

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

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

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 Advertizer-Herald

3. **Approval of Agenda**
Trustee Tony Duncan **moved and Trustee Chris Wallace seconded to approve the agenda as presented.** The motion passed 5-0.

4. **Approval of Minutes**
Trustee John Hiers **moved and Trustee Tony Duncan seconded to approve the minutes of March 16, 2015, with the correction on page 5 of Agenda Item E “Superintendent’s Evaluation Continuation” by adding “*The motion passed 4-0*”.** The motion passed 5-0.

5. **Administering the Oath of Office to:**

Mrs. Janeth Walker Board Member, Seat 1
Mr. Michael Christopher Wallace, Seat 2
Mr. Tony E. Duncan, Board Member, Seat 5

- Mrs. Janeth Walker, Seat 1, was administered the Oath of Office by Ms. Devon Furr as Craig B. Walker II held the Bible and Craig Walker, Whitney Walker, and Bessie Sapp looked on.
- Michael Christopher Wallace, Seat 2, was administered the Oath of Office by Ms. Devon Furr as Superintendent Phyllis K. Schwarting held the Bible.
- Trustee Tony Duncan, Seat 3, was administered the Oath of Office by Ms. Devon Furr as Ms. Eva Manigault held the Bible and Ms. Yvonne Manigault, and Ms. Sandy Manigault looked on.

On behalf of the Board, Vice Chair Rivers welcomed the new and old Board Members.

6. **School Reports**

School reports were given as follows:

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

- The Robotics Team won third place in a recent competition and Mrs. Leigh Ann Hewitt, group leader, won a \$2,000 grant.
- On April 23, Naci Proveaux, 4th grade student, was the winner of a \$250 scholarship from the Low Country Regional PalmettoPride Litter Trashes Everyone Art contest. Mrs. Carol Smith, art teacher, will receive a \$250 grant, and the school will receive a \$500 grant. Naci's art work will be framed and displayed in the school.
- Mrs. Angela Williams and her Project Beyond students had a great trip to Williamsburg, Virginia.
- Everyone is working vigorously preparing for Aspire testing.

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

- Congratulations were extended to Mr. Jordan Smith, band director, for having received a Superior Rating at the state Band Festival.
- Members of the Honors Art class went on a field trip to the Columbia Museum of Art. The students received a lesson on the history of Art.
- On April 28, 29, and 30, as a part of the Wellness Grant from USC, Mrs. Kim Compton and Mrs. Jana Chassereau took 40 of their 7th and 8th grade students on a field trip to the Sandifer's farms in Denmark, and to the Edisto Research Center. Students were given a demonstration on computerized tractors controlled by satellite, bees, drones, artificial insemination on cattle and branding of cattle.

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

- On April 9-11, Corey Crosby, defensive coordinator for the varsity football program, was a presenter at the University of Tennessee football clinic. Corey is well respected throughout the state and southeast areas for his coaching and weight lifting skills.
- Bryce Compton, 10th grade student, has been selected to represent the school and the Edisto Electric Cooperative on a Washington Youth Tour on June 13-18.
- The FCCLA (Culinary Arts) attended the STAR Leadership conference in Charleston on March 14th. Taja Nickerson and Taretta Nimmons received Bronze medals in Sports Nutrition. Meagan Price and Jaisha Ransom received a Silver medal for Life Planning. Terri Johnson, Alisha Singleton and Tianna Corujo received a Bronze medal in Culinary Arts.
- In March 2015, the following students who attend the Cope Area Career Center participated and received awards from the Skills USA competition at the HOSA State Leadership conference in Charleston, South Carolina. Awards were given as follows:
 - Job Seeking Skills: Gabby Walker – 4th Place; Tyler Black – 6th Place, and Kadarius Oliver – 7th Place.
 - Medical Terminology: Alex Steedly – 6th Place
- The Band's spring concert, under the leadership of Mr. Jordan Smith, presented an enjoyable program on April 19th. Awards were presented and the program was well attended.

