

**Bamberg School District One**  
**Minutes of Regular Meeting of Board of Trustees**  
**Bamberg-Ehrhardt Middle School**  
**July 21, 2014**  
**6:30 P. M.**

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

**Absent:** None

1. **Call meeting to order:** Chairperson Rita M. Sease called the meeting to order and asked for a moment of silence – remembering the children and faculty and staff of the district.
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**  
Superintendent Schwarting requested and the Board agreed to amend the agenda to include Policy EEAEK-R Administrative Rule - Student Conduct on Buses between agenda items 8 and 9; therefore, renumbering the remaining agenda items. Also, under Executive Session, add Personnel as Agenda Item C.
4. **Approval of Minutes**  
Trustee Chris Wallace **moved and Trustee Tony Duncan seconded to approve the minutes of June 18, 2014, as written.** The motion passed 5-0.
5. **School Reports**  
School reports were given as follows:  
**Troy Phillips, principal of Bamberg-Ehrhardt Middle School,** reported that the summer routine cleaning of the building is progressing and they are in the process of scheduling students.  
  
In the absence of Randy Maxwell, principal of Bamberg-Ehrhardt High School, Superintendent Schwarting reported that the custodians are working diligently in getting the building ready for the upcoming school year.
6. **Superintendent's Report**  
Superintendent Schwarting reported the following:
  - The Board's Retreat on July 15, 2014, with Gwen Hampton from SCSBA was very fruitful. Ms. Hampton sent via email a copy of a flyer entitled, "Got a Problem" for each Board member as she had promised. The flyer provided solutions to problems that may come up.

- Board Packet Enclosure: Child Find (Student Services Office)  
Child Find is a search program for children who may have needs that could be addressed prior to enrolling in four-year-old kindergarten.
- Handout: Applications – South Carolina High School Diplomas  
Trustee Tony Duncan **moved and Trustee Chris Wallace seconded to approve nine students who have met all the Carnegie unit requirements to receive a state of South Carolina High School Diploma from Bamberg-Ehrhardt High School.** The motion passed 5-0.
- Bamberg-Ehrhardt High School requested approval to offer an Algebra II Seminar course starting with the 2014-2015 school year. The course is designed to help students who have demonstrated difficulty in mathematics through low course grades, below average MAP scores, and/or Not Met status on statewide testing for elective credit. Another request will be made at the August 18, 2014, Board meeting for English Language Arts in grade 9 and US History.

Vice Chair Kedra Rivers **moved and Trustee John Hiers seconded to approve an Algebra II Seminar course at Bamberg-Ehrhardt High School starting with the 2014-2015 school year.** The motion passed 5-0.

- Board Packet Enclosure: Amended Board Agenda – Court Appeals  
The SC Supreme Court ruled that public bodies may amend their agendas at regularly scheduled meetings.
- Board Packet Enclosure: Staff Vacancy Flyer – Elementary School Principal  
An advertisement was placed in The T&D Newspaper, and on the district's website for applicants interested in applying for the elementary school principal's position at Richard Carroll Elementary School. Seventeen applicants applied for the position.
- Board Packet Enclosure: Elizabeth Jones, Office of Assessment memo  
The district has been informed that the HSAP and PASS scores data is embargoed until early August. Data may not be shared with public bodies to be interpreted or misinterpreted until everything is completed by the SDE.
- The district received a grant from MUSC Boeing Center for Children's Wellness (BCCW) as follows.
  - \$1,000 annually to implement nutrition and physical activity strategies
  - \$1,500 annually to initiate or sustain the program and to host an end of year wellness roundtable to share successes and receive awards
  - 2,000 grand prize annually for top performance.
- The district has been chosen by the Medical University of South Carolina to participate in a Telehealth Network project. Equipment for the services will be provided at no cost to the district.
- All AP Calculus students at Bamberg-Ehrhardt High School had a passing score with the exception of one student.
- Board Packet Enclosure: Flyer – Substitute Teachers Workshop  
The district will conduct a workshop for Substitute Teachers on August 6, 2014, from 9:00 a. m. through 12:00 noon in the commons area of Bamberg-Ehrhardt High School. The workshop will consist of school regulations and Bloodborne Pathogens.

