

Bamberg School District One
Minutes of Regular Meeting of Board of Trustees
Bamberg-Ehrhardt High School
August 21, 2017
6:30 p.m.

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

Absent: Trustee Kim Berry

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 Advertiser-Herald
3. **Approval of Agenda**
At the request of Superintendent Schwarting, Vice Chair Janeth Walker moved and Trustee John Hiers seconded to amend the agenda to add under Executive Session “C – Legal Advice – Personnel”. The motion passed 4-0.
4. **Approval of Minutes**
Trustee John Hiers moved and Vice Chair Janeth Walker seconded to approve the Minutes of July 17, 2017, as written. The motion passed 4-0.
5. **School Reports: Stacey Walter, Denise Miller, and Dennis Ulmer**
Hand-outs: School Reports (Reviewed by Principals):
 - Richard Carroll Elementary School – Principal Stacey Walter
 - Bamberg-Ehrhardt Middle School – Principal Denise Miller
 - Bamberg-Ehrhardt High School – Principal Dennis Ulmer
6. **Athletic Updates**
Principal Dennis Ulmer reviewed a financial breakdown from the August 18, 2017, football game (Woodland) as follows:

Total tickets sold at gate (\$7 each): 571; tickets sold to students (\$4 each): 57;
Gross at Gate: \$4,225.00; Gatekeeper – \$50.00; Officials (5): \$526.30; Security:
\$590.85; Net from Gate: \$3,057.85; and amount from tickets sold to students (\$4
each): \$228.00. [Handout]
7. **Student/Staff Recognition and Superintendent’s Report**
Superintendent Schwarting reported the following:
 - a. All district employees received a packet of school information at the staff breakfast on August 17, 2017.

- b. Handouts (Board Members): Employee Handbook, Title I Parent Handbook, Custodial Safety Rules, School Bus Drivers Manual, Coaches Handbook, Food Service information (Prices, Charges, Meal Coupon), Football Schedules, First Steps Flyer, Notification of Asbestos Results, District School Calendar, Professional Staff Development Handbook, Bus Riders Discipline Code Manual, and a Carrying Bag.
- c. Student enrollment as of August 21, 2017, was as follows: Richard Carroll Elementary – 758; Bamberg-Ehrhardt Middle – 213; Bamberg-Ehrhardt High – 423; and total enrollment – 1,394. [Handout]
- d. Representatives from the district will attend a hearing at the Bamberg City Hall with the City Zoning Committee on September 14, 2017, to appeal the length of time the new lighted sign at Bamberg-Ehrhardt High School can remain on (24 hours lighted instead of being turned off at 11:00 p.m.).
- e. Bamberg School District One is one of 48 school districts in South Carolina involved in the Abbeville Lawsuit. Each district is expecting to receive approximately \$1 million from this lawsuit which can only be spent for things connected to instruction. The administration suggested that the following purchases be made: Bamberg Ehrhardt High School: surveillance cameras for the gym and in the building, freezer for the cafeteria, some HVAC issues, structure issues on some of the columns, and repairs to the bleachers in the gym (electric roll out mechanism). Bamberg-Ehrhardt Middle School: replace all the gym door locks and frames, replace all exterior locks in the entire building, install a security alarm system that will cover the gym, replace or repair the gym floor, replace the gym ceiling tile, purchase playground equipment, remove the old restroom plumbing beneath the bleachers, replace the carpet in the library, renovate the band room, and add a third camera to buses that do not have them. Although a scoreboard is needed, hopefully, this item will come from some Bond money.
- f. Student test scores will be reviewed at the next Board meeting.
- g. The solar eclipse on Monday, August 21, 2017, was a wonderful experience for the students and staff. The appropriate glasses for viewing were worn by everyone in attendance and the students showed much excitement.

8. First Reading: Policy IHCD-R (Administrative Rule)

Upon the recommendation of SCSBA, the following paragraphs were added to Board Policy IHCD-R – Administrative Rule as follows:

Students become eligible for enrollment in AP courses when they have successfully completed the prerequisite college preparatory course(s). All students enrolled in state-funded AP programs must take the College Board-administered examination.

Each teacher of an AP course will have earned the specialized AP course endorsement in accordance with SCDE requirements. Newly assigned teachers of AP courses will have one calendar year to meet the AP course training requirements.

Following a review of Board Policy IHCD-R (Administrative Rule) by Superintendent Schwarting, Trustee John Hiers moved and Vice Chair Janeth Walker seconded to approve the revised Policy of IHCD-R Administrative Rule as presented. The motion passed 4-0.

9. **Monthly Financial Report**

Finance Director Devon Furr noted that since the 2017-2018 District's Budget was approved, Title I received more money than anticipated and the student accident insurance increased. Therefore, Mrs. Furr would like to amend the Budget in order to adjust Title 1 by increasing the Revenue and move from the General Fund a teacher's aide position. Nevertheless, as suggested by the Board, Mrs. Furr will bring the exact figures that would entail changes to the Budget to the September 2017, Board meeting before amending the Budget. [Board Packet Enclosure]

10. **Visitors' Comments**

No visitors signed to give comments.

11. **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 4-0.

The purpose for entering executive session was to discuss the following:

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

Open session: Vice Chair Janeth Walker **moved and Trustee Tony Duncan seconded for the Board to come out of Executive Session and return to the regular session of the meeting.**

The motion passed 4-0.

12. **Action on Executive Session Items**

A) Student Transfer Requests

Trustee John Hiers **moved and Trustee Janeth Walker seconded for the Board to accept the Student Transfer Requests for students #1, #2, #3, #5, #6 and #7 and to approve the release of students #4 and #8 for the 2017-2018 school year as presented.** The motion passed 4-0.

B) Personnel Recommendation for Employment

Trustee John Hiers **moved and Vice Chair Janeth Walker seconded for the Board to table the Personnel Recommendation of Employment pending additional information.** The motion passed 4-0.

C) Legal Advice – Personnel

Trustee John Hiers **moved and Vice Chair Janeth Walker seconded for the Board to accept the “Legal Action – Personnel Matter” that was discussed as a matter of information.** The motion passed 4-0.

Vice Chair Janeth Walker **moved and Trustee Tony Duncan seconded to adjourn the meeting.** The motion passed 4-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p. m.

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Minutes approved:

Christopher Wallace, Board Chair

Tony E. Duncan, Secretary