- The high school band received a Superior Rating at the state Band festival.
- Deonte Rice, senior, has been named to the 43rd All-American Honorable Mention team sponsored by the USA Olympic program. Deonte is planning to attend Newberry College on a football scholarship in the fall.
- The 3rd quarter of the Garnet and Black program was held on April 16th. Students were recognized for having grades that qualified them for the “A”, “A/B” and “B” Honor Roll. These students received certificates.
- In March, Latia Tuten was recognized by the Orangeburg Rotary Club in Vocational Rehabilitation as the High School Student of the Year from this area.
- Upon the request of Mrs. Sandra Sprinkle and Mrs. Contrilla Murdaugh, FBLA teachers, Trustee Tony Duncan **moved and Trustee Janeth Walker seconded to approve a trip to Chicago, Illinois, (out-of-state) on June 29, through July 2, 2015, to take 10 FBLA students to participate in the National FBLA Conference. Financial assistance from the district will be based on a financial report showing the difference needed from Principal Randy Maxwell in May.** The motion passed 5-0.
- Upon the request of JROTC instructors, Major John H. McDonald and Senior Army Instructor Christopher Smith, Trustee John Hiers **moved and Trustee Chris Wallace seconded to approve a trip to Charlotte, North Carolina (out-of-state), for 55 JROTC cadets and at least 4 chaperons to participate in rafting (Whitewater Center) and an education day at Carowinds on May 8, 2015.** The motion passed 5-0.
- Junior students are preparing to take the ACT test. This test qualifies the entrance of students into a four-year and two-year college. Also, all juniors will be taking the WorkKeys test.

On behalf of the Board, Vice Chair Rivers encouraged the principals to invite the students who are going to be recognized for school accomplishments and their parents to the Board meeting on the night their child is going to be recognized.

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

- The current student enrollment is 1,383. Last month the enrollment was 1,386.[Board Packet Enclosure]
- Board Packet Enclosure: Picture (Naci Proveaux’s Art work)
Naci Proveaux, 4th grade student, recently won the Low Country Regional PalmettoPride Litter Trashes Everyone Art contest. The Art’s Commission will pay to have her work framed and it will be hung in the school.
- The April school calendar for Bamberg-Ehrhardt High School was reviewed. [Board Packet Enclosure]
- The Softball and Baseball teams gained much experience from playing in the Mingo Classic in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, during spring break.
- The Board is invited to attend the Junior-Senior Prom at Bamberg-Ehrhardt High School on April 24th.
- Corrective Warranty Deeds were written by the district’s law firm, Boykin and Davis, for the district’s previously owned property known as Richard Carroll Primary School Campus A and Richard Carroll Elementary School Campus B. [Board Packet Enclosures]

- The administration requested approval to have Summer School at Bamberg-Ehrhardt High School this summer, from June 8, through July 31, from 8:00 a. m. to 12:00 noon. Mrs. Denise Crosby will be the director. The program is designed to pay for itself – no district funding. Courses offered will be Math, English, Science and Social Studies. Four teachers will be needed and students will attend 4 days a week. The course work will be taught primarily with the Edgenuity program and it is aligned to help at-risk students. Student are placed according to a test that is administered and it is aligned with the South Carolina state standards. Students can only take two courses during the summer session. The first course must be completed before beginning on the second course. Students who reside in the district will be required to pay \$300 and out-of-district students are required to pay \$400. Out-of-district students' grades will be sent to the guidance counselor of the high school the student attends. The administration is hoping to get approximately 30 students enrolled. Teachers must be certified in certain areas but they do not have to be at school every day. Transportation must be provided by the student. A pre-registration will be conducted and if things do not look financially feasible, there will be no Summer School.

The Board requested that once all the details for Summer School are worked out that they be submitted to the Board.

Trustee Janeth Walker **moved and Trustee Tony Duncan seconded to give the administration approval to begin moving forward with the Summer School program as outlined by the administration.** The motion passed 5-0.

