

**Bamberg School District One**  
**Minutes of Regular Meeting of Board of Trustees**  
**Richard Carroll Elementary School**  
**February 22, 2021**  
**6:30 p.m.**

**Members present:** Board Chair Janeth Walker, Vice Chair John Hiers, Secretary Tony E. Duncan, Trustee Gwendolyn Dianne Bamberg, and Trustee Naomi Eckels.

**Absent:** None

1. **Call meeting to order:** Board Chair Janeth Walker called the meeting to order.  
  
**Notice to Media:** In accordance with the S. C. Code of Laws of 1976, as amended, Section 30-4-80(E), The Times and Democrat Newspaper and the Bamberg School District One Website have been notified of the time, date, place and agenda of this meeting.
2. **Approval of Agenda**  
**Trustee Tony Duncan moved and Vice Chair John Hiers seconded to approve the agenda as presented. The motion passed 5-0.**
3. **Approval of Minutes**  
**Vice Chair John Hiers moved and Trustee Gwendolyn Bamberg seconded to accept the January 25, 2021, meeting minutes as presented. The motion passed 5-0.**
4. **School Reports: Stacey Walter, Denise L. Miller, and Dennis R. Ulmer.**  
Dr. Jonathan Goodman, Assistant Principal, reviewed the school report for Richard Carroll Elementary School in the absence of Principal Stacey Walter. Other school reports were reviewed by Mrs. Denise Miller, Principal of Bamberg-Ehrhardt Middle School, and Mr. Dennis Ulmer, Principal of Bamberg-Ehrhardt High School. [Board Packet Enclosures]
5. **Athletic Report: Robert Williams**  
In the absence of Coach Robert Williams, Interim Superintendent Dottie Brown reviewed the athletic report as presented. [Board Packet Enclosure]
6. **Student/Staff Recognition Superintendent's Report**  
Mrs. Brown noted the following:
  - a) **Salkehatchie Consortium Virtual Program and Regulation Waiver Requests**  
If approved by the State Department of Education, students in this district will be offered an opportunity to participate in a Virtual K-12 School Program for the 2021-2022 school year through the Salkehatchie Consortium. Students must meet certain criteria in order to enroll in this program and their parents will have to fill out an application. A contract must be signed assuring that there will be an adult in the home with the child when they participate virtually. All grades will follow the uniform grading system provided by the State and the District's grading plan. Following every grading period, there will be a review process. Students will be assessed with Benchmarks three times a year. Students will continue to participate in district level assessments. CATE courses will continue to be provided.

Students will remain enrolled in this district and the district will receive full funding for each student enrolled in the program. Waivers will have to be signed and submitted to the State Department. Students will be able to participate in sports. The full details of the financing of the program have not been determined at this time. [Board Packet Enclosures]

**Trustee Naomi Eckels moved and Trustee Tony Duncan seconded to accept the Interim Superintendent's recommendation to allow the District to participate in the Salkehatchie Consortium Virtual School Program. She further moved that, to facilitate the District's participation, the Board should authorize the Interim Superintendent to request waivers from the State Board of Education for the seat time and school day length requirements contained in South Carolina Regulation 43-232(I) and (II), and 234(II)(B) and VI)(C) as presented. The motion carried 5-0.**

**b) Update: COVID-19 Vaccine Plan**

The District has chosen to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement between Dr. Danette McAlhaney of Bamberg Family Practice for the purpose of coordinating the procurement of COVID-19 vaccines for teachers and support staff of the district. Due to transportation and the storing of the vaccine restrictions, staff members will report to Dr. McAlhaney's office to receive the vaccine. Moderna vaccines will be given. A draft copy of the procedures for the COVID-19 Vaccine Plan has been provided for further consideration when the time comes for teachers and support staff to receive the vaccine. Hopefully, vaccinations can be done on a virtual instruction Friday when teachers won't have to be pulled out of a class. [Board Packet Enclosures]

A great "shout out" was given to Dr. Danette McAlhaney, the school nurses, especially Michelle Kinsey, for working diligently in coordinating all of the vaccination information.

**c) Update: Instructional Plan for 5 Days a Week**

School districts have been asked to send to the State Department of Education plans for returning to 5 days a week, face to face instruction. This district plans to return to 5 days a week, face to face instruction at the start of the next grading period which will be Monday, March 29, 2021. This plan will not affect the virtual students – only students attending face to face.

