

Bamberg School District One
Minutes of Regular Meeting of Board of Trustees
Richard Carroll Elementary School
December 16, 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 Trustee John Hiers seconded to amend the agenda, based upon an emergency situation, to include under Agenda Item 10, “Item b Student Discipline”**. The motion passed 4-0 [Absent during the voting was Board member Tony Duncan].
4. **Approval of Minutes**
Vice Chair Chris Wallace **moved and Trustee Janeth Walker seconded to approve the Board Minutes of November 23, 2015, as written**. The motion passed 4-0 [Absent during the voting was Board member Tony Duncan].
5. **School Reports: Stacey Walter, Sandra B. Glover, Randall L. Maxwell**
Hand-outs: School Reports (Overviewed/Reviewed by Principals/Superintendent):
 - Richard Carroll Elementary School – Principal Stacey Walter
 - Bamberg-Ehrhardt Middle School – Principal Sandra B. Glover
 - Bamberg-Ehrhardt High School – Superintendent Phyllis Schwarting
6. **Student/Staff Recognition and Superintendent’s Report**
Superintendent Schwarting reported the following:
 - School opened a little late on December 16, 2015, at Bamberg-Ehrhardt High School due to a bomb hoax (unidentified note left on the front door of the school building). A complete search of the building was conducted by the local police, officers from the sheriff’s department, and the custodians went through the building to see if there was anything out of place or in the building that wasn’t there previously before anyone was allowed to re-enter the building. Bus students were diverted to the football stadium. Staff workers and students who drove their cars were instructed to remain in their vehicles during the investigation. The students did not appear to be

frightened. There was no camera focused on this door; however, one will be put on it now.

- The T&D Newspaper recently published an article regarding area test scores. It was noted that the ACT test was administered to all 11th graders for the first time this year. This is the first year that standardized tests were timed (ELA, Math); however, accommodations were given to students with IEPs. Bamberg School District One had the best test scores across the board on the ACT assessment in The T&D Region (8 to 12 districts). On the ACT Aspire Assessment test, Bamberg School District One and Calhoun County had the highest percentage of students scoring Ready or Exceeding in English. In Bamberg One, the percentage of students reaching the goal ranged from 61 percent of 4th graders to 77.3 percent of 8th graders. On the PASS test (science and social studies), the percentage of students meeting or exceeding state standards in science ranged from 62.1 percent in the 5th grade to 83.3 percent in 7th grade. The social studies scores ranged from 70.9 percent in the 8th grade to 89 percent in the 4th grade. The District's four-year graduation rate increased from 79.2 to 81.4 percent. Thanks were extended to the faculty and staff who work diligently in order to get these results.
- The ACT Aspire test will not be used in 2016-2017; however, the contract has been given back to DRC. This will be a test oriented to the South Carolina state standards.
- The District has submitted requests for 21 with 1 pending (approval tonight) for high school diplomas under the ACT 155 program.
- Upon the request of Superintendent Schwarting, Trustee Janeth Walker **moved and Trustee Tony Duncan seconded to give Superintendent Schwarting permission to move forward in submitting the information for candidate "A" to receive a high school diplomas through Act 155.** The motion passed 5-0.
- South Carolina School Boards Association is offering a New Board Member Orientation in February 2016.
- Special thanks were extended to Richard Carroll Elementary School students for the ornaments and goodies for tonight's Board Meeting and everyone was asked to have a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year. School will resume on January 4, 2016.
- The District's current student enrollment is 1,423 (increase of approximately 6 students).

7. **Policies: Second Reading**

GCO-R – Evaluation of Professional Staff

IC – School Year

EEAE – Bus Safety Program

Following a second review of some changes/additions to Board Policies that the administration made in order to bring them up-to-date as recommended by SCSBA, **Trustee John Hiers moved and Trustee Tony Duncan seconded to accept for second and final reading the addition of Policy GCO-R – Evaluation of Professional Staff; the revisions to Policy IC – School Year and Policy EEAE – Bus Safety Program as presented.** The motion passed 5-0.

8. **Monthly Financial Report**

Finance Director Devon Furr presented the Financial Report for November 2015. Overspent accounts were Advertising (additional advertised items and increase in cost for advertising), and Data Processing Supplies (new web page). Also noted was that Technology continues to have on-going changes. Mrs. Furr noted that the Budget can be amended; however, it has not been in the past. Also, noted was that funds can be shifted around in the budget. The auditors will make their report at the January 2016, Board meeting. [Board Packet Enclosure]

On behalf of the Board, Board Chair Rivers extended to the faculty and staff happy holidays.

9. **Visitors' Comments**

None

10. **Executive Session**

Board Chair Kedra Rivers called for a **motion to enter Executive Session**. Trustee Tony Duncan **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. Superintendent's Evaluation
- b. Student Discipline

Open session: Trustee John Hiers **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

Vice Chair Chris Wallace **moved and Trustee Tony Duncan seconded to conclude the Superintendent's Evaluation at the January 2016, Board of Trustees Meeting**. The motion passed 5-0.

B. Student Discipline

Trustee Janeth Walker **moved and Trustee Tony Duncan seconded for the expulsion of Student "B" and counseling for Student "A" and Student "B" before returning to school in the fall of 2016**. The motion passed 5-0.

Trustee John Hiers **moved and Trustee Tony Duncan seconded for the District to allow Wrestling Coach Jake Stewart to add a coach with a supplement to coach middle school wrestling**. The motion passed 5-0

Vice Chair Chris Wallace **moved and Trustee Janeth Walker seconded to adjourn the meeting**. The motion passed 5-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

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Minutes approved:

Kedra H. Rivers, Board Chair

Tony E. Duncan, Secretary