

Bamberg School District One
Minutes of Regular Meeting of Board of Trustees
Bamberg-Ehrhardt High School
January 20, 2015
6:30 P. M.

Members present: Vice Chair Kedra H. Rivers, Trustee Chris Wallace, and Trustee John L. Hiers

Absent: Chairperson Rita M. Sease and Trustee Tony E. Duncan, Secretary

1. **Call meeting to order:** Vice Chair Kedra Rivers called the meeting to order and asked for a moment of silence. In the absence of Board Chair Rita M. Sease, Trustee Rivers presided throughout the meeting.
2. **Notice to Media:** In accordance with the S. C. Code of Laws, Section 30-4-80(e), as amended, the following have been notified of the time, date, place and agenda of this meeting:

The Times and Democrat
The Advertizer-Herald
3. **Approval of Agenda**
Trustee Chris Wallace **moved and Trustee John Hiers seconded to approve the January 20, 2015, agenda as written.** The motion passed 3-0.
4. **Approval of Minutes**
Trustee John Hiers **moved and Trustee Chris Wallace seconded to approve the minutes of November 17, 2014, and December 1, 2014, as written.** The motion passed 3-0.
5. **Election of Officers for 2015**
Vice Chair Rivers **moved and Trustee Chris Wallace seconded to postpone the election of officers until the February 2015, monthly meeting in order to obtain further information regarding Board Chair Rita M. Sease.** The motion passed 3-0.
6. **Approval 2015 Board Calendar**
Trustee Chris Wallace **moved and Trustee John Hiers seconded to approve the 2015 calendar with the changing of the February 16th meeting to February 17th due to Presidents' Day.** The motion passed 3-0. [Board Packet Enclosure]
See schedule below for corrected calendar:

<i>January 20</i>	<i>6:30 p. m.</i>	-	<i>Bamberg-Ehrhardt High School</i>
<i>February 17</i>	<i>6:30 p. m.</i>	-	<i>Bamberg-Ehrhardt Middle School</i>
<i>March 16</i>	<i>6:30 p. m.</i>	-	<i>Richard Carroll Elementary School</i>
<i>April 20</i>	<i>6:30 p. m.</i>	-	<i>Bamberg-Ehrhardt High School</i>
<i>May 18</i>	<i>6:30 p. m.</i>	-	<i>Bamberg-Ehrhardt Middle School</i>
<i>June 15</i>	<i>6:30 p. m.</i>	-	<i>Richard Carroll Elementary School</i>
<i>July 20</i>	<i>6:30 p. m.</i>	-	<i>Bamberg-Ehrhardt High School</i>
<i>August 17</i>	<i>6:30 p. m.</i>	-	<i>Bamberg-Ehrhardt Middle School</i>
<i>September 21</i>	<i>6:30 p. m.</i>	-	<i>Richard Carroll Elementary School</i>
<i>October 19</i>	<i>6:30 p. m.</i>	-	<i>Bamberg-Ehrhardt High School</i>
<i>November 16</i>	<i>6:30 p. m.</i>	-	<i>Bamberg-Ehrhardt Middle School</i>
<i>December 21</i>	<i>6:30 p. m.</i>	-	<i>Richard Carroll Elementary School</i>

7. **School Reports**

School reports were given as follows:

Stacey Walter, principal of Richard Carroll Elementary School, reported:

- December 11th – Soup with Santa Leader In Me Fundraiser.
- December 8th through 15th – Christmas programs, Band Concert, and Tour of Halls.
- December 19th – Annual Christmas Parade.
- January 13th – Parent Conference Day (successful). Out of 752 students, 576 parents attended.
- January 16th – Celebration of School WIG (Wide Improving Goal) for The Leader In Me.
- January 20th – Partnership with Healing Species began for Grades 2nd and 6th. The program teaches against animal cruelty while incorporating meaningful literacy skills into lessons.
- Students collected over 400 pounds of plastic bottles and cafeteria plastic in December for the recycling program.
- The Leader In Me students are continuing to empower themselves as leaders to organize and apply to be on school teams.
- Some students are interested in starting an Anti-Bullying Club and some are using their persuasive writing skills to ask for longer recesses and shorter days.

The Board received thank you notes from the 4th grade teachers of Richard Carroll Elementary School and Principal Stacey Walter and her staff for the thermos bottles they received during Teacher Appreciation Week.

Troy Phillips, principal of Bamberg-Ehrhardt Middle School, reported:

- The After School Program will be held each Tuesday and Thursday from 3:15 p.m. – 4:30 p. m. starting January 27th. The focus will be on strategies in ELA and Math in order to help students improve their scores on the State Assessment.
- Congratulations were extended to all Honor Roll Students as follows: 7th Grade A – 5; 7th Grade A-B – 24; 8th Grade A – 4; and 8th Grade A-B – 21.
- Junior Scholars are: Taylor Collins, Donovan Price and Will Wilson. The Junior Scholar program identifies eighth grade students possessing a high level of verbal, writing, and/or mathematical proficiency.
- The Wellness committee sponsored a Tasting Table in conjunction with the Healthy Foods Act sponsored by MUSC. The tasting table highlights one or more locally grown fruits and/or vegetables.

