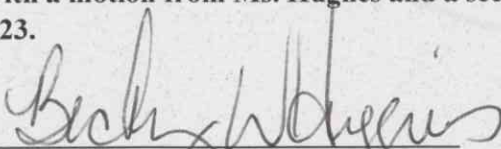
Mr. Augustine stated that on March 11th he and Mr. Ron Still visited Collum's Lumber in Allendale. He stated that the purpose of the visit was to discuss the mechatronics program that will be coming to the Career Center next year. He stated that they took a tour of the facility and met with maintenance workers and started building relationships that will help the students of the Career Center become successful workers.

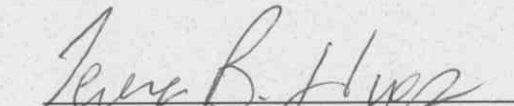
Mr. Augustine stated that at the February meeting he informed the board that he had sent out surveys to explore options of different classes for the Career Center. He stated that he did not receive a good response from any of the groups that the surveys were sent to. He stated that a couple of options that responders would like to explore were to continue building construction, early childhood development, expand the agriculture class and sports medicine. He asked the board to think about these options and there would be more discussion on them at the April meeting. Mr. Augustine stated that there was an early childhood program in the past but it had to be shut down because there was not a teacher for it. He stated that the money for the salary for that position had been absorbed back into the budget. He stated that because of this it may be possible to keep the building construction class and add a new class. He stated that he wanted to give the best opportunities to the students. Mrs. Huggins stated that it should be kept in mind what would benefit the area as well. She stated that Barnwell County has a really big agricultural presence.

Mr. Augustine stated that the board needs to fill out their Statement of Economic Interest by March 30th.

The next regular schedule Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 19, 2021 at 6:00pm. The meeting will be conducted in person unless a change is needed.

With a motion from Ms. Hughes and a second by Mrs. Burnette, the meeting was adjourned at 6:23.


Becky Huggins, Board Chair


Teresa Hughes, Secretary