

**Bamberg School District One**  
**Minutes of Regular Meeting of Board of Trustees**  
**Richard Carroll Elementary School**  
**September 21, 2015**  
**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 Advertizer-Herald**

3. **Approval of Agenda**  
 Trustee Tony Duncan **moved and Trustee Janeth Walker seconded to approve the agenda as presented.** The motion passed 5-0.

4. **Approval of Minutes**  
 Trustee John Hiers **moved and Vice Chair Chris Wallace seconded to approve the Board Minutes of August 17, 2015, and August 31, 2015, as presented.** The motion passed 5-0.

5. **School Reports: Stacey Walter, Sandra B. Glover, Randall L. Maxwell**  
 Hand-outs: School Reports (Overviewed by Principals – See Attachments):

- 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:

- Reviewed Bamberg-Ehrhardt High School’s September 2015 Calendar. The calendar is published by the Guidance Department. [Board Packet Enclosure]
- The current student enrollment for the District is 1,418. [Board Packet Enclosure]
- **Five Year Trends – Average ACT Scores [Board Packet Enclosure]**

Grad Yr.	Total Tested		English		Math		Reading		Science		Composite	
	Dist	State	Dist	State	Dist	State	Dist	State	Dist	State	Dist	State
2011	48	21,064	15.0	19.4	17.2	20.3	16.8	20.3	16.5	20.1	16.5	20.1
2012	37	21,142	17.1	19.5	18.9	20.2	17.8	20.4	18.2	20.1	18.2	20.2
2013	38	20,868	17.4	19.7	18.6	20.3	19.2	20.8	18.7	20.3	18.6	20.4
2014	43	23,232	17.8	19.7	20.4	20.3	18.8	20.9	19.7	20.4	19.3	20.4
<b>2015</b>	<b>43</b>		<b>18.0</b>		<b>20.4</b>		<b>19.2</b>		<b>19.6</b>		<b>19.4</b>	
	<b>25,151</b>		<b>19.8</b>		<b>20.2</b>		<b>20.9</b>		<b>20.4</b>		<b>20.4</b>	

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The students are doing well as indicated above.

- Advanced Placement Courses reflect the following: 13 students took the test; 12 scored between 3 and 5; 92% of the students received credit before entering college.
- Board Packet Enclosure: Project Beyond flyer  
The Project Beyond program operates in grades 3 through 8. Honors courses are taught in the high school as a way to serve Gifted and Talented students.
- According to Joey Hughes, director of recruiting from USC Salkehatchie, that from the 2013-2014 seniors who were freshman with them in 2015-2016, Bamberg District #1 freshmen had the highest GPA of any other county for incoming freshmen (out of the nine counties they service--Allendale, Bamberg, Barnwell, Colleton, Hampton, Berkley, Charleston, Dorchester and Orangeburg). Bamberg #1 had an average GPA of 3.42.
- Mrs. Angela Bunch and Mrs. Bridget Kinard attended a Science P.L.U.S. Institute session at the Roper Mountain Science Center in Greenville, SC. They received science materials and supplies for their classes.
- The tentative date for ASPIRE test scores to be released from the State Department of Education is October 6, 2015.
- The on-time graduation rate for 2014-2015 was 81.37% while the 5-year graduation rate for the 2013-2014 cohort was 83.9%. Both percentages were an increase over the previous reported rates.
- Mrs. Wanda Grimes, consumer education teacher, and her classes are being featured in a magazine published by the CATE organization for their wonderful class work.
- As a part of the Education Initiative Act, Patriots Point Institute of History, Science and Technology announced that Richard Carroll Elementary School has been chosen to represent Bamberg #1 as one of the Blended Learning Schools for 2015-2016 from the Education Oversight Committee. Each 5<sup>th</sup> grade student will receive two free books. A site visit to meet with the teachers and students is scheduled for October 16, 2015.
- School Law News:
  - It is now legal to have student-led prayers at athletic events.
  - Transgender Students: the courts ruled that students with gender identity issues shall be provided an alternative appropriate private facility – use their biological born sex restroom or use a single-stall private restroom.
  - Freedom of Information Act, Meeting Agendas, and Executive Sessions: Board meeting agendas should give more information/exact about going into executive session.
  - Civics Education Initiative: All public and charter school students entering the ninth grade during the 2016-17 school year and thereafter will be required to take a Civics test regarding the United State government. The test will consist of 100 questions.
  - School bus drivers are required to undergo physical examination every two years.
  - School districts should monitor Dress Codes – inappropriate symbols and signs. The district's dress code policy is up-to-date in order to eliminate these types of issues.
- Principal Randy Maxwell requested that the Rescue Squad be on duty at all Bamberg-Ehrhardt High School home varsity football games. [Board Packet Enclosure]

