

Bamberg School District One
Minutes of Regular Meeting of Board of Trustees
Bamberg-Ehrhardt High School
September 18, 2014
6:30 P. M.

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

Absent: Tony E. Duncan, Secretary

1. **Call meeting to order:** Chairperson Rita M. Sease 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 Chris Wallace **moved and Trustee John Hiers seconded to approve the September 18, 2014, agenda as written.** The motion passed 4-0.

4. **Approval of Minutes**
Vice Chair Kedra Rivers **moved and Trustee Chris Wallace seconded to approve the minutes of August 18, 2014, as written.** The motion passed 4-0.

5. **School Reports**

School reports were given as follows:

Stacey Walter, principal of Richard Carroll Elementary School, reported: New stationery has been purchased for the school (reviewed); great month in school; student enrollment is up by 2 students (760); discipline has been fairly low; referrals are: 6 classroom and 8 school bus referrals; concluding MAP testing; grandparent's breakfast had a great attendance; huge summer reward celebration for students who met their reading requirements; teacher development continues with The Leader in Me – focusing on data analysis; and starting to focus on teacher attendance (Perfect Attendance).

Troy Phillips, principal of Bamberg-Ehrhardt Middle School, report: Principal Troy Phillips was absent – No Report.

Randy Maxwell, principal of Bamberg-Ehrhardt High School, reported: Junior Red Cross Blood Drive was held on September 10, 2014 – coordinated by Constance Ferguson – 18 units of blood were donated; approximately 180 seniors (75%) and parents attended the annual "Parent University" on September 16th at 6:00 p. m. that was coordinated by the guidance department. Information on colleges, technical schools and the workforce were provided to those in attendance. Emphasis was placed on the

financial aspect of higher education and possible options for students. Representatives from Denmark Tech, O-C Tech, Vocational Rehab and the WIA were in attendance; the following students have been selected to serve on the 2014-2015 Junior Leadership Team: Mallory Chavis, Bryce Compton, Reedy DeRienzo, Kayla Joye, Maddie Kemp, Tatyona Thompson, Shavondia Walker, and Johnathan Williams; advisor/advisee has begun and activities are scheduled for each month of the school year starting September 19th; 35 students are participating in Emerging Scholars through Clemson University and 57 students have graduated from the program. Runelle Weeks, guidance counselor, is the coordinator of this program; discipline is fairly well; dealing with tardies; in the final days for MAP testing; and the “Choking Game” presentation at Richard Carroll Elementary School was beneficial. Sports: football, volleyball and cross-country are the sports that are in season now. The varsity football team is 3-0 and ranked 4th in the state in class “A” and Keyonta Orr was selected as the T&D Player of the Week.

6. Superintendent’s Report

- A fire occurred in the gym of Bamberg-Ehrhardt Middle School on Sunday, August 31, 2014. It is believed that the fire started with the wiring in the building. Presently, the gym is not usable for classes. Information is being obtained to get it repaired.
- A program was held at Richard Carroll Elementary School on September 2, 2014, regarding the “Choking Game” and other risky behaviors for students and parents.
- Diploma requests through Act 155 have come from two more students. Presently, 13 applications have been approved by the board and submitted for diplomas.

Trustee Chris Wallace **moved and Vice Chair Kedra Rivers seconded to accept candidates A and B to receive high school diplomas through Act 155.** The motion passed 4-0.

- Two students from Bamberg-Ehrhardt High School applied for high school diplomas; however, these requests were denied due to insufficient required credits.
- **Five Year Trends – Average ACT Scores [Handout]**

Grade Yr.	Total Tested		English		Math		Reading		Science		Composite	
	Dist	State	Dist	State	Dist	State	Dist	State	Dist	State	Dist	State
2010	42	19,914	17.3	19.2	19.0	20.1	19.2	20.0	19.4	20.0	18.8	20.0
2011	48	21,064	15.0	19.4	17.2	20.3	16.8	20.3	16.5	20.1	16.5	20.1
2012	37	21,142	17.1	19.5	18.9	20.2	17.8	20.4	18.2	20.1	18.2	20.2
2013	38	20,868	17.4	19.7	18.6	20.3	19.2	20.8	18.7	20.3	18.6	20.4
2014	43	23,232	17.8	19.7	20.4	20.3	18.8	20.9	19.7	20.4	19.3	20.4

Bamberg-Ehrhardt ACT scores led the schools in its area. The implementing of the Edgenuity software program and the employment of a Literacy Coach will help students who need improvement.

- The 2014 percentage of students meeting HSAP standards in ELA was 91.40% and Math was 79%. First time testers scores were approximately 10% lower this year in the district and across the state. The district scored the highest in this area. [Handout]
- Richard Carroll Elementary School and Bamberg-Ehrhardt Middle School will be participating in the National Walk to School event on October 10, 2014, at 8:30 a. m.
- Board Packet Enclosure: Senior Stuff Newsletter [Reviewed].
- Board Packet Enclosure: Bamberg-Ehrhardt High School Guidance Newsletter [Reviewed]

- Mrs. Sandra Sprinkle, Family and Consumer Science teacher from Bamberg-Ehrhardt High School, requested permission to take 50 students to visit the Biltmore Estate in Asheville, North Carolina, on December 5, 2014, from 7:00 a. m. through 5:00 p. m. The purpose of the trip will be to allow students to see and study the Vanderbilt family as it relates to financial matters in terms of business, industry, and investments. Students will pay for their own cost out of Consumer funds, if necessary.

