

Bamberg School District One
Minutes of Regular Meeting of Board of Trustees
Richard Carroll Elementary School
September 19, 2016
6:30 p.m.

Members present: Board Chair Kedra H. Rivers, Vice Chair Chris Wallace, Secretary Tony E. Duncan, Trustee Janeth Walker and Trustee John L. Hiers.

Absent: None

1. **Call meeting to order:** Board Chair Kedra Rivers called the meeting to order and asked for a moment of silence for those who care to participate.
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 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 accept the August 15, 2016, minutes as written. The motion passed 5-0.
5. **School Reports: Stacey Walter, Sandra B. Glover, Randall L. Maxwell**
Hand-outs: School Reports (Reviewed 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:
 - 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]
 - Dr. Regan Stewart, MUSC School-Based Telemental Health Coordinator, will be working in all 3 schools with students who have mental health issues. Services provided are: Mental health assessment, Psychotherapy, and Medication evaluation and management. A psychologist will meet with the parent and student on the first visit to help with the paperwork. The student will miss 30-35 minutes of class time. The meetings are very private; however, an adult will be in the vicinity of the testing. A laptop will be provided for the student at no cost and the services are free to the student and school. [Board Packet Enclosure]

- The district's attorney law firm has responded to a letter from the Freedom From Religion Foundation regarding policies and practices of Bamberg County School District One as well as individual staff members. The District will continue to comply with all governing laws. [Board Packet Enclosure]
- Following a review of a request from Ms. Kathy Hunt, Family and Consumer teacher at Bamberg-Ehrhardt High School, **Trustee John Hiers moved and Trustee Tony Duncan seconded to approve the out-of-state request for Ms. Kathy Hunt, Family and Consumer teacher and 46 students permission to travel to Asheville, North, Carolina, to tour the Biltmore House (finances, decorations, etc.) on December 2, 2016, leaving at 6:00 a. m. and returning at 10:00 p. m. on the same day. The motion passed 5-0.** [Board Packet Enclosure]

Note: A roster of the chaperones will be submitted to the Board at the October 2016, Board Meeting.

- The current student enrollment for the District is 1,385. [Board Packet Enclosure]
- For information, board members received and reviewed a roster of all district employees with their signatures indicating that they received a copy of the district's 2016-2017 Handbook. [Board Packet Enclosure]

7. **Board Salaries/Compensation**

Board members received and reviewed Board Members Compensation and Expenses from Denmark-Olar School District Two, Allendale County Schools, Barnwell School District 19, Williston-Elko School District 29, Barnwell School District 45, and Orangeburg County Consolidated District Four in response to a request from a Board member. Board Chair Rivers noted that should the Board decide to make a change in their salaries, the District's Board Policy will be reviewed. [Board Packet Enclosure]

8. **SCHSL Athletic Passes**

Trustee Janeth Walker noted that she requested and reviewed the District's SCHSL Membership Pass roster and has no questions at this time. [Board Packet Enclosure]

9. **Election of Delegate/Alternate to 2016 Delegate Assembly (SCSBA)**

Following a discussion regarding a Delegate and Alternate for the 2016 Delegate Assembly, Trustee Janeth Walker **moved and Trustee John Hiers seconded to give Vice Chair Chris Wallace permission to serve as Delegate and Trustee Tony Duncan as alternate at the 2016 SCSBA's annual business meeting on Saturday, December 3, 2016 at the Sonesta Hotel in Hilton Head, SC.** The motion passed 5-0.

10. **Monthly Financial Report**

In response to a question as to whether the Athletic Director provides a budget for each sport each year, Finance Director Furr stated no. Everyone raises money to cover what they want. They can't spend more money than they generate. Each sport keeps their gate/door funding; however, all funds are transacted through the district office. Athletic stipends are paid out of the General Fund and \$4,000 is transferred over to athletics to pay for certain things (reconditioning of helmets, etc.) and requirements.

Also, in response to student insurance and a defibrillator, Mrs. Furr stated that the District pays insurance on all students from 8:00 a. m. – 3:00 p.m., students on field trips, and for all athletes.

A defibrillator is transported to all games and they are being maintained. [Board Packet Enclosure]

11. **Visitors' Comments**

Board Chair Rivers noted that no one signed up for Visitors' Comments.

12. **Executive Session**

Board Chair Kedra Rivers called for a **motion to enter Executive Session**. Trustee Tony Duncan **moved and Vice Chair Chris Wallace seconded to enter Executive Session**.

The motion carried 5-0.

The purpose for entering executive session was to discuss:

- a. Student Transfer Requests
- b. Employment Recommendations
- c. Superintendent's Evaluation
- d. Legal Update Regarding Student Discipline

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. Student Transfer Requests

Trustee Tony Duncan **moved and Vice Chair Chris Wallace seconded to accept the transfer requests of students #1 (transfer out of district), #2, and #3 (students transferring into the district) for the school year 2016-2017 as presented by Superintendent Schwarting**. The motion carried 5-0.

B. Employment Recommendations

Trustee Janeth Walker **moved and Trustee John Hiers seconded to accept Superintendent Schwarting's recommendation regarding employment as presented (Retirement of one teacher and employment of one part-time teacher)**. The motion carried 5-0.

C. Superintendent's Evaluation

Board Chair Rivers announced that there was no action taken on the *Superintendent's Evaluation*.

D. Legal Update Regarding Student Discipline

Board Chair Rivers announced that there was no action taken on *Legal Update Regarding Student Discipline*.

Trustee John Hiers **moved and Vice Chair Chris Wallace seconded to adjourn the meeting**.

The motion passed 5-0.

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The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Minutes approved:

Kedra H. Rivers, Board Chair

Tony E. Duncan, Secretary