

**Bamberg School District One**  
**Minutes of Regular Meeting of Board of Trustees**  
**Richard Carroll Elementary School**  
**March 16, 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.

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 Chris Wallace **moved and Trustee Tony Duncan seconded to amend the agenda to add “Revise a Resolution” as Agenda 4; therefore, re-numbering the remaining agenda items.** The motion passed 4-0.

4. **Revised Resolution**

Trustee Chris Wallace **moved and Trustee Tony Duncan seconded to pass a Revised Resolution dated March 16, 2015, signed by Vice-Chairperson Rivers to accept the transfer property known as Richard Carroll Elementary School Campus A to Bamberg Family Community Leaders in order to correct the misidentified true legal name of the grantee.** The motion passed 4-0. [Documents prepared by the District’s attorney, Boykin & Davis].

5. **Approval of Minutes**

Trustee Chris Wallace **moved and Trustee John Hiers seconded to approve the minutes of February 17, 2015, as written.** 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 Robotics Team under the directions of Mrs. Leigh Ann Hewitt, Mrs. Bobbi Bunch, Mr. Joel Gladfelter, and Mrs. Sharon Cornforth, performed a presentation on Pistachio Farming, Core Values, and Robotics.
- Mrs. Leigh Ann Hewitt received a \$1,000 Robotics Grant.

- On March 13, Mayor Blain Crosby (City of Bamberg), Mrs. Cindy Hurst (community member) and Mrs. Janeth Walker (school volunteer) participated as judges for the 2015-2016 Student Lighthouse Team interviews. Nine vacancies were filled.
- On February 26 and 27, a group of teachers, along with Principal Stacey Walter attended and participated in the Leader in Me Symposium in Charleston.
- On March 7, the school won 33 out of 41 awards given in grades 1-6 at the Salkehatchie Stew Writing contest.
- Twenty-five students won awards at the Bamberg County Arts Council show.
- Grades 1-6 took the Math portion of the MAP test and the Reading portion will be administered the upcoming week.
- Teachers are preparing for the new Aspire test that will be administered in April.
- The school-wide student leadership teams are continuing to grow. A school store will soon open. A manager and an accountant along with other store jobs will soon be in operation.
- A Refit/Dance Team is being organized to keep everyone healthy and have fun at the same time.
- Everyone is striving to be “proactive” and not reactive and continuously “put first things first.”

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

- All students have completed spring MAP testing.
- On March 3, five students along with their ELA teachers attended a book and author luncheon in Orangeburg.
- Thirteen students won awards in the Salkehatchie Stew Writing contest.
- Eleven students won awards in the Bamberg County Youth Art Show and one student won \$100 for being the best in the show.

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

- Students in grades 9 through 11 were administered the MAP test on March 2-6.
- The Junior Red Cross sponsored a Blood Drive on February 18.
- On March 13, seventy 10<sup>th</sup> grade students attended a Career Expo at the Salkehatchie Campus in Allendale. Presenters were representatives from local, state, national and international companies. The guidance department assisted with the planning team to sponsor this event.
- On March 13-15, Mrs. Wanda Grimes, culinary arts teacher, along with her students Taretta Nimmons, Taja Nickerson, Megan Price and Jashia Ransom qualified and participated in the annual Culinary Arts FCCLA Star Event in Charleston.

#### **Sports:**

- On February 28-29, ten wrestlers qualified for the state individual wrestling championships in Anderson, SC. Kohl Gagum, Casey Johnson and Alex Steedly earned All- State honors in their respective weight class. Raquan Brown and Devonte Rice won the individual state championship in their weight class and also made the All-State Team. The team finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in the state team championship. This was a great season for Coach Jake Stewart and the entire wrestling program.

- The baseball, softball, soccer, golf and track teams are just starting their spring season.
- On March 16-18, the South Carolina High School League Legislative Assembly will be held in Charleston. A significant vote will be on class certifications – mainly 5 classifications instead of 4 which would put this district in a closer group of schools this size. The second concern is the competition of private schools in the South Carolina Public High Schools League.

Thanks were extended from the Board to the students, parents, and teachers for a wonderful presentation and attendance at the Board meeting.

#### 7. **Student/Staff Recognition and Superintendent's Report**

- The guidance department at Bamberg-Ehrhardt High School submitted a request from Student A to receive a High School Diploma through Act 155 Diploma Request.

Trustee Tony Duncan **moved and Trustee Chris Wallace seconded to accept Student A (Callie Wade Kinard, Jr.) request to receive a high school diploma through Act 155 Diploma Request.** The motion passed 4-0.

