

Bamberg School District One
Minutes of Regular Meeting of Board of Trustees
Bamberg-Ehrhardt Middle School
February 17, 2015
6:30 P. M.

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

Absent: None

1. **Call meeting to order:** Vice Chair Kedra Rivers called the meeting to order and asked for a moment of silence. She also noted that Mrs. Rita M. Sease, the District's former Board Member and Board Chair, passed on January 22, 2015, and asked that persons who knew her or her family to keep them in their memories.
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 Advertiser-Herald
3. **Approval of Agenda**
Trustee Tony Duncan **moved and Trustee Chris Wallace seconded to approve the February 17, 2015, agenda as written.** The motion passed 4-0.
4. **Approval of Minutes**
Trustee John Hiers **moved and Trustee Chris Wallace seconded to approve the minutes of January 20, 2015, with the correction of a typo in the spelling of the word "postpone" in Agenda Item #5 on page one.** The motion passed 4-0.
5. **Annual Election of School Board Officers – First Reading: Amended Policy Board Packet Enclosure: Policy BE – School Board Meetings**

Policy BE –School Board Meetings was reviewed by Superintendent Schwarting upon the advice of the District's Attorney, Charles Boykin. The recommendation would require a change in the District's current policy as stated below:

*The board holds its annual organizational meeting in ~~January~~ **May or at a time set by a majority vote of the board.** The board swears in new members, elects officers and swears in those officers at the annual meeting.*

Trustee Tony Duncan **moved and Trustee Chris Wallace seconded to table Policy BE – School Board Meetings for further discussion at a later date.** The motion passed 4-0.

6. **School Reports**

School reports were given as follows:

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

- The current student enrollment is 763.
- Had two Leader in Me Coaching days this month – one day with the staff and one with the Light House team. Leadership Day is scheduled for May. The students are focusing on their leadership notebooks, personal Mission Statements and academic goals.
- The PTO, faculty, staff, and parents worked together and sponsored a successful Sweet Heart Ball (girls and dads) on Friday night, February 13th.
- Preparing for the Parents' Night – to inform parents of upcoming tests.

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

- Accumulated 193,000 points in the BI-LO Bonus Points. Six new cameras were purchased with these points.
- Region Band (Symphonic) winners are: Arianna Bowers, Zyan Clark, Daisha Smith, and Jamia Downing. Zariah Jenkins made 9th Chair All-State Band. She will be going to Greenville on March 11th along with her family and Band Director Jordan Smith to participate with other winners.
- Submitted an application for a \$5,000 grant in conjunction with the Wellness program of the Lowes Corporation. Funds from this grant will help refurbish the patio area (including landscaping).
- The Friday Book Club is growing – up to 45 participants. Meetings are now held every Friday morning.
- Special thanks were extended to Mrs. Denise Crosby, B-E High School teacher, for providing the initial training in Edgenuity. Teachers are using this program to supplement their classroom instructions.
- Currently, 40 students are enrolled in the After School Program. Students are receiving extra instruction in ELA and Math.
- Special thanks were extended to Mrs. Leigh Ann Osborne, Guidance Counselor, for having reached 75% of IGPs.
- Continuing to prepare students for the upcoming state assessment.

Thanks were extended from the Board to Mr. Jordan Smith for the wonderful job he continues to do with the Band.

In the absence of Mr. Randy Maxwell, principal of Bamberg-Ehrhardt High School, Dr. Sandra Glover, Assistant Principal, reported as follows:

- RaQuan Brown, senior, has been selected by the Junior Service League of Orangeburg as one of this area's "Distinguished Youth". He was recognized at the February 3, 2015, meeting for the Junior Service League.
- Parent University for 11th grade parents and students was held on January 28th. Approximately 65% (excellent) of the class was represented with parents and students.

- On February 7, 2015, FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America) students attended the South Carolina FBLA 2015 District II Leadership Conference at Westwood High School in Blythewood, South Carolina. Winners were: Business Calculations – Lasha Clark – 1st Place; Cyber Security – Ann Yip – 1st Place; Impromptu Speaking – A . J. McDonald – 1st Place; Insurance & Risk Management – Satra Muhammad – 1st Place and Cazaria Gainyard – 2nd Place; Introduction to Business – Austin Lahnert – 2nd Place; Networking Concepts – Tymia Exum – 1st Place; Public Speaking I – Jonathan Williams – 1st Place; Public Speaking II – Meagan Price 2nd Place and Darius Downing – 5th Place; and Sports & Entertainment Management – James Gainyard and Johnathan Samuel – 3rd Place. Participating were: Angel Broxton – Business Communications; Je’Nami Gleaton – Economics; and Jaisha Ransom – Personal Finance. These students will also participate in the state Leadership Conference in Charleston on March 19 - 22, 2015. Mrs. Sandra Sprinkle and Mrs. Contrillia Murdaugh are the advisors of the FBLA.
- College and Financial Aid Night was held on January 28th.
- The Garnet and Black program for the 2nd Quarter was held on February 5th for grades 9 – 12. Students were recognized with certificates for “B” Honor Roll, “A/B” Honor Roll and the “A” Honor Roll.
- The wrestling team won 2nd Place in Class A Lower State wrestling competition at Battery Creek High School on February 7th.
- The Boys and Girls varsity basketball teams qualified for the play-offs. The Girls team advanced to the 2nd round. The Boys team will play Cross High School and the winner will advance to the second round.