- Handout: Freshman News (Bamberg-Ehrhardt High School) – Reviewed
  - Handouts: Certificates and Pins (SCSBA) – Boardmanship Institute Recognition  
The following Board members were recognized for their level of achievement in training from SCSBA.
    - John Hiers – Level 1 – Certificate
    - Kedra Hill-Rivers (Vice Chair) – Level 2 – Certificate, silver pin
    - Michael Wallace – Level 2 – Certificate, silver pin
  - Introduction: Charles Boykin, the new district’s attorney from Boykin & Davis law firm and his associate, Ralph Smiley.
7. **Discussion on Policy BD Proposal – The Voices for Bamberg School District One**  
Trustee Chris Wallace **moved to accept the proposed new language for Policy BD as presented by the Voices for Bamberg School District One.** The motion died for a lack of a second.
  8. **Approval: Policy JICH – Drug And Alcohol Use By Students**  
Following a discussion on Policy JICH – Drug And Alcohol Use By Students, the Board agreed to give this policy to the district’s attorney for review and place it back on the August 2014, agenda.
  9. **Approval: Policy EEAEC-R Administrative Rule – Student Conduct on Buses**  
Following a discussion on Policy EEAEC-R – Student Conduct on Buses, the Board agreed to make some appropriate changes to the policy and bring it back for another review.
  10. **Approval of SCAGO Bond**  
**Devon Furr, finance director,** requested that the district obtain a SCAGO Bond (South Carolina Association of Governing Organization) again this year, not to exceed \$500,000, in order to keep the millage rate consistent to offset costs with the paving of the track, complete the purchasing of Smart Boards at Bamberg-Ehrhardt Middle School, and add some more technology.  
  
Vice Chair Kedra Rivers **moved and Trustee John Hiers seconded to accept again the SCAGO Bond, not to exceed \$500,000, for the purpose of paving the track, complete the purchasing of Smart Boards and any additional technology.** The motion passed 5-0.
  11. **Visitors’ Comments**  
**Mr. Adam Ness** noted on behalf of the Voices for Bamberg School District One that he thanked the Board for the consideration of their proposed Policy BD. He also noted that according to Policy BGBGD it states that every new policy proposal must be given two readings; however, the policy that he proposed did not receive two readings.

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**Mrs. Jill Jeffords** noted also on behalf of the Voices for Bamberg School District One that she thanked the Board for its consideration to their proposed Policy BD; however, she reiterated that the purpose of Voices for Bamberg School District One is not to fight

one another but to work as a team. She asked the Board to listen to their requests, the teachers' requests, the petitions that have been signed in the past with a full heart and when questions are asked, they would like to have feedback with reasoning in order to know where they are coming from.

12. **Executive Session**

Chairperson Rita M. Sease called for a **motion to enter Executive Session**. Trustee John Hiers **moved and Trustee Chris Wallace seconded to enter Executive Session**. The motion carried 5-0.

The purpose for entering executive session was to discuss:

- a. Student Transfer Requests
- b. Employment Recommendations
- c. Personnel

**Open session:** Trustee Tony Duncan **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 5-0.

**A. Student Transfer Requests**

There were no student transfer requests submitted; therefore, no action was taken.

**B. Employment Recommendations**

**Resignations:**

Trustee Chris Wallace **moved and Vice Chair Kedra Rivers seconded to accept the resignation of candidate A (Lisa Parrish, teacher) effective July 7, 2014**. The motion passed 5-0.

**Employment:**

Vice Chair Kedra Rivers **moved and Trustee Chris Wallace seconded to accept candidate B (Shirley Temple Jones-Jennings, teacher) pending release from contract for the 2014-2015 school year**. The motion passed 5-0.

Vice Chair Kedra Rivers **moved and Trustee John Hiers seconded to accept candidate A (Stacey Walter) for the principal of Richard Carroll Elementary School for the 2014-2015 school year**. The motion passed 5-0.

**C. Personnel**

Trustee John Hiers **moved and Trustee Tony Duncan seconded to revise the 2014-2015 Budget to remove the pay freeze and reinstating two steps in teacher salaries, teacher aids salaries, and custodial salaries by removing the money from the Fund Balance**. The motion passed 5-0.

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Vice Chair Kedra Rivers **moved and Trustee Chris Wallace seconded to adjourn the meeting.** The motion passed 5-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p. m. until August 18, 2014.

Minutes approved:

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Rita M. Sease, Chairperson

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Tony E. Duncan, Secretary