

**Bamberg School District One**  
**Minutes of Regular Meeting of Board of Trustees**  
**Bamberg-Ehrhardt Middle School**  
**September 18, 2017**  
**6:30 p.m.**

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

**Absent:** Vice Chair Janeth Walker

1. **Call meeting to order:** Board Chair Chris Wallace called the meeting to order and asked for a moment of silence. Also, he asked for thoughts and prayers for Vice Chair Janeth Walker who is recovering from surgery and the two students (Desaria Kinard and K. J. Carter) from District One who were in a car accident.
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**  
**Trustee Kim Berry moved and Trustee Tony Duncan seconded to approve the agenda as written.** The motion passed 4-0.
4. **Approval of Minutes**  
**Trustee Tony Duncan moved and Trustee John Hiers seconded to approve the Minutes of August 21, 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. **Food Service Concerns**  
Karen Jackson, Food Service Director, noted that the district is utilizing the “Offer Versus Serve Meals” concept this year. For breakfast, students must choose a minimum of 3 items of the four that are offered and for lunch, students must choose from 3 different groups of the 5 offered to make a reimbursable meal. ‘A’ la Carte prices will be charged if less than 3 different items are chosen at each meal. This method cuts down on food waste. The box lunches and chef salads are going very well this year. Menus, chef salads, and box menus are posted on the district’s website. Smart snacks are being offered in the canteen (BEMS) through vendors and have been successful. With smart snacks, the district is only allowed 30 fundraisers for the school year. Items that do not meet USDA must be sold 30 minutes after the dismissal of school. [Handouts]

In response to some negative concerns from some parents, teachers and students regarding the chef salads and box lunches – quantity and quality of the food (not enough and not tasty) – the time lunch is being served at Richard Carroll Elementary School (10:30 a.m. -- early), Mrs. Jackson noted that she will do as much as she can within cost measures; however, she doesn't want the district to continue to be in the "hole" financially. Also, she will look at some ways to utilize various spices to enhance certain items that are cooked and rotate the menus on a 4-weeks cycle. Also, noted was that in order to receive USDA funding there are certain guidelines that must be followed in serving and preparing foods.

**7. Maintenance Concerns**

Superintendent Schwarting reported the following in reference to maintenance in the district:

- a) Edisto Heating & Cooling has been asked to pick up AC services for the Richard Carroll Elementary School because of no response this summer from Bradley AC Company, the company who installed the AC units. Billy Ott, maintenance supervisor for the district, services the units' belts and filters and any other issues that are within his skills. In the meantime, three AC units were purchased in order to make the classrooms more comfortable. Window units cannot be installed in these classrooms because of the way the windows are designed (EGRESS for fire or other emergencies). Complaints regarding the current individual units have been received; however, the teachers who were without 'air' seem to be thankful for the attempts to make their environment comfortable.
- b) The administration is in the process of adding Bamberg-Ehrhardt Middle School to the HARRIS Monitoring System which gives HVAC conformity throughout the district (bid).
- c) TriTek Fire and Safety Company will replace Media Security to monitor the district's equipment for fire and safety due to having received poor services from Media Security.
- d) A LEVEL 3 security lock has been ordered to replace the key cylinder that was vandalized in the wrestling room. There are security cameras on the inside and outside of the entrance to the room and Mr. Ulmer or Mr. Smith can pull up any camera in their offices. Also, the new SRO will be asked to monitor this room more closely.

**8. Athletic Updates**

Principal Dennis Ulmer reviewed the results of the following athletic events held in the district. [Handouts]

	Varsity Football C. E. Murray 08/25/17	Varsity Football Scott's Branch (Homecoming) 09/08/17	Volleyball Blackville-Hilda 08/31/17	Varsity & JV Volleyball Silver Bluff 09/05/17	Volleyball Harleyville- Ridgeville – 09/06/17	Volleyball Calhoun County – 09/07/17
Gross Gate	3,866.00	7,223.00	160.00	100.00	65.00	55.00
Gate Keeper	50.00	50.00	--	--	--	--
Officials	518.20	568.60	89.00	89.00	58.00	64.30
Security	566.33	755.89	55.11	113.39	113.39	113.39
Net Gate	\$2,731.47	\$5,848.51	\$15.89	-102.39	-106.39	-122.69

9. **Student/Staff Recognition and Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Schwarting reported the following:

- a. Test scores (SC Ready English and Math; SCPASS Science and Social Studies) are embargoed until October 2, 2017; therefore, they will be presented at the next scheduled board meeting.
- b. School Renewal Plans and the District's Strategic Plans cover pages have been updated and signed by Board Chair Chris Wallace.
- c. The administration is developing plans to spend approximately \$1 million from the Abbeville Law Suit. Projected costs at this time is \$547,000. Improvements must be related to safety and/or health and instructional (focus construction). [Handout]
- d. Myra Toomer Anderson, Lead School Bus Driver, is now qualified by the South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles to administer CDL training to bus drivers.
- e. Recently, the state announced that school districts can put gas in the yellow school buses and use them for sporting events.
- f. Student enrollment as of September 1, 2017: Richard Carroll Elementary – 747; Bamberg-Ehrhardt Middle – 210; Bamberg-Ehrhardt High – 426; and total enrollment – 1,383. [Handout]
- g. Board members who wish to make changes to their beneficiary/relationship with SCSBA Accidental Death and Dismemberment Policy, should contact Jannette Stokes at the district office. [Board Packet Enclosure]
- h. The district missed two days from school due to bad weather. Make-up days for these two days will be determined later. Nevertheless, three days are built into the calendar for make-up days.

10. **2017-2018 Budget Amendment**

Following a request from Finance Director Devon Furr requesting that the 2017-2018 District Budget be amended due to an increase in student insurance and to increase Title I funding, Trustee Kim Berry **moved and Trustee Tony Duncan seconded to amend the 2017-2018 District's Budget by moving \$21,213.50 to account for a change in student insurance coverage.** The motion passed 4-0.

11. **Election of Delegate/Alternate to 2017 Delegate Assembly (SCSBA)**

Due to the absence of Trustee Janeth Walker, Trustee John Hiers **moved and Trustee Kim Berry seconded to table the election of Delegate/Alternate for the SCSBA's annual business meeting on Saturday, December 2, 2017, in Charleston, South Carolina.** The motion passed 4-0.

12. **Monthly Financial Report**

Finance Director Devon Furr presented and reviewed the Financial Report as of August 31, 2017. She noted that some accounts are showing negatives but that is because of changes that will be made to the 2017-2018 District Budget. [Board Packet Enclosure]

13. **Visitors' Comments**

Mr. Ken Ahlin noted that the district has plenty of good athletes but there doesn't seem to be much recognition placed on them – no letters – no banquets. Also, he noted that he didn't know feeding kids in school could be so difficult.

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14. **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. Employment Recommendation
- b. Superintendent's Evaluation

**Open session:** Trustee John Hiers **moved and Trustee Kim Berry seconded for the Board to come out of Executive Session and return to the regular session of the meeting**. The motion passed 4-0.

15. **Action on Executive Session Items**

**A) Student Transfer Requests**

Trustee John Hiers noted that there were no Student Transfer Requests discussed.

**B) Superintendent's Evaluation**

Trustee Tony Duncan noted that the Superintendent's Evaluation was discussed but no action to be taken.

16. **Action on Executive Session Items**

Trustee Tony Duncan **moved and Trustee Kim Berry seconded to adjourn the meeting**. The motion passed 4-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p. m.

Minutes approved:

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Christopher Wallace, Board Chair

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Tony E. Duncan, Secretary