

**Bamberg School District One**  
**Minutes of Regular Meeting of Board of Trustees**  
**Bamberg-Ehrhardt Middle School**  
**April 16, 2018**  
**6:30 p.m.**

**Members present:** Board Chair Chris Wallace, Vice Chair Janeth Walker, and Trustee John L. Hiers.

**Absent:** Secretary Tony E. Duncan and Trustee Julia “Kim” Berry

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 Advertiser-Herald**
3. **Approval of Agenda**  
**Trustee John Hiers moved and Vice Chair Janeth Walker seconded to approve the agenda as written.** The motion passed 3-0.
4. **Approval of Minutes**  
**Vice Chair Janeth Walker moved and Trustee John Hiers seconded to approve the Minutes of March 19, 2018, as presented.** The motion passed 3-0.
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. **Student/Staff Recognitions and Superintendent’s Report**  
Superintendent Schwarting responded/reported the following:
  - a) **RCES Grass and Pond:**  
As a follow-up from Vice Chair Janeth Walker regarding concerns of hers and some parents regarding the upkeep of the ponds at Richard Carroll Elementary School, Superintendent Schwarting noted that someone has been contacted to clean and drain the ponds. The cost to do the work will be approximately \$4,000.00 or \$5,000.00. This fee can be paid out of Bond money. Also, in response to Vice Chair Walker’s concern regarding the maintenance of the school grounds (not being maintained properly and consistently), Superintendent Schwarting noted that the administration is considering hiring a company to maintain the campus. Presently, the district has only one person to cut the grass. Superintendent Schwarting noted that she agrees with Board Vice Chair Walker that the citizens who are paying taxes and the children of the school deserve to attend a school that looks as nice on the outside as it does on the inside.

b) Request for Out-of-State Field Trip

Following a review of a request for out-of-state field trips, Vice Chair Janeth Walker **moved and Trustee John Hiers seconded to approve the request from Mrs. Kathy Hunt to take the prom committee on an educational trip to Carowinds in Pineville, North Carolina, on May 4, 2018, and for Ms. Bridget Kinard, Student Council Advisor, to take a Student Council student (her daughter) on an overnight lodging trip to Plymouth, Minnesota, on June 24-28, 2018, to attend the National Student Council Convention.** The motion passed 3-0. [Board Packet Enclosure and Handout]

- The District's student enrollment is 1,364.
- The administration will submit to the State Department of Education a financial recovery plan due to the district not having maintained the mandatory minimum of one month of general fund operating expenditures in its general fund as required by law. The State Superintendent then has thirty days from receipt to evaluate the plan, and either accept it or reject it with recommended modifications. [Board Packet Enclosure]
- The seniors of Bamberg-Ehrhardt High School received a letter in reference to their plea to have graduation outside (request denied). [Board Packet Enclosure]
- SCSBA is sponsoring a New Board Orientation Make Up on Thursday, June 7, 2018, at the School Boards Association office in Columbia. Veteran board members who would like a refresher on agenda topics are welcome to attend. Board members who are interested in attending should contact the district office. [Board Packet Enclosure]
- The administration signed an agreement with Adidas America Corporation to purchase athletic supplies, uniforms, equipment, etc. in exchange for discount prices on footwear, apparel, uniforms, etc. purchased from them.
- The district's 2019 budget is being held up due to the House Ways and Means.
- Teachers' contracts have now been extended to May 10<sup>th</sup> instead of April 15<sup>th</sup>.
- According to a survey of the salaries of annual classroom teachers in the state of South Carolina, this district's teacher salary is in the top 60 (59<sup>th</sup>) percentile. Superintendent Schwarting also noted that all teaching vacancies in the district for the 2018-2019 school year have been filled.
- Brownstone Construction (Dale Collier) will assist the district in spending the Abbeville money (\$1.163 million) on the projects that were approved by the State Department. Also, Mr. Collier has agreed to oversee the building of the new track at the football stadium.

7. **Monthly Financial Report**

Finance Director Devon Furr presented a Financial Report for March 2018. Mrs. Furr noted that the district does not have any outstanding bills to pay. All leases have been paid for this year. All that is now due is occurring monthly bills/salaries, one more payment to Cope Vocational Center, and to the STAR Center for alternative school.

8. **Visitors' Comments**

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

9. **Executive Session**

Board Chair Chris Wallace called for a **motion to enter Executive Session**. Trustee John Hiers **moved and Vice Chair Janeth Walker seconded to enter Executive Session**. The motion carried 3-0.

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:** Trustee John Hiers **moved and Vice Chair Janeth Walker seconded for the Board to come out of Executive Session and return to the regular session of the meeting**. The motion passed 3-0.

10. **Action on Executive Session Items**

Vice Chair Janeth Walker **moved and Trustee John Hiers seconded to accept item (a) the Personnel Recommendations for Resignations Employee 1; the Employment of Employees 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9; 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 3-0.

11. **Adjourn**

Vice Chair Janeth Walker **moved and Trustee John Hiers seconded to adjourn the meeting**. The motion passed 3-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p. m.

Minutes approved:

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Christopher Wallace, Board Chair

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Tony E. Duncan, Secretary