

**Bamberg School District One**  
**Minutes of Regular Meeting of Board of Trustees**  
**Richard Carroll Elementary School**  
**March 24, 2016**  
**6:30 p.m.**

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

**Absent:** None

1. **Call meeting to order:** Board Chair Kedra Rivers 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 Advertiser-Herald**
3. **Approval of Agenda**  
Trustee John Hiers **moved and Vice Chair Chris Wallace seconded to approve the agenda as written.** The motion passed 4-0 [Trustee Tony Duncan arrived later].
4. **Approval of Minutes**  
Trustee Janeth Walker **moved and Trustee John Hiers seconded to approve the February 23, 2016, minutes as written.** The motion passed 4-0 [Trustee Tony Duncan arrived later].
5. **School Reports: Stacey Walter, Sandra B. Glover, Randall L. Maxwell**  
Hand-outs: School Reports (Overviewed/Reviewed by Principals):
  - Richard Carroll Elementary School – Principal Stacey Walter
  - Bamberg-Ehrhardt Middle School – Principal Sandra B. Glover
  - Bamberg-Ehrhardt High School – Principal Randall L. Maxwell
6. **Student/Staff Recognition and Superintendent's Report**  
Superintendent Schwarting reported the following:
  - The Blue Knights Ride with Pride Biker's Give Back Charity Ride is scheduled for Saturday, August 13, 2016, from 10:00 a. m to 2:00 p. m. starting at 1980 Main Street, Bamberg in order to raise money for literacy at Richard Carroll Elementary School and the Bamberg Library. The registration fee for bikes is \$20 per driver (\$15 if one brings canned goods); \$10 for passengers; and pins will be available for purchase.
  - School Newsletters/Flyers: [Board Packet Enclosures]
    - Raider's Digest (Spring 2016) – Bamberg-Ehrhardt High School
    - Senior Spring Newsletter – Bamberg-Ehrhardt High School
    - Junior Journal – Bamberg-Ehrhardt High School
    - Calendar of Events – Bamberg-Ehrhardt Middle School
    - Calendar of Events – Bamberg-Ehrhardt High School

The enclosed newsletters contain valuable information regarding testing dates, student requirements, and sports.

- The District's student enrollment as of February 1, 2016, is 1,419. [Board Packet Enclosure]
- The current job vacancies in the district are posted and are being advertised. The State Newspaper charged \$1,158 for a Sunday ad. [Board Packet Enclosure]
- Mr. Charles E. Seastrunk III, manager, Infrastructure Planning Division of Technology Operations, South Carolina Department of Administration, has agreed to pay for the replacement of the underground faulty fiber from Bamberg-Ehrhardt High School to Richard Carroll Elementary School. The administration also believes there is a flaw in the fiber between the District Office and Bamberg-Ehrhardt High School. If it is established that this wiring is faulty, the state will also pay for it to be replaced. Should the state not pay for it, the cost will be approximately \$27,000. [Board Packet Enclosure]
- On February 23, 2016, Howard D. Coogler, Jr. from the Office of School Facilities issued the official approval of occupancy for the gym at Bamberg-Ehrhardt Middle School. [Board Packet Enclosure]
- The administration advertised in the Minority Reporter Education & Employment Edition at a discount price of \$495.00 as opposed to the original price of \$1,500. This allows the administration an opportunity to advertise in a minority publication. [Board Packet Enclosure]
- The district received a check for \$44,750.20 from School Boards Insurance Trust for the lightning damages that occurred at Richard Carroll Elementary School on August 19, 2015. The district's deductible of \$5,000.00 was subtracted from the estimate. This money will go into the General Fund to offset some of the cost.

7. **Approval: 2016-2017 School Calendar**

Following a second reading of the 2016-2017 School Calendar by Superintendent Schwarting, Trustee John Hiers **moved and Trustee Chris Wallace seconded to accept the 2016-2017 School Calendar as presented.** The motion passed 4-0. [Trustee Tony Duncan arrived later].

The calendar indicates that "Good Friday", April 14, 2017, is not a school day as was questioned.

8. **Monthly Financial Report**

Finance Director Devon Furr presented the Financial Report for February 2016. Mrs. Furr noted that the check from SCSBIT for the lighting damages in the Richard Carroll Elementary School will not be deposited into the accounts that are overspent. It will be recorded in the Insurance Proceeds Revenue account.

It was noted that the new insurance plan for students that was discussed during the planning of the 2015-2016 Budget Work Sessions is still expensive. Mrs. Furr has some more information from another company that she plans to present at the upcoming budget work session.

The utilities and the energy bill are favorable at this time of the year due to the weather.

Board members were reminded to file their 2016 Statement of Economic Interests (SEI) report by the end of the month (March 30, 2016). Each Filer is required to do his/her report electronically.

9. **Visitors' Comments**

None

10. **Executive Session**

Board Chair Kedra Rivers called for a **motion to enter Executive Session**. Vice Chair Chris Wallace **moved and Trustee Janeth Walker seconded to enter Executive Session**. The motion carried 4-0. [Trustee Tony Duncan arrived later].

The purpose for entering executive session was to discuss:

- a. Principals' Teacher Recommendations for 2016-2017
- b. Director of Student Services Recommendations for 2016-2017
- c. Superintendent's Administrators Recommendations for 2016-2017
- d. Employment Recommendations
- e. Personnel Issue

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

A) Principals' Teacher Recommendations for 2016-2017

B) Director of Student Services Recommendations for 2016-2017

C) Superintendent's Administrators Recommendations for 2016-2017

E) Personnel Issue

Trustee Janeth Walker **moved and Vice Chair Chris Wallace seconded that there was no action taken on "(A) Principals' Teacher Recommendations for 2016-2017; (B) Director of Student Services Recommendations for 2016-2017; (C) Superintendent's Administrators Recommendations for 2016-2017; and (E) Personnel Issue"** at this time. The motion passed 5-0.

Vice Chair Chris Wallace **moved and Trustee Janeth Walker seconded for the Board to return to the Executive Session of the meeting**. The motion passed 5-0.

The purpose for entering executive session was to discuss:

- D. Employment Recommendations

**Open session:** Trustee John Hiers **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.

**D) Employment Recommendations**

Trustee John Hiers **moved and Trustee Tony Duncan seconded for the Board to accept the Employment Recommendations (Resignations and Retirees) as presented**. The motion passed 5-0.

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Trustee Tony Duncan **moved and Vice Chair Chris Wallace seconded to adjourn the meeting.** The motion passed 5-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 11, 2016, at 6:30 p. m. at the District Office.

Minutes approved:

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Kedra H. Rivers, Board Chair

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Tony E. Duncan, Secretary