Randy Maxwell, principal of Bamberg-Ehrhardt High School, reported:

- The 1st semester ended January 12th and the 2nd semester began on January 14th.
- End-of-course exams for English 1 (52 students took the test - 5 failed, 90% passage) and Biology (55% passage - 45% failed) were administered the week of December 15-19. Final exams for all other courses were completed on January 9th and January 12th.

- Dr. Charles Gaillard, a doctor from Dr. R. Dale Padgett's office, has offered to teach a Sports Medicine Trainer course for students on Tuesday evenings. Students will receive ½ (.5) credit. Dr. Gaillard has been a dedicated volunteer team physician for the District for several years. The course will be presented for Board approval at the February Board meeting.
- Edgenuity, the online course curriculum, is working well. It is being used for initial credit, intervention, credit recovery, SAT/ACT prep and supplemental for classroom instruction. During the first semester, 18 students took courses for initial credit.
- A Wellness program for staff members has been implemented.
- Upon the request for an out-of-state trip from the JROTC instructor, Trustee John Hiers **moved and Trustee Chris Wallace seconded to approve the JROTC class trip to Atlanta, Georgia, on February 13-14, 2015, to visit colleges and other venues in and around Atlanta.** The motion passed 3-0.

The trip will be financed by fundraisers, a bus will be chartered and travelling will include 51 students and 6 chaperones.

8. **Student/Staff Recognition and Superintendent's Report**

- Handout: Program (State Championship Football Playoff Game)
Although the football team had a hard fought battle to get to the playoffs, the administration is proud of the players and coaches.
- Corey Ripley, kindergarten teacher, received National Board Certification. [Board Packet Enclosure]
- The District reported ten students and two Adult Education dropouts to the South Carolina Department of Education Office of Student Intervention Services. [Board Packet Enclosure]
- Board members must complete their South Carolina State Ethics Commission report on line by March 30, 2015. [Board Packet Enclosure]
- The District's student enrollment is up by one from last month (1,379). [Board Packet Enclosure]
- The District received a total reduction in premium of \$18,541.28 from SCSBIT. Effective July 1, 2015, Cyber Liability coverage will be added as part of the standard coverage for members of the Property and Casualty fund. [Board Packet Enclosure]
- Board members were issued Board/SCSBA approved updated policies to be inserted in their Board Policy Manuals and told to destroy the old policies. Policies are: IHAM – Health Education, JICG – Tobacco Use By Students, GBED – Tobacco-Free Schools/Staff, Policy ADC – Tobacco-Free, GCB - Professional Staff Contracts and Compensation, GBC - Staff Compensation, IHAA - English/Reading/Writing Language Arts Education, IHAB - Mathematics Education, IHBH - Charter Schools, IKF-R - Graduation Requirements, JICH – Drug and Alcohol Use By Students, JICH-R – Drug and Alcohol Use By Students.
- A card was shared from Mr. Ron Rash, a realtor from Charleston, complementing the administration on how well-behaved some students and chaperones from the District were at McDonalds in Charleston on November 19th.