- Thompson Turner Construction Company provided a blueprint drawing on the fire damage repair project in the gym of Bamberg-Ehrhardt Middle School for the Office of School Facilities. The company is proceeding with the wiring of the entire gym. Hopefully, the gym will be completed by October 2015. A final bill has not been submitted to the insurance company; however, the administration has received \$87,000 from the insurance company (contingency). The insurance company will pay for the use of a bus to transport students who take PE at the high school while the gym is being renovated.
- Handouts: Freshmen Facts and Raiderville News (Reviewed)
- Handout: Community Pep Rally Flyer  
[A community Pep Rally is scheduled for September 23, 2015, following the Homecoming Parade.]
- Board Packet Enclosures: Seniors/Parents Packet  
[Informative information for seniors/parents – Handouts at Seniors/Parent Night]

7. **Policies: First Reading**

JFABD – Admission of Homeless Students

IHAM – Health Education

IHBH – Charter Schools

IKF-R – Graduation Requirements Administrative Rule

ILB-R – Test/Assessment Administration Administrative Rule

Following a review of some changes/additions to policies that the administration made in order to bring their Board Policies up-to-date as recommended by SCSBA, Trustee Janeth Walker **moved and Trustee John Hiers seconded to accept for first reading Policy JFABD – Admission of Homeless Students; IHAM – Health Education; IHBH – Charter Schools; IKF-R – Graduation Requirements Administrative Rule; and ILB-R – Test/Assessment Administration Administrative Rule.** The motion passed 5-0.

These policies will be brought back to the next Board meeting for second and final reading. [Board Packet Enclosures]

8. **Election of Delegate/Alternate to 2015 Delegate Assembly (SCSBA)**

Trustee Tony Duncan **moved and Trustee John Hiers seconded to send Trustee Janeth Walker as Delegate and Vice Chair Chris Wallace as alternate to serve at the 2015 SCSBA's annual business meeting on Saturday, December 5, 2015 at the Sonesta Hotel in Hilton Head, SC.** The motion passed 5-0.

9. **Monthly Financial Report**

Finance Director Devon Furr presented the Finance Report for August 2015. Noted was that the District does not have any overspent items at this time. The Data Processing account balance is smaller than normal at this time due to lighting damages at the District Office, Bamberg-Ehrhardt Middle School and Richard Carroll Elementary School.

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Insurance claims for the lighting damages have not been filed because damaged equipment is still being reported. [Board Packet Enclosure]

10. **Visitors' Comments**

None

11. **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 5-0.

The purpose for entering executive session was to discuss:

- a. Student Transfer Request(s)
- b. Discussion of Discipline/Administrator
- c. Superintendent's Evaluation

**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.

**A. Student Transfer Request(s)**

Trustee John Hiers **moved and Trustee Tony Duncan seconded to accept the student transfer request for the 2015-2016 school year as presented by Superintendent Schwarting**. The motion carried 5-0.

**B. Discussion of Discipline/Administrator**

Trustee Tony Duncan **moved and Trustee Janeth Walker seconded to accept as an announcement that there was no action taken on Agenda Item 11-b "Discussion of Discipline/Administrator"**. The motion carried 5-0.

**C. Superintendent's Evaluation**

Vice Chair Chris Wallace **moved and Trustee Janeth Walker seconded to discuss the Evaluation of the Superintendent (Agenda Item 11-c) at the October 2015, Board Meeting**. The motion carried 5-0.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Minutes approved:

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Kedra H. Rivers, Board Chair

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Tony E. Duncan, Secretary