

**Bamberg School District One**  
**Minutes of Regular Meeting of Board of Trustees**  
**Bamberg-Ehrhardt High School**  
**March 19, 2018**  
**6:30 p.m.**

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

**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.
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**  
**Vice Chair Janeth Walker moved and Trustee Tony Duncan seconded to approve the agenda as written.** The motion passed 5-0.
4. **Approval of Minutes**  
**Trustee Tony Duncan moved and Trustee Kim Berry seconded to approve the Minutes of February 19, 2018 and February 26, 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**  
Principal Denny Ulmer noted that the interviewing process for the Head Football Coaching position will begin on Thursday, March 22, 2018. Seven applications have been received.
7. **Student/Staff Recognitions and Superintendent’s Report**  
Superintendent Schwarting reported the following:
  - a) **Graduation Location:**  
Bamberg-Ehrhardt High School senior class representatives Ethan Wilson, Kaitlyn Crosby and Jonathan Williams presented their case for having the graduation at the football stadium as opposed to inside the gym. They also gave an alternative to use in the event it rains. Advocating for having graduation inside the gym was faculty representative and spokesperson Constance Ferguson.

Superintendent Schwarting noted that a decision would be made and the students would be notified in a timely manner.

b) Richard Carroll Elementary School Lighting

Superintendent Schwarting noted that an electrician will install lighting at the entrance of the Richard Carroll Elementary School at a cost of \$1,000. The funding will come from Bond money.

c) Forgiveness of 4<sup>th</sup> Missed School Day (January 5, 2018)

Following Superintendent Schwarting's request of not making up a fourth day of school that was missed, **Vice Chair Janeth Walker moved and Trustee John Hiers seconded for the Board to forgive the 4<sup>th</sup> day of school (January 5, 2018) that was missed due to inclement weather (snow).** The motion passed 5-0.

d) Procedures for Reviewing Classroom Literature

The District has a "Request for Reconsideration Form for Challenged Library Resources" in all schools for parents to complete should they wish to have a book removed from the shelf due to the language being inappropriate. Reference to this form will be included in the students' handbooks. [Board Packet Enclosure]

e) Portrait Display – Resource Officer Eric Bamberg

Family, friends, and Bamberg Law Officers were in attendance for the unveiling of a portrait honoring the late Resource Officer and City of Bamberg Police Officer, Eric Bamberg, who died on August 15, 2010. Officer Eric Bamberg was the first resource officer for Bamberg School District One. Persons making comments were as follows:

- Deborah Rivers, close companion, thanked Superintendent Schwarting for getting the unveiling together;
- Officer Trey Benton noted what a wonderful football player Eric was;
- Al Crosby, Eric's brother who was instrumental in getting the portrait unveiled, noted that although this event was a long time coming it was a blessing and honor for it to take place. He stated further that his brother was not only a police officer, but a peacemaker that could diffuse a situation in the streets before it got to the school. Also, he could be counted on to give everything he had to someone in need and his only expectation was to be treated the same. He thanked everyone who had a hand in this event;
- Board Vice Chair Janeth Walker noted that she remembers Eric from the time she served on City Council prior to serving on the school board -- glad to see this night coming to fruition. Although she didn't know him very well, she knew of him as one who would diffuse things before they ever reached the school -- loved and liked – wonderful to the community – someone who will never be forgotten.
- Resource Officer James Smoak noted that during the funeral procession for Eric, who was a great friend, the railroad berm was lined with the citizens which spoke highly of him. He will never forget him.
- Superintendent Schwarting noted also that Eric is gone but not forgotten.

8. **Draft: 2018-2019 School Calendar**

Following a second review of the District's 2018-2019 School Calendar by Superintendent Schwarting, **Trustee John Hiers moved and Trustee Tony Duncan seconded to accept the 2018-2019 School Calendar as presented.** The motion passed 5-0. [Board Packet Enclosure]

9. **Monthly Financial Report**

Finance Director Devon Furr presented a Financial Report for February 2018. In response to the purchasing of rings for athletes at the February 2018, board meeting, Mrs. Furr noted that championship rings for athletes have not been purchased since the 2008-2009 school year and they were for the band, baseball, wrestling and track students. If rings were purchased for times other than this, they were paid for by the athletes or they raised the money. However, Superintendent Schwarting approved the purchase of individual rings for individual state championships in wrestling per Coach Jake Stewart's request.

Mrs. Furr noted that the district has a low risk rating again this year per the South Carolina Department of Education. An improvement plan will be developed and submitted in response to the district's fund balance issue (Mandatory minimum of one month of general fund operating expenditures in its general fund).

10. **Visitors' Comments**

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

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 5-0.

The purpose for entering executive session was to discuss:

- a. Personnel Recommendation(s) for Resignation / Employment
- b. Student Transfer Request(s)
- c. Personnel Matter
- d. Legal Advice

**Open session:** Vice Chair Janeth Walker **moved and Trustee John Hiers seconded for the Board to come out of Executive Session and return to the regular session of the meeting.** The motion passed 5-0.

12. **Action on Executive Session Items**

Trustee John Hiers **moved and Trustee Kim Berry seconded to accept item (a) the Personnel Recommendations for Resignations of Employee 1 through 6; the Employment of Employees 7 through 12; item (b) Student Transfer Requests for persons 1 and 2; and noted that there were no actions on item (c) Personnel Matter and item (d) Legal Advice.** The motion passed 5-0.

13. **Adjourn**

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

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The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p. m.

Minutes approved:

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Christopher Wallace, Board Chair

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Tony E. Duncan, Secretary