

Bamberg School District One
Minutes of Regular Meeting of Board of Trustees
Richard Carroll Elementary School
July 17, 2017
6:30 p.m.

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

Absent: None

1. **Call meeting to order:** Board Chair Chris Wallace 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 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**
Vice Chair Janeth Walker moved and Trustee John Hiers seconded to approve the agenda as presented. The motion passed 5-0.
4. **Approval of Minutes**
Vice Chair Janeth Walker moved and Trustee Kim Berry seconded to approve the Minutes of June 26, 2017, as written. The motion passed 5-0.
5. **School Reports: Stacey Walter, Sandra B. Glover (Presented by Denise Miller), and Dennis Ulmer**
Hand-outs: School Reports (Reviewed by Principals/Assistant Principal):
 - Richard Carroll Elementary School – Principal Stacey Walter
 - Bamberg-Ehrhardt Middle School – Principal Denise Miller
 - Bamberg-Ehrhardt High School – Assistant Principal Jordan Smith
6. **Student/Staff Recognition and Superintendent's Report**
Superintendent Schwarting reported the following:
 - a. Vice Chair Janeth Walker received a pin and certificate from SCSBA for having completed Level 3 training.
 - b. Renovations in the culinary arts classroom at Bamberg-Ehrhardt High School should be completed in time for the August 2017, board meeting. If so, Board members will be given an opportunity to visit this classroom to see the recent renovations. Funding for the renovations came through a \$147,000 grant that could only be used in a CATE area.
 - c. Board members are invited to the “back to school breakfast” for the district’s staff on August 14, 2017, at Richard Carroll Elementary School at 8:30 a. m.
 - d. As of June 2, 2017, the student enrollment is 1,359. Funding for the 2017-2018 school year will be based on 1,359 to 1,364 students. [Board Packet Enclosure]

- e. Although all parents did not participate, the opportunity was given to them to participate in a survey regarding the schools their children attend. The results from ten of the more significant items on the survey, indicated that the district was on level or higher than the state on all items. However, Bamberg-Ehrhardt High School administrators will be asked to place more emphasis on items 4, 7, and 10 (attend Open Houses, teachers and school staff prevents or stop bullying at school, and schools' overall friendliness.). [Board Packet Enclosure]
- f. The McGregor & Company are auditing the funds of the district basically to perform compliance reports on federal and state programs. [Board Packet Enclosure]
- g. The district will participate in the National Alliance of Black School Educators (NABSE). It is believed that information from this program will help to increase the number of African-American men to go into the teaching profession. Currently, only 2% of African-American men go into the teaching profession. As a participating district, students – regardless of ethnicity – will have access to valuable information about their higher education options, including: (1) Financial aid offers and information – including a FREE College and Scholarship Match Report produced on an individual basis; (2) Contact from colleges and universities that meet their needs and aspirations; and (3) Information from career service providers offering products and services such as college admissions services, financial aid, career information, extracurricular enrichment, and recognition programs.

7. **Second Reading: Policy ADF – School Wellness**

Presentation: Mrs. Karen Jackson, Director of Food Service

Mrs. Karen Jackson, Director of Food Service, reiterated Policy ADF – Wellness that was reviewed and tabled at the request of the Board on June 26, 2017. In reference to serving Smart Snacks, Mrs. Jackson noted that children who have healthy eating patterns are more likely to perform better academically. Smart Snacks Standards are a Federal requirement for all foods sold outside the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program. Foods and beverages sold at school that need to meet the requirements are: any food and beverage sold to students at schools during the school day, other than those foods provided as part of the school meal programs. Examples include: *À la carte* items sold in the cafeteria and foods sold in school stores, snack bars, and vending machines. Foods and beverages sold during fundraisers, unless these items are not intended for consumption at school or are otherwise exempt by the state. The school day is defined as the midnight before to 30 minutes after the end of the school day. Also noted by Mrs. Jackson was that the SDE reinforces the standards of the USDA. The rules apply to all properties under the jurisdiction of the school that are accessible to students during the day. In reference to fundraisers, all foods that meet the competitive food standards may be sold at fundraisers on the school campus during school hours. Food or beverages that do not meet the standards may only be sold in occasional fundraisers if they are not sold in competition with school meals in the food serving area during the meal programs. This rule governs the sale of food using payment options including, but not limited to, money, tokens and coupons or where a donation is expected or suggested. Compliance is important not only for the breakfast, lunch or meal programs but also for competitive food and beverages in order to maintain overall compliances.

Also, Mrs. Jackson noted that the district is due for an administrative review with USDA and the SDE in order to make sure the schools are following the guidelines. It is important that the district maintain overall compliance in order to prevent any type of sanction from USDA because they will sanction and take money from you. Therefore, she asked that the Wellness Policy incorporate the competitive foods and beverages according to the USDA Smart Snack guidelines in order to maintain Federal Revenues. The funds are important for the regular operations for the year. If the policy is not put in place, money can be withheld and the district can be held for not adhering to their rules.

In response to a concern regarding how to eliminate students from coming home hungry because of having to promote more healthy eating habits and eating healthier foods, it was noted that districts are under a Federal mandated program where all operations depend on Federal support; therefore, the guidelines must be followed. Superintendent Schwarting noted that according to the district's attorney, this is a Federal program and the district does not have any options. [Handouts: USDA Guidelines to Smart Snacks and Smart Snacks Food/Standards/Exemptions]

Following a discussion, Vice Chair Janeth Walker moved and Trustee Kim Berry seconded to accept as a second reading Policy ADF – School Wellness. The motion passed 4-1. [Trustee John Hiers voted nay]

8. **Visitors' Comments**

Mrs. Mollie H. Williams noted that a planned trip for FBLA students did not materialize and parents were informed in a meeting that the students who paid for the trip would be refunded their money. Nevertheless, all the students received their money with the exception of her two grandchildren. She was informed that her grandchildren's money would not be refunded due to a litigation investigation. To her, this didn't seem fair that a student can be held liable for something that is held against their parent. Therefore, she thinks her grandchildren should get their money back also.

9. **Executive Session**

Board Chair Chris Wallace 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 the following:

- a. Student Transfer Requests
- b. Personnel Recommendation for Resignation / Employment
- c. Legal Advice – Personnel Matter

Open session: Trustee Tony Duncan **moved and Vice Chair 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) Student Transfer Request

Trustee John Hiers **moved and Trustee Kim Berry seconded for the Board to accept the Student Transfer Requests for students #1, #2, #3, #4, and #5 as presented.** The motion passed 5-0.

B) Personnel Recommendation for Resignation / Employment

Vice Chair Janeth Walker **moved and Trustee John Hiers seconded for the Board to accept the Personnel Recommendation (Employment) of persons #1 and #2 as presented.** The motion passed 5-0.

C) Legal Advice – Personnel Matter

Vice Chair Janeth Walker **moved and Trustee Tony Duncan seconded for the Board to accept the “Legal Information – Personnel Matter” as a matter of information.** The motion passed 5-0.

Vice Chair Janeth Walker **moved and Trustee Kim Berry seconded to adjourn the meeting.** The motion passed 5-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p. m.

Minutes approved:

Christopher Wallace, Board Chair

Tony E. Duncan, Secretary