

Bamberg School District One
Minutes of Regular Meeting of Board of Trustees
Bamberg-Ehrhardt High School
October 17, 2016
6:30 p.m.

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

Absent: None

1. **Call meeting to order:** Board Chair Kedra Rivers called the meeting to order and asked for a moment of silence from those who care to participate. Also, she asked to keep in mind Mr. Bob Clary's family and the hurricane victims.
2. **Notice to Media:** In accordance with the S. C. Code of Laws of 1976, as amended, Section, Section 30-4-80(E), 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 Janeth Walker moved and Trustee Tony Duncan seconded to approve the agenda as written. The motion passed 5-0.
4. **Approval of Minutes**
Trustee Tony Duncan moved and Trustee Janeth Walker seconded to accept the September 19, 2016, minutes as written. The motion passed 5-0.
5. **School Reports: Randall L. Maxwell, Sandra B. Glover, and Stacey Walter**
Hand-outs: School Reports (Reviewed by Principals):
 - Bamberg-Ehrhardt High School – Principal Randall L. Maxwell
 - Bamberg-Ehrhardt Middle School – Principal Sandra B. Glover
 - Richard Carroll Elementary School – Principal Stacey Walter
6. **Motion to Accept Property Donated to Bamberg School District One**
Superintendent Schwarting noted that all Board minutes are reviewed by the South Carolina School Boards Association. In a letter from SCSBA dated September 27, 2016, the property from Mr. Gaines Mason to the District that is indicated in the Board Minutes of June 20, 2016, should have been in the form of a motion and placed as an agenda item.

After hearing the recommendation from SCSBA, **Trustee John Hiers moved and Vice Chair Chris Wallace seconded to approve the acceptance of the lot located on Elizabeth Street (residential) and the two vacant lots located on Highway 301 in Bamberg School District One that was given as a donation from Mr. Gaines Mason who used to reside in Bamberg [Assessed at approximately \$5,000 and they can be sold at any time. Parcel #1 - TMS #1: 0087-06-02-008, Parcel #2 - TMS #: 0086-03-**

01-001, and Parcel #3 - TMS #: 0086-03-01-005 in the office of the clerk of Court for Bamberg County]. The motion passed 5-0.

7. **Request for Approval of Forgiveness of Days Due to Hurricane**

Superintendent Schwarting noted that school was closed for 6 days due to Hurricane Matthew. Hopefully, the Governor will forgive days 1, 2, and 3. She requested that the Board consider using the three make-up days that are in the District's calendar (second semester) for days 1, 2, and 3 and forgive days 4, 5, and 6.

Trustee Tony Duncan moved and Trustee Janeth Walker seconded to "forgive" days 4, 5, and 6 due to Hurricane Matthew. The motion passed 5-0.

8. **Facilities Update – Hurricane Matthew**

In reference to Hurricane Matthew, the District's insurance adjuster came and reviewed the damages incurred. A roofing consulting is scheduled to come on Friday, October 21, 2016, to survey the roofing damages. The high school has significant roof leaks in the gym and the guidance office. The new stage curtains are ruined; however, they are all covered under the District's insurance plan. The press box at the football stadium, the concession stand, and the batting cage at the softball field have minor damages. The historical block wall which was built in the late 1930s at the baseball field was completely knocked down; however, the insurance will pay for a portion of it to be replaced. Noted also was that some people in the community have offered to help pay for the wall to be replaced. The Leland cypress trees fell on the fence at the football stadium. It is the wish of the administration not to replace them. Instead, use netting on a fence.

9. **Student/Staff Recognition and Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Schwarting reported the following:

- Although the administration was told years ago that minutes were not official until they have been approved by the Board before being released, this will change. Noted in a letter from SCSBA (September 27, 2016), a draft copy of the Board minutes should be placed on the District's website at least 10 days prior to each regularly scheduled Board meeting in accordance with South Carolina Budget Proviso 1.26.
- Hurricane Matthew forced two band competitions to be cancelled. Nevertheless, Band Director Jordan Smith discovered a band competition in Thompson, Georgia, on October 15, 2016, that would be beneficial to the students prior to competing in the lower state competitions (October 22, 2016). Due to this trip being out-of-state, it was necessary to get Board approval and time was a major factor (24 hours). Superintendent Schwarting contacted all Board members via email and was given permission for the trip to take place. By the way, the band came in first place in this competition.

Also, Band Director Jordon Smith has requested permission to take the band students via District buses to Carowinds on Saturday, October 29, 2016, on a field trip – leaving at 3:00 p.m. and returning at midnight. The trip is paid for by the students and the booster club.

Trustee Janeth Walker moved and Vice Chair Chris Wallace seconded to officially approve the out-of-state band trip to Thompson, Georgia, on Saturday, October 15, 2016, for a band competition as well as the Saturday, October 29, 2016, field trip to Carowinds as requested by Band Director Jordan Smith. The motion passed 5-0.

- Student School Enrollment as of October 1, 2016: Richard Carroll Elementary – 756; Bamberg-Ehrhardt Middle School – 220; and Bamberg-Ehrhardt High School – 422. Total enrollment – 1,398. [Board Packet Hand-out]
- Governor Nikki Haley emailed an EMBARGOED list that included 50 school districts to be closed on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, October 5-7, 2016, due to Hurricane Matthew. [Board Packet Enclosure]
- A newsletter with helpful information for seniors was reviewed. [Board Packet Enclosure]
- An illustration of a new sign for the District Office that was designed by Mr. Barry John from Columbia was reviewed. [Board Packet Enclosure]
- The SCHSL Executive Committee decided to extend the regular season for football to two more weeks. The football game with Calhoun County that was post-poned will be played on November 4th. Playoffs for all classifications will start November 18th. 1-A and 2-A State Championships will be played on December 16th at Benedict College. 3-A, 4-A and 5-A State Championships will be played on December 17th at USC in Columbia.
- A special thanks was extended to Ricky Padgett, Randy Johnson, Billy Ott, Cynthia Tucker, Phyllis Overstreet and Devon Furr for doing an outstanding job in making sure everything remained in place during the days the District was closed due to Hurricane Matthew.
- During an administrator's meeting on October 12, 2016, the current Disaster Plan was reviewed and responsibilities were added to the personnel of Technology, Athletic Director/Coaches, and Principals in the event a hurricane should occur again. The District has an Emergency Team and will create a Disaster Team.
- The results of the SC Ready ELA & Math Tests were reviewed. SC Ready Test is timed and it does not have many accommodations. Academically, some students may not have been prepared. Also, because it was a timed test, it was very frustrating for some students. Overall, the test scores were good. [Hand-out]

10. Monthly Financial Report

Finance Director Devon Furr presented the Financial Report as of September 30, 2016. With this new financial report, it shows all accounts. Budgeting is under one line items and broken into different accounts. A summary report gives a better comparison; that is, this is the budget – this is what was spent – this is what is left.

11. Visitors' Comments

Mr. Ken Ahlin waived his right to speak.

12. **Executive Session**

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

The purpose for entering executive session was to discuss:

- a. Superintendent's Evaluation

Open session: Trustee Tony Duncan **moved and Vice Chair 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. Superintendent's Evaluation

Trustee Janeth Walker moved and Trustee Tony Duncan seconded noting that there was no action taken in regards to the *Superintendent's Evaluation*. The motion passed 5-0.

Trustee John Hiers moved and Vice Chair Chris Wallace seconded to adjourn the meeting.

The motion passed 5-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:28 p. m.

Minutes approved:

Kedra H. Rivers, Board Chair

Tony E. Duncan, Secretary