

Bamberg School District One
Minutes of Regular Meeting of Board of Trustees
Richard Carroll Elementary School
May 21, 2018
6:30 p.m.

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

Absent: None

1. **Call meeting to order:** Board Chair Chris Wallace called the meeting to order and asked for the observance of a moment of silence and asked for those who could to keep the students and families of Santa Fe Texas High School in their minds and hearts.
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**
Vice Chair Janeth Walker moved and Trustee John Hiers seconded to approve the agenda as written. The motion passed 5-0.
4. **Approval of Minutes**
Trustee John Hiers moved and Trustee Kim Berry seconded to approve the Minutes of April 16, 2018, as presented. The motion passed 5-0.
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 Denny Ulmer
6. **Athletic Updates**
 - a) Congratulations were extended to Coach Travis Wilson and the girls track team for having participated in the state meet.
 - b) The golf team participated in the state meet. The team finished 7 out of 14.
 - c) The spring games are scheduled for Friday, May 25, 2018, at 6:30 p.m. at the football stadium.
7. **Student/Staff Recognitions and Superintendent’s Report**
Superintendent Schwarting responded/reported the following:
 - a) The Cope 2018 Completer Ceremony is scheduled for Thursday, May 24, 2018, at 7:00 p. m. in the St. George Baptist Church Annex (2590 Shillings Bridge Road, Orangeburg). The district will have quite a number of completers from Bamberg-Ehrhardt High School.

- b) The district submitted information to the National Alliance of Black School Educators (NABSE) that will be placed in the NABSE Career Center – a resource available to school districts in recruiting new teachers.
- c) SCSBA has issued the following information to school districts:
 - The House version for student base cost is \$2,425 and the Senate version is \$2,485. This amounts to approximately \$84,000 for the district.
 - First year teachers with zero years of experience and one year experience will start off on the pay scale at \$32,000. The past scale was a little over \$30,000.
 - It is believed that nothing will happen with the \$10,000 earnings cap for retired teachers this year. The teachers who retired and came out of Teri will probably not be able to make more than the \$10,000.
 - With School Safety, the House recommends \$15 million while the Senate \$4 million. Therefore, the District will get a little money for School Safety.
 - Reading/Literacy Coaches will continue to be partially funded.
 - Marching Band will now be allowed to be counted as a PE credit.
 - \$8 million has been allotted in the House and \$10 million in the Senate for school buses.
- d) All positions in this District for the 2018-2019 school year have been filled with the exception of one high school English teaching position.
- e) Board members are encouraged to read “South Carolina School Boards Association Get on Board: Your Service as a Board Member”. It consists of reminders for Board members; that is, for children. [Board Packet Enclosure]
- f) The training hours for all board members are outlined in a memo from SCSBA. [Board Packet Enclosure]
- g) Staff vacancies for the 2018-2019 school year were posted. [Board Packet Enclosure]
- h) According to Senator Hugh Leatherman and Representative Brian White, the conference report committee will not have enough time to get a conference report ready on the due dates; however, the goal now is to have a budget conference report presented to both houses before the next dates authorized in the Sine Die Resolution, which is June 27th. However, the General Assembly did pass a Continuing Resolution. If an agreement is not reached by July 1, funding will continue based on the level of amounts appropriated in Act 97 of 2017. The district plans to operate on the highest raise and the least amount of money given by the House Ways and Means and the Senate Finance Committee, and will give a 2% raise to all district employees.
- i) End of Course test scores are embargoed; however, Bamberg-Ehrhardt Middle School had a 100% rate passing Algebra I and 96% passing rate in English; quite a few students made As, Bs, Cs, and Ds and a few did not pass; in US History, the district went up to a 71.1% passing rate. Kim Compton did a fantastic job with this subject.
- j) The District will operate on a 4-day per week schedule this summer. The hours will be Monday through Thursday from 7:30 a. m. to 4:30 p.m. starting Monday, June 11th and ending on Friday, August 3rd. July 4th and July 5th will be holidays and July 2nd and July 3rd will be regular work days unless the workers choose to take vacation days, which they may do. [Handout]
- k) Fifty-seven students from the District participated in six components of the South Carolina FITNESSGRAM project during the 2016-2017 school year (Cardiorespiratory Fitness, Weight Fitness, Upper Body Strength/Endurance, Abdominal Strength/Endurance, Trunk Extensor Strength/Flexibility, and Flexibility). [Board Packet Enclosure]

- l) The District is operating under the Read to Succeed Rules where all students must become readers by the time they leave 3rd grade and all teachers must take a significant number of courses in order to become proficient in teaching that type of learning.

8. **Monthly Financial Report**

Finance Director Devon Furr presented a Financial Report for April 2018, and a copy of a fiscal caution plan that was submitted to the State Department by May 18, 2018. The plan outlines the District's plans for correcting the fiscal caution situation and it must be approved by the Board. **Trustee John Hiers moved and Trustee Tony Duncan seconded to approve the District's Fiscal Caution Financial Recovery Plan as prepared by Finance Director Devon Furr and Superintendent Phyllis Schwarting.** The motion passed 5-0.

Noted was that a budget work session will take place on Tuesday, May 29, 2018, at 6:00 p. m. at the District Office.

9. **Visitors' Comments**

No visitors signed to give comments; therefore, no comments were given.

10. **Executive Session**

Board Chair Chris Wallace called for a **motion to enter Executive Session**. Trustee Tony Duncan **moved and Vice Chair Janeth Walker seconded to enter Executive Session**. The motion carried 5-0.

The purpose for entering executive session was to discuss:

- a. Student Appeal
- b. Personnel Recommendation for Hires
- c. Personnel Recommendation for Resignations
- d. Student Transfer Requests

Open session: Trustee John Hiers **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 5-0.

11. **Action on Executive Session Items**

Vice Chair Janeth Walker **moved and Trustee Tony Duncan seconded that with regards to Agenda Item (a) Student Appeal** that after a discussion with all parties, the matter has been rescheduled to a new date of May 29, 2018; with regards to **Item b) Personnel Recommendation for Hires** with numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 to accept the recommendation of numbers 1, 2, 3, and 4 only; with regards to **Item (c) Personnel Recommendation for Resignations** to accept the recommendation of persons 1, 2, 3 and 4; and **Item (d) Student Transfer Requests** to accept the request of students 1, 2, and 3 as presented. The motion passed 5-0.

12. **Adjourn**

Trustee John Hiers **moved and Trustee Tony Duncan seconded to adjourn the meeting**. The motion passed 5-0.

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The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p. m.

Minutes approved:

Christopher Wallace, Board Chair

Tony E. Duncan, Secretary