Trustee John Hiers **moved and Trustee Chris Wallace seconded to approve the request from the Consumer Science department to travel to Asheville, North Carolina, to tour the Biltmore Estate on December 5, 2014, from 7:00 a. m. through 5:00 p. m. for the purpose of studying the Vanderbilt family as it relates to financial matters.** The motion passed 4-0.

- Board Packet Enclosure: Student Enrollment
Student enrollment has dropped by 38 students since the opening of school on August 18, 2014, which would reflect a loss of approximately \$75,000 in student base cost. This is money that was budgeted.
- **Karen Threatt, food service director**, reported the following:
Summer Feeding Program: The program had an improvement of approximately \$4,800 and an increase of approximately 2,500 meals; served approximately 14,452 meals; and the estimated food cost to the estimated labor will bring in a profit of approximately \$23,000 to \$24,000.
Summary of current feeding program: Due to the CEP analysis at Richard Carroll Elementary School, there is a profit of approximately \$50,000; during the month of August, 13,952 meals were served at breakfast and lunch – 1,200 meal increase from last August.
Also, the staff is operating smoothly and everyone is getting used to the new guidelines. The decrease in staff is working fine. Due to illness, a few substitutes have been used, however, this was allotted in the budget.
- In a letter from Juanita Seabrook, director of food service, Mrs. Karen Threatt's food service department met successfully all the criteria for the summer feeding program.

7. **Approval: Third Read**

Policy JICH and JICH-R – Drug And Alcohol Use By Students

Following a discussion regarding the revision made to Policy JICH-R by the district's attorney, Ralph Smiley, Vice Chair Kedra Rivers **moved and Trustee John Hiers seconded to approve Policy JICH-R – Drug And Alcohol Use By Students.** The motion passed 4-0.

Vice Chair Kedra Rivers **moved and Trustee John Hiers seconded to approve Policy JICH in addition to Policy JICH-R – Drug And Alcohol Use By Students.** The motion passed 4-0.

8. **School Law Conference Update: Board Members**

Board members John Hiers, Chris Wallace and Vice Chair Kedra Rivers reported from the School Law Conference they recently attended. In summary they noted that the district is doing a good job by not overstepping its boundary on Religious Freedom and

having effective policies that will keep the Board out of the courtroom; students can live up or down to expectations from teachers; there are some new ways of reaching children which consist of the proper use of love and guidance; every child is different – every child is a challenge – every child is an opportunity to reach; the way an adult thinks can affect how a child thinks in general; the way a child is treated upon entering a class, could determine whether the child will have a good or bad day; putting good things into a child regardless to his/her background or environment can build the child up to become successful; and what an adult says, does affect children.

Board Chair Sease noted that the district's law firm, Boykin and Davis, provided information on Student Discipline and Guidance for Educators on general education and special education disciplinary issues through a scenario of Jack and Jill at the conference.

9. **Election of Delegate/Alternate to 2014 Delegate Assembly (SCSBA)**

Trustee John Hiers nominated Vice Chair Kedra Rivers as delegate and Trustee John Hiers volunteered to be the alternate to serve at the 2014 SCSBA's annual business meeting on Saturday, December 6, 2014 at Sonesta Hotel in Hilton Head, SC. The motion passed 4-0.

By general consent, Trustee John Hiers' offer to be the alternate delegate to serve at the 2014 SCSBA's annual business meeting on Saturday, December 6, 2014 at Sonesta Hotel in Hilton Head, SC was accepted. The motion passed 4-0.

10. **Request for Locally Board Approved Course at Richard Carroll Elementary School**

A request from Richard Carroll Elementary School to approve a Computer Learning course in kindergarten through grades 6 was reviewed. [Board Packet Enclosure]

Trustee John Hiers **moved and Trustee Chris Wallace seconded to accept an approved Computer Learning course that will be taught at Richard Carroll Elementary School in grades K through 6.** The motion passed 4-0.

11. **Monthly Financial Report**

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

Finance Director Furr noted that the financial report reveals one item as being overspent. She asked the Board to amend the 2014-2015 budget to include the two step increase that was given to the district's staff. \$301,338.94 will be obligated in the General Fund Balance.

The Board agreed to review the amended 2014-2015 Budget and discuss it at the next board meeting.

12. **Visitors' Comments**

None

13. **Executive Session**

Chairperson Rita M. Sease called for a **motion to enter Executive Session**. Trustee John Hiers **moved and Vice Chair Kedra Rivers seconded to enter Executive Session**. The motion carried 4-0.

The purpose for entering executive session was to discuss:

- a. Student Transfer Requests
- b. Superintendent's Evaluation
- c. Personnel

The next Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 20, 2014, at 6:30 p. m. at Bamberg-Ehrhardt Middle School.

Open session: Trustee John Hiers **moved and Vice Chair Kedra Rivers 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. Student Transfer Requests

Vice Chair Kedra Rivers **moved and Trustee Chris Wallace seconded to accept Student A request to attend school in Bamberg School District One for the 2014-2015 school year pending receipt of the release letter**. The motion passed 4-0.

Vice Chair Kedra Rivers **moved and Trustee John Hiers seconded to accept Students B, C, D, E, and F as transfers into Bamberg School District One for the 2014-2015 school year**. The motion passed 4-0.

B. Superintendent's Evaluation

No action was taken on the Superintendent's Evaluation; however, the Board was reminded that the Superintendent's Evaluation is due by December 31, 2014.

C. Personnel

No action was taken on Personnel in Executive Session.

Trustee Chris Wallace **moved and Vice Chair Kedra Rivers seconded to adjourn the meeting**. The motion passed 4-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p. m.

Minutes approved:

Rita M. Sease, Chairperson

Tony E. Duncan, Secretary