

**Bamberg School District One**  
**Minutes of Regular Meeting of Board of Trustees**  
**Bamberg-Ehrhardt High School**  
**October 19, 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 Janeth Walker **moved and Vice Chair Chris Wallace seconded to approve the agenda as written.** The motion passed 5-0.
4. **Approval of Minutes**  
Trustee Tony Duncan **moved and Trustee John Hiers seconded to approve the Board Minutes of September 21, 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):
  - 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:
  - Handout: Schedule of Staff Development Activities – October 19, 2015  
The District elected to keep October 19, as a Staff Development day due to previous commitments with presenters. Normally, the District's school calendar is coordinated with Orangeburg Four; however, they chose to have school on this day because they have 5 days to make up and the District only has 2 days. The make-up days between the two school Districts will be determined soon and parents will be notified.
  - Lights bulb in the athletic complex are being cleaned/replaced/repositioned by a company out of Sumter, South Carolina.
  - Santee Cooper installed some solar panels at Richard Carroll Elementary School on October 19, 2015, in order for students to get experience in science activities with solar energy and how it works.

- The administration is in the process of developing the District’s Read to Succeed Plan. Once the District’s plan has been developed each school will develop a plan. This is a big initiative of the Governor and State Department.
- Bamberg County had 34 roads closed due to the recent rain. School was closed for 2 days for the safety and best interest of students and staff of the schools.
- The current student enrollment is 1,427. The budget was figured on a little less than this number. [Board Packet Enclosure]
- The October calendar for Bamberg-Ehrhardt High School gives scheduled school events of the school. The calendar is published by the Guidance Department of the high school. [Board Packet Enclosure]
- The Ring Ceremony for the current juniors that was previously scheduled for October 5, 2015, was cancelled due to bad weather conditions. It has been rescheduled for November 3, 2015.
- The District has been selected to participate in the *Team Nutrition Grant 2015: Enhancing Healthy Choices and Enriching Cafeterias through Culinary Arts*. Funding for this grant is provided by the United States Department of Agriculture. [Board Packet Enclosure]
- ACT Comparison Scores (% College and Career Ready) for the District has been published. The District’s scores were as follows: English – 35.8; Mathematics – 17.3; and Reading – 17.3. Out of 11 surrounding school Districts, there was only 1 District to exceed Bamberg One’s scores and that was in the area of Reading (Barnwell 45 – 19.4). [Board Packet Enclosure]
- Aspire Scores for the District are as follows:

<b>Grade Level</b>	<b>Math % Ready</b>	<b>ELA Composite % Ready</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>43.3</b>	<b>22.7</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>36.6</b>	<b>31.3</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>42.1</b>	<b>48.4</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>62.9</b>	<b>44.2</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>46.9</b>	<b>43.8</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>44.5</b>	<b>61.4</b>

From analyzing the above test scores, improvement is needed in grades 3 and 4. Out of 11 surrounding school districts and over approximately 130 different areas, Bamberg School District One scored higher than all but approximately 17 in all areas.

- Jay Lily, PE from Thompson Turner Construction, informed the administration of forecasted cost to complete the gym at Bamberg-Ehrhardt Middle School as follows:  
 Complete cost for repairs - \$238,000; adding to the current invoices cost of \$158,823.71; Total approximate cost for repairs - \$397,000; including: painting of walls, trim, and gym roof area - \$16,300; electrical repairs - \$96,960; and new finishes (ceiling, sheetrock, trim, insulation, etc.) - \$72,060.  
 Hopefully, the repairs will be completed by the last of October 2015. The insurance adjustor will now be contacted regarding the forecasted prices. The administration will probably have to be responsible for some of these expenses. The administration has already agreed to pay an additional \$13,000 to paint the red and black wood in the auditorium and to repair the windows (locally). [Board Packet Enclosure]
- The administration allowed Workforce Communications Group, Inc. to publish an EOE/Diversity employment message in their magazine for one year at a discount cost of \$495.00. [Board Packet Enclosure]

- According to the law of South Carolina, if a school district misses 3 days of school in a year, the days must be made up. If 4 to 6 or more days are missed, a local school board may be contacted for approval. The administration is looking at options for making up the 2 days that were missed; however, the suggested dates will be presented to the Board for final approval. [Board Packet Enclosure]
- The District's attorney, Mr. Charles Boykin, and his colleague, Attorney Tara McCall, were introduced as guests.

7. **Policies: Second 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 second review of some changes/additions to policies that the administration made in order to bring the Board Policies up-to-date as recommended by SCSBA, Trustee Janeth Walker **moved and Trustee Tony Duncan seconded to accept for second and final 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.

8. **Policies: First Reading**

JLCDC – Food Allergies and Special Dietary Needs

JLCDC-R – Food Allergies and Special Dietary Needs

JFABE – Admission of Limited English Proficiency and Migrant Students

IHBEA – Instructional Services for Limited English Proficiency Students

IHBEA-R – Instructional Services for Limited English Proficiency Students

BEDB – Board Agenda

Superintendent Schwarting reviewed some changes/additions to the following policies: JLCDC – Food Allergies and Special Dietary Needs; JLCDC-R – Food Allergies and Special Dietary Needs; JFABE – Admission of Limited English Proficiency and Migrant Students; IHBEA – Instructional Services for Limited English Proficiency Students; IHBEA-R – Instructional Services for Limited English Proficiency Students; and BEDB – Board Agenda.

Attorney McCall and Attorney Boykin noted the significance in the Board having Policy BEDB – Board Agenda.

Board Chair Rivers noted that the Board will review the policies and the exigent emergency information coming from the District's attorney for a final reading at the next Board meeting.

9. **Monthly Financial Report**

Finance Director Devon Furr presented the Finance Report for September 2015. Noted was that the District does not have any overspent items at this time. Insurance claims will now be filed for the lighting damages that are known at this time that occurred at the District Office and all the schools (August 19, and 20, 2015). Mrs. Furr also noted that she is compiling payments that have been made for SCSBIT so they can be reviewed on the Bamberg-Ehrhardt Middle School Gym. [Board Packet Enclosure]

10. **Visitors' Comments**

None

11. **Executive Session**

Board Chair Kedra Rivers called for a **motion to enter Executive Session**. Trustee John Hiers **moved and Trustee Tony Duncan seconded to enter Executive Session**. The motion carried 5-0.

The purpose for entering executive session was to discuss:

- a. Superintendent's Evaluation
- b. Student Incidents - Weapons

**Open session:** Trustee Janeth Walker **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.

**A. Superintendent's Evaluation**

Trustee Tony Duncan announced that no action was taken on the Superintendent's Evaluation.

**B. Student Incidents - Weapons**

Trustee Janeth Walker **moved and Trustee John Hiers seconded to accept the action of the Superintendent with regards to student Incidents – Weapons**. The motion carried 5-0.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Minutes approved:

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Kedra H. Rivers, Board Chair

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Tony E. Duncan, Secretary