- Mrs. Heather Ulmer, School to Work Coordinator, was featured recently in the Southern Carolina Alliance Magazine accepting a Work Readiness Community certificate on behalf of Bamberg County. Also, on the back of this same magazine, Robert Crosby and Ashleigh Crider are featured as students who have been through this program and acknowledging the good jobs they will be able to obtain after graduation.
- The ACT Aspire test will be administered in grades 3 through 8 in English, Writing, Reading and Math. This is a timed test; however, students with IEPs or 504 Plans will receive special accommodations upon proof from a teacher. The high school will be taking The ACT test and WorkKeys test. The SCPASS test will be given in science and social studies in grades 4 through 8.
- A three-day Food Service audit conducted by the SDE will begin on will begin on March 17.
- Student Services will have an audit on March 25, and 26.
- Bamberg-Ehrhardt High School prepared a flyer that entails information on Self Harm, Grief and Loss, and Anger Management. Mrs. Liz Hiller is the counselor for students with problems such as these.
- According to the House Ways and Means Committee, the District will receive a \$64,000 increase this upcoming school year. The current student base cost is \$2,109, with hopes to increase it to \$2,220.
- The current student enrollment is 1,386. The District's Budget will probably be based on this enrollment. [Board Packet Enclosure]
- At the request of Mrs. Angela B. Williams, Project Beyond instructor, Trustee John Hiers **moved and Trustee Tony Duncan seconded to approve a historical out-of-state class trip for Project Beyond students in grades 6 through 8 to Monticello and Colonial Williamsburg, Virginia, on March 27-30, 2015.** The motion passed 4-0.

8. **Approval: 2015-2016 School Calendar**  
Following a second reading of the 2015-2016 School Calendar by Superintendent Schwarting, Trustee Tony Duncan **moved and Trustee John Hiers seconded to accept the 2015-2016 School Calendar as presented.** The motion passed 4-0.

The administration was advised by the Board to give teachers, if they are interested, an additional 2 or 3 days next school year for prep time/work days.

9. **Annual Election of School Board Officers – Second Reading: Amended Policy**  
Following a discussion on changing the election of Board Officers from January to May in “Policy BE – School Board Meetings”, Trustee John Hiers **moved and Trustee Tony Duncan seconded to accept as the initial reading Policy BE – School Board Meetings as presented.** The motion passed 4-0.

**Amended “Policy BE – School Board Meetings”** under “Annual Meeting”. Sentence changed as follows: *The board holds its annual organizational meeting in ~~January~~ **May** or at a time set by a majority vote of the board.*

The Board agreed to place the “**Election of 2015 Board Officers**” on the May 2015, Board Meeting Agenda.

10. **SCSBA Officers/Board of Directors Election**  
Upon the request of Vice Chair Rivers, Trustee John Hiers **moved and Trustee Chris Wallace seconded to nominate and support Vice Board Chair Kedra Rivers as a candidate for the position of President-elect on the Board of the South Carolina School Boards Association at its annual meeting.** The motion passed 4-0.

11. **Monthly Financial Report**  
Finance Director Devon Furr presented the Finance Report for February 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. Principals’ Teacher Recommendations for 2015-2016
- b. Director of Student Services Recommendations for 2015-2016
- c. Superintendent’s Administrators Recommendations for 2015-2016
- d. Employment Recommendations
- e. Superintendent’s Evaluation Continuation

**Open session:** Trustee John Hiers moved and Trustee Chris Wallace 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. Principals' Teacher Recommendations for 2015-2016**

Trustee John Hiers moved and Trustee Chris Wallace seconded to accept the teacher recommendations of Mrs. Stacey Walter, principal of Richard Carroll Elementary School, for the 2015-2016 school year as presented. The motion carried 4-0

Trustee Chris Wallace moved and Trustee Tony Duncan seconded to accept the teacher recommendations of Troy Phillips, principal of Bamberg-Ehrhardt Middle School, for the 2015-2016 school year as presented. The motion carried 4-0

Trustee Tony Duncan moved and Trustee John Hiers seconded to accept the teacher recommendations of Randy Maxwell, principal of Bamberg-Ehrhardt High School, for the 2015-2016 school year as presented. The motion carried 4-0

**B. Director of Student Services Recommendations for 2015-2016**

Trustee Chris Wallace moved and Trustee Tony Duncan seconded to accept the staff recommendations of Mrs. Dottie Brown, Director of Student Services, for the 2015-2016 school year as presented. The motion carried 4-0

**C. Superintendent's Administrators Recommendations for 2015-2016**

Trustee Tony Duncan moved and Trustee Chris Wallace seconded to accept the administrative recommendations of Superintendent Schwarting for the 2015-2016 school year as presented. The motion carried 4-0

**D. Employment Recommendations**

Trustee John Hiers moved and Trustee Chris Wallace seconded to accept the resignations of Employee 1, 2, and 3 [Corey C. Ripley, teacher, Richard Carroll Elementary School; John Brown, teacher, Bamberg-Ehrhardt High School; and Laurine Varnadoe, teacher, Richard Carroll Elementary School.] as presented by Superintendent Schwarting at the end of the 2014-2015 school year as presented. The motion carried 4-0

**E. Superintendent's Evaluation Continuation**

Trustee John Hiers moved and Trustee Chris Wallace seconded to extend the contract of Superintendent Phyllis K. Schwarting to include the school year 2016-2017 school year. The motion passed 4-0

Trustee Chris Wallace moved and Trustee John Hiers seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed 4-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p. m.

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Minutes approved:

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Kedra H. Rivers, Vice Chairperson

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Tony E. Duncan, Secretary