- School Board Election is scheduled for April 14, 2015. Seats 1, 2, and 5 will need to be filled. Seat 1 is Mrs. Rita M. Sease, Seat 2 is Mr. Chris Wallace and Seat 5 is Mr. Tony Duncan. The Legal notice for the election will run the week of January 21st and two weeks later on February 4th. Filing will open January 23rd at 12:00 noon and will remain open during regular business hours and will close on February 6th at 12:00 noon. There is no filing fee. The cost for the election will be divided between Bamberg School District One and Bamberg School District Two.
 - Bamberg-Ehrhardt High School was challenged as having had an ineligible football player prior to the football playoff game. The first three games (Edisto, Williston-Elko, and Barnwell) of the season had to be forfeited, letters had to be sent to the teams and copied to the SC High School League stating that there were no infractions committed that were punishable, and fined \$500.00.
 - Upon the request of Superintendent Schwarting, Trustee Chris Wallace **moved and Trustee John Hiers seconded to accept candidate “A” to receive a high school diplomas through Act 155**. The motion passed 3-0.
 - Bamberg-Ehrhardt High School placed 8 of its 11 wrestlers in the championship finals to place second of sixteen teams in the Tournament.
 - Bamberg-Ehrhardt Middle School placed all 8 of its wrestlers in the Area 8 State Qualifying Tournament. They were led by first place finishers Matthew Wilson, Desean Brown, and Caleb Bearden.
 - Bamberg-Ehrhardt JV Wrestling Team qualified all 14 wrestlers at the Stratford Area 8 qualifying tournament.
 - Congratulations were extended to Wrestling Coach Jacob Stewart and Trustee John Hiers for their hard work with the wrestling program.
 - The Office of Nutrition Program review is scheduled for March 17th.
 - Bridget Kinard was one of ten teachers to apply and receive a Noyce Fellow grant in the South Carolina Science and Mathematics Teacher Leader program. The program is designed to train teachers in rural areas to become leaders and to recruit teachers from USC to teach in rural schools.
 - In response to the status of the repairs from the fire in the gym of Bamberg-Ehrhardt Middle School, Superintendent Schwarting noted that the Office of Schools Facilities seems to be the hold up. She also noted that most of the repairs will be covered under the district’s insurance plan but some upgrading will have to be paid for by the District.
9. **2014 Bamberg School District One Audit – Elizabeth Inabinet, C.C. McGregor**
Handouts: Annual Financial Report - Year Ended June 30, 2014, Communication with Those Charged with Governance, and Other Matters
- Mrs. Elizabeth Inabinet, auditor from C.C. McGregor, noted the following:
- There were no disagreements with the district/management in performing the audit.
 - The district received a clean opinion.
 - Pages 7 – 16: Management’s Discussion and Analysis (Unaudited) (Reviewed)
 - Pages 17 and 18: Governmental Wide Financial Statement (Reviewed)
- The district’s assets exceeded its liabilities by approximately \$8.8 million

- Page 19: Governmental Funds (Reviewed)
The district had a Fund Balance of \$1,852,522. This is approximately 16.3% (on level) of the expenditures from the General Fund. The Debt Service had an ending Fund Balance of \$4.2 million.
- Page 24: Food Service Funds (Reviewed)
An increase for the year was approximately \$65,000 and an ending of \$367,504. This fund is made up of equipment (Book Value) purchased through Bond money.
- There were no finding or internal control issues with the Federal programs that were selected to be tested in compliance with applicable laws and regulations for 2014.
- The June 30, 2015, financial statement will show GASB-68. The SC Retirement System has shown an unfunded liability based on actual studies of projecting benefits due to employees who will be retiring in the future. Currently, the District does not have the assets to pay for them. Effective June 30, 2015, districts will have to show their proportion share of state liability that is based on its participation and the amount of employee participating in the program. This will be a large liability that will show up on the Government-Wide Financial Statement. It's not something that the district will have to pay in the next five or ten years. Nevertheless, it will be paid through normal Retirement Properties and will look bad.

10. **Athletic Issues**

a. Awards

The District does not have a policy for giving awards when teams win state championships; however, following a discussion, the administration agreed to bring back sample policies that gives a maximum amount for state championship awards.

b. Team Selection

Following a discussion on team selection, the administration agreed to communicate better with parents of students who try out for sports, especially basketball. The coaches will have a "Parent Night" before tryouts and informed of a timeline for cuts. They will be honest with the students and parents.

11. **Policies: Second Reading**

Policy EFE – Competitive Food Sales/Vending Machines

Policy EFE-R – Competitive Food Sales/Vending Machines

Policy IJNDAA – Distance, Online and Virtual Education

Policy IJNDAA-R – Distance, Online and Virtual Education Administrative Rule

Trustee Chris Wallace moved and Trustee John Hiers seconded to accept for second reading Policies EFE, EFE-R, IJNDAA, and IJNDAA-R as presented. The motion passed 3-0.

12. **Monthly Financial Report**

Finance Director Devon Furr presented the Finance Report for December 2014. [Board Packet Enclosure]

Finance Director Furr noted that Data Processing is overspent. Also, Audit Fees are overspent due to changes that were mandated by the State Department in reference to a new Data System.

13. **Visitors' Comments**
None

14. **Executive Session**

Vice Chair Kedra Rivers called for a **motion to enter Executive Session**. Trustee John Hiers **moved and Trustee Chris Wallace seconded to enter Executive Session**. The motion carried 3-0.

The purpose for entering executive session was to discuss:

- a. Student Transfer Request(s)

Open session: Trustee Chris Wallace **moved and Trustee John Hiers seconded for the Board to come out of Executive Session and return to the regular session of the meeting**. The motion passed 3-0.

A. Student Transfer Request

Trustee John Hiers moved and Trustee Chris Wallace seconded to accept the transfer request of Student "A" for the remaining of the 2014-2015 school year. The Motion passed 3-0.

Trustee Chris Wallace **moved and Trustee John Hiers seconded to adjourn the meeting**. The motion passed 3-0.

Each Board member received a gift from Superintendent Schwarting in recognition of South Carolina School Boards Month.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 17, 2015, at 6:30 p. m.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p. m.

Minutes approved:

Kedra H. Rivers, Vice Chairperson

Tony E. Duncan, Secretary