- The Board of Public Works gave the district 30 days from April 7, to get a grease trap at Bamberg-Ehrhardt Middle School. The grease trap will have to be installed by a commercial plumber and the cost is expected to be minimal provided there is no drilling in the cement.
- An audit was conducted in the Food Service Department and the results are as follows:
 - Need a plan to address the ongoing budget shortfall. Foodservice is supposed to be self-sufficient.
 - Need signs stating “Offer Versus Serve” at all sites.
 - An insufficient amount of fruits and vegetables were offered during the week of the review. Also, the lunch and breakfast menus did not provide a sufficient amount of calories.
 - A nutrient analysis on menus of all grade levels should be conducted.
 - The SFS Staff at Bamberg-Ehrhardt High School should review all stored food items to ensure the correct “month/day/year” format is recorded.
 - A corrective action plan is due back to the State Department by May 10, 2015.
- The Board received a note concerning the well-behaved Bamberg-Ehrhardt Middle School students who attended an author’s luncheon.

8. **Second Reading: Policy BE – School Board Meetings**

Following a review for second and final reading, Trustee Chris Wallace **moved and Trustee John Hiers seconded to change the election of Board Officers from January to May in “Policy BE – School Board Meetings”**. The motion passed 5-0.

The 2015 Election of Board Officers will take place at the May 2015, Board Meeting.

9. **Budget: 2015-2016**

Handout: 2015-2016 Budget Projections

Finance Director Devon Furr noted that the FY House Projections have been issued but they are subject to change once the Senate meets. Presently, the projected student base cost is \$2,220. There is no teacher increase – only step increase. The Lottery money is being moved to EFA which amounts to a cut of approximately \$103,000. The net increase in funding from last year is approximately \$64,000. Funding from the Retirement and Benefits Systems are incomplete at this time. Employee insurance will increase next year and there are new guidelines for Affordable Health Care next year. Employees who work more than 30 hours a week must be offered health care coverage.

The Board agreed to have a Budget Work Session on Wednesday, May 6, 2015, at 5:30 p. m. in the District Office. Normally, the Board meets for a work session, a first reading, and then a final reading on the Budget. The Budget must be completed by June 30, 2015.

10. **Monthly Financial Report**

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

Finance Director Furr reviewed the financial report for March and noted that Temporary Salaries are now overspent.

11. **Visitors’ Comments**

None

12. **Executive Session**

Vice Chair Kedra Rivers called for a **motion to enter Executive Session**. Trustee Tony Duncan **moved and Trustee John Hiers seconded to enter Executive Session**. The motion carried 5-0.

The purpose for entering executive session was to discuss:

- a. Employment Recommendations
- b. Student Transfer Requests

Open session: Trustee Chris Wallace **moved and Trustee Janeth Walker seconded for the Board to come out of Executive Session and return to the regular session of the meeting**.

The motion passed 5-0.

A. Employment Recommendations

Trustee Janeth Walker **moved and Trustee John Hiers seconded to accept the recommendation to employ #1 and #2 for the 2015-2016 school year and to accept the resignation of employee #3 at the end of the 2014-2015 school year** [Employment: Jan G. McCormack, speech teacher; and Morgan H. Huffstetter, 5-K teacher. Resignation: Jane Williams, music teacher.] **as presented by Superintendent Schwarting.** The motion carried 5-0

B. Student Transfer Requests

Trustee Tony Duncan **moved and Trustee John Hiers seconded to accept the transfer requests of #1 and #2** [Sarah Grace Mills-Dillard – transfer from Bamberg School District One to attend Lockett Elementary School in Branchville and Kaiden A. Olmos – transfer from Bamberg School District Two to attend school in Bamberg School District One for the 2015-2016 school year.] **as presented by Superintendent Schwarting.** The motion carried 5-0

Trustee Janeth Walker **moved and Trustee Chris Wallace seconded to adjourn the meeting.** The motion passed 5-0.

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

Minutes approved:

Kedra H. Rivers, Vice Chairperson

Tony E. Duncan, Secretary