**d) Requests for Out-of-State/Overnight Trips – March 12-13, and April 3-10, 2021**

Following a review of a request for field trips, **Vice Chair John Hiers moved and Trustee Gwendolyn Bamberg seconded to approve the requests from Coach Robert Williams for the overnight field trips for the Softball Team to travel to Florence, South Carolina, on March 12-13, 2021, to participate in a Softball Tournament and to travel to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, on April 3-10, 2021, to participate in the Grand Strand Softball Classic. The motion passed 5-0.** [Board Packet Enclosures]

7. **Consolidation Plan Updates**

Mrs. Brown noted that the consolidation consultant, Dr. Dean Wittwer, is still editing the Consolidation Plans for both school districts for the State Department and the administration is waiting to hear from Molly Spearman's office on the approval of the plans.

8. **Shared Services Agreement Updates**

Mrs. Brown noted that the District's most recent shared services are with the finance director, Devon Furr, and the technology director, Ricky Padgett. They are working in Denmark 50% of the time and Bamberg 50%. As of now, the District is sharing services with the food service director, finance director, technology director, technology coach, occupational therapist, and physical therapist.

9. **Monthly Financial Report**

Finance Director Devon Furr presented the Financial Report for FY 2020-2021 as of January 2021, for review. [Board Packet Enclosure]

Ms. Furr noted that in the past, the District has used the Bamberg Golf Club Course and paid for golf programs by a "gentleman agreement". Now that the Golf Club is under new management, the District has been asked to sign an Indemnity Agreement. This agreement indicates that the students have insurance coverage. It also allows cross country practice and races to take place. The District will pay \$750.00 per year for the use of the facilities for golf practices and matches, and \$250.00 per year for the use of the facilities for cross country practice and matches. [Handout]

**Vice Chair John Hiers moved and Trustee Gwendolyn Bamberg seconded to allow the administration to enter into an Indemnity Agreement with the Bamberg Golf Club pending a review and authorization from the District's attorney. The motion passed 5-0.**

Ms. Furr noted that a committee has been organized and will be working on a plan to make recommendations regarding the outstanding pupil activity accounts that were listed in the District's recent audit when she returns from SCASBO the first week in March 2021.

**Trustee Gwendolyn Bamberg moved and Vice Chair John Hiers seconded to accept the Finance Report for January 2021, as presented. The motion passed 5-0.**

10. **Visitors' Comments**

Mr. Ken Ahlin expressed kudos to Ricky Padgett in getting email notifications out regarding Board meetings. He expressed concerns again about a meeting where questions can be asked and answered regarding consolidation. He noted that the public doesn't know anything and this is kind of scary and could be devastating. Mr. Ahlin also noted that if the Administration needs something in writing to make it happen, he would be happy to do that.

**11. Executive Session**

**Board Chair Janeth Walker called for a motion to enter Executive Session. Vice Chair John Hiers moved and Trustee Tony Duncan seconded to enter the Executive Session. The motion carried (5-0).**

The purpose for entering executive session was to discuss:

- a. Principals' Teacher Recommendations for 2021-2022
- b. Director of Student Services Recommendations for 2021-2022
- c. Personnel Recommendations for Resignations

**Open session: Trustee Gwendolyn Bamberg moved and Trustee Naomi Eckels seconded for the Board to come out of Executive Session and return to the regular session of the meeting. The motion carried 5-0.**

**12. Action on Executive Session Items**

**Trustee John Hiers moved and Trustee Tony Duncan seconded to approve under Agenda Item 11 (a) Principal's Teacher Recommendations for 2021-2022 from Mrs. Stacey Walter, Principal of Richard Carroll Elementary School; Mrs. Denise Miller, Principal of Bamberg-Ehrhardt Middle School; and Mr. Dennis Ulmer, Principal of Bamberg-Ehrhardt High School, teacher recommendations for 2021-2022 school year. And to approve from Agenda Item 11(b) Director of Student Services Recommendations for 2021-2022, Mrs. Dottie Brown's teacher recommendations for 2021-2022 school year. Also to accept under Agenda Item 11(c) Personnel Recommendation for Resignations the resignations from employees #1, #2, #3, #4, #5, and #6 as presented. The motion passed 5-0.**

**13. Adjourn**

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

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

Minutes approved:

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Janeth Walker, Board Chair

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Tony E. Duncan, Secretary