7. **Bamberg County Retired Teachers Association Presentation**

On behalf of the Bamberg County Retired Teachers Association, Mrs. Gwendolyn Folk presented to Richard Carroll Elementary School some supplies for 4K and 5K classes. Accepting the supplies were Mrs. Paige Kemp, Mrs. Barbara Turner, Mrs. Ricky Kearse, and Mrs. Stacey Walter.

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

- A portrait of Mr. Richard Carroll was re-framed and re-matted for review. This portrait will be hung in the lobby of Richard Carroll Elementary School in honor of Mr. Richard Carroll.
- The Junior Journal, Raider’s Digest, and Senior Spring newsletters were reviewed and noted that the newsletters included a vast amount of information regarding students. [Board Packet Enclosures]
- The current student enrollment is 1,382 which is steady. The administration has a tracking procedure in place to keep up with students. [Board Packet Enclosure]
- According to the Bamberg County “2014 Kids Count South Carolina Data” on Economic Well-Being, Education, Health, and Family and Community, in some areas Bamberg County is better than the state – some close to the state – some below. [Board Packet Enclosure]
- Each Board member received a revised approved copy of the 2015 Monthly Board Meetings schedule. [Board Packet Enclosure]

- During the recent SCSBA Superintendents' roundtable meeting, student testing and teacher evaluation were discussed. The ACT Aspire test still has not been confirmed; however, students will continue working toward preparing for this test. If approved, students will be tested in Math, ELA, and Writing. Students will be timed which they are not use to. Special Education students will adversely be affected because many of them have IEPs that require additional time for testing. The PASS test will be given in Science and Social Studies for grades 3 through 8. WorkKey is on schedule for the high school and HSAP doesn't exist anymore. The new teacher evaluation method is being studied very closely; however, the ADEPT evaluation will probably continue to be used. Also, the Governor recommends that the student based cost be \$2120.00 and the State Department of Education recommends \$2220.00.
- Board members received approved (Board/SCSBA) copies of policies EEAEC-R – Student Conduct on Buses, EFE – Competitive Food Sales/Vending Machines, EFE-R – Competitive Food Sales/Vending Machines, IJNDAA – Distance, Online and Virtual Education, and IJNDAA-R – Distance, Online and Virtual Education Administrative Rule and informed to replace them with current policies in their Board Policy Manual. [Board Packet Enclosures]
- Superintendent Schwarting will research a criteria for giving a “Friends of Education” certificate/plaque at graduation to honor people who give a lot of time to the District and bring it back to the Board.

9. **Request for Locally Board Approved Course at Bamberg-Ehrhardt High School**

The Board reviewed requests from Bamberg-Ehrhardt High School to approve a Sports Medicine course as an elective. Targeted students are 9th through 12th who have an interest in pursuing a career in the Health Science Career Cluster. This course will be taught at no cost to the District by Dr. Charles Gaillard, an associate of Dr. R. Dale Padgett, on Tuesday evenings from 6-8 p. m. at the Bamberg-Ehrhardt High School field house over the course of a semester.

Also, requested was approval of an Algebra I Seminar elective course. This course will be divided into two semesters so students will be able to get additional help in mathematical skills and pre-algebra concepts. [Board Packet Enclosures]

Trustee John Hiers **moved and Trustee Tony Duncan seconded to accept a Sports Medicine elective course and an Algebra I Seminar at Bamberg-Ehrhardt High School.** The motion passed 4-0.

The administration will make sure parents understand that a seminar course is an elective course – it's not for credit.

10. **First Reading: 2015-2016 Bamberg School District One Calendar**

Superintendent Schwarting reviewed for information a draft copy of the 2015-2016 school calendar and noted that it was aligned with Orangeburg Consolidated School District Four due to students from this District who attend school at the Cope Career Center.

11. **Monthly Financial Report**

Finance Director Devon Furr presented the Finance Report for January 2015. [Board Packet Enclosure]

Finance Director Furr noted that Data Processing and Audit Fees are still overspent items.

12. **Visitors' Comments**

None

13. **Executive Session**

Vice Chair Kedra Rivers called for a **motion to enter Executive Session**. Trustee Chris Wallace **moved and Trustee Tony Duncan seconded to enter Executive Session**. The motion carried 4-0.

The purpose for entering executive session was to discuss:

- a. Employment Recommendations
- b. Superintendent's Evaluation
 - 1) Continued Discussion from December 1, 2014
 - 2) Diverse Hiring Recruitment Plan

Open session: Trustee John Hiers **moved and Trustee Tony Duncan seconded for the Board to come out of Executive Session and return to the regular session of the meeting**. The motion passed 4-0.

A. Employment Recommendations

Trustee John Hiers moved and Trustee Chris Wallace seconded to accept the resignation of employee #1 Retiring and employee #2 Resigning the end of the 2014-2015 school year. The Motion passed 4-0.

B. Superintendent's Evaluation

Vice Chair Rivers noted that no action was required under the Superintendent's Evaluation.

Trustee Tony Duncan **moved and Trustee Chris Wallace seconded to adjourn the meeting**. The motion passed 4-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p. m.

Minutes approved:

Kedra H. Rivers, Vice Chairperson

Tony E. Duncan, Secretary