

**Bamberg School District One**  
**Minutes of Regular Meeting of Board of Trustees**  
**Bamberg-Ehrhardt High School**  
**May 15, 2017**  
**6:30 p.m.**

**Members present:** Board Chair Chris Wallace, Vice Chair Janeth Walker, Secretary Tony E. Duncan, Trustee John L. Hiers, and Trustee Kim Berry.

**Absent:** None

1. **Call meeting to order:** Vice Chair Chris Wallace 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 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 Tony Duncan moved and Trustee John Hiers seconded to approve the agenda as presented.** The motion passed 5-0
4. **Approval of Minutes**  
**Trustee John Hiers moved and Trustee Janeth Walker seconded to accept the April 17, 2017, and May 1, 2017, minutes as written.** The motion passed 5-0.
5. **Administering the Oath of Office to:**  
**Mr. John L. Hiers, Board Member, Seat 4**  
**Mrs. Julia R. Berry Board Member, Seat 3**

Newly elected Trustee Kim Berry (Seat 3), and re-elected Trustee John Hiers (Seat 4) posed for a public picture. They were sworn in on May 1, 2017.

6. **Election of Officers for 2017**  
Superintendent Phyllis Schwarting presided during the election of Board Chair, and Board Chair Wallace presided during the election of Board Vice Chair and Secretary for the period of May 2017 – April 2018.  
  
**Trustee Janeth Walker nominated and Trustee Kim Berry seconded to elect Trustee Chris Wallace as Board Chair.** The motion passed 5-0.  
  
**Trustee John Hiers nominated and Trustee Kim Berry seconded to elect Trustee Janeth Walker as Board Vice Chair.** The motion passed 5-0.  
  
**Vice Chair Janeth Walker nominated and Trustee Kim Berry seconded to elect Trustee Tony Duncan as Board Secretary.** The motion passed 5-0.

7. **School Reports: Stacey Walter, Sandra B. Glover, and Dennis Ulmer**

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 – Interim Principal Dennis Ulmer

8. **Student/Staff Recognition and Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Schwarting reported the following:

**a. Presenters: Science Teachers – Solar Eclipse**

Mrs. Bobbie Bunch and Mrs. Bridgett Kinard, science teachers of the District, gave some insight on the solar eclipse. It was noted by the teachers that a solar eclipse is scheduled to occur on the afternoon of August 21, 2017, and will last for approximately one hour. It is believed by many that students are much safer at school because most of them are at home by themselves in the afternoons which is the time that the eclipse is due to occur. Glasses have been donated for every student and the teachers will instruct the students on how and when to put them on. Theme ideas and posters will be placed in and around the district. At the high school, since all students do not take science, they are planning an “advisor-advisee day” where everyone will learn about the eclipse. A committee has been formed and someone from each department has been selected to make sure the proper information gets circulated. Materials are being collected and analyzed. Teachers will have lesson plans geared toward the solar eclipse and science will be put into every curriculum at the beginning of the 2017-2018 school year.

**Vice Chair Janeth Walker moved and Trustee Kim Berry seconded to approve, officially, the solar eclipse day of August 21, 2017, as a day for students to be in school. The motion passed 5-0.**

Also, noted during the discussion of the solar eclipse was that permission slips have been prepared to go out now and again at the beginning of the 2017-2018 school year by the administration. The form requires parents/guardians to sign stating that they give or do not give permission for their student to view the solar eclipse. If a student does not return a form, he/she will not be allowed to view it. [Board Packet Enclosure]

**b. Out-of-State Field Trip Requests**

Following the review of out-of-state field trip requests, **Trustee John Hiers moved and Trustee Tony Duncan seconded to approve the request for Mr. Jake Stewart, wrestling coach, to take the wrestling students to the University of Tennessee-Chattanooga on June 10-15, 2017, to participate in a wrestling camp providing a roster of the students and chaperones are submitted prior to their departure. Also, for Mrs. Contrilla Gainyard, FBLA teacher, approval to take approximately 14 FBLA students (airplane) to Anaheim, California, on June 28-July 2, 2017, to attend the National Future Business Leaders of America's annual National Leadership Conference with funding being provided by the students. The motion passed 5-0.** [Board Packet Enclosure]

- c. **SCSBA – Delegate Assembly – Legislative and Advocacy Conference**  
Following a discussion (again) regarding actions (**Officer/Board Nominations, SCSBA Resolutions, and Changes to the SCSBA Constitution**) that will take place at the Legislative and Advocacy Conference on December 2, 2017, the Board agreed not to participate.
- d. Cope Area Career Center graduation is scheduled for May 25, 2017, at 7:00 p. m. at the St. George Baptist Church (Cope) in the Family Life Center. The district has a number of students who will participate in this program.
- e. The State is providing a program called “Algebra Nation” for teachers who teach Algebra at the middle and high school. This is an excellent resource for teachers.
- f. Attorney Bakari Sellers donated \$5,000 to the District for teaching supplies.
- g. As of May 1, 2017, the student enrollment is 1,364. [Board Packet Enclosure]
- h. Kersey Nguyen, senior at Bamberg-Ehrhardt High School, has been named as a semifinalist in the 2017 Presidential Scholars program. This is one of the Nation’s highest honors for high school students. Kersey’s origin is Vietnam; however, he has been in the district’s school system since 4K.
- i. Each Board member received a copy of the approved 2017-2018 School Calendar. [Board Packet Enclosure]
- j. Each Board member received a May Calendar of school events from Bamberg-Ehrhardt High School. [Board Packet Enclosure]
- k. The Board agreed to have a called Board Meeting on June 5, 2017, at 6:00 p. m. in the District Office to discuss the 2017-2018 Budget.
- l. Following a review of the cheerleaders and the squads for the 2017-2018 school year, **Vice Chair Janeth Walker moved and Trustee Kim Berry seconded to support one group of Cheerleaders for all sports (with one group cheering on one night and one another night). The motion passed (5-0)**

9. **Request: Use of School Facilities**

The Board reviewed a request from Charlie Lucas to sponsor “Low Country Go Tell Crusade” at the Football Stadium on October 15-18, 2017, from 4:00 p. m. through 9:00 p. m. It was noted that the District’s current policy would have to be amended in order for this group (religious) to rent the stadium. [Board Packet Enclosure]

10. **Revisions: Policy KF – Community Use of School Facilities**

The administration requested that “Policy KF – Community Use of School Facilities” be revised to include the stadium, gymnasium at the Bamberg-Ehrhardt High School, and new fees. It was noted that if this policy is approved, religious groups would have to be allowed to use the District’s facilities that are listed below with the appropriate payment. [Board Packet Enclosure]

<b>TYPE OF FACILITY REQUESTED:</b>	<b>Fee</b>
Auditorium	\$350
Cafeteria	\$200
Cafeteria/Kitchen (food service employee must be present)	\$350
Classroom	\$100/rm
Gymnasium	\$300
Stadium	Day/Night \$500/\$1,000
<b>FOOD SERVICE FEES: (mgr/tech must be present the entire time) *</b>	\$35.00/hr
<b>MAINTENANCE FEES:</b>	\$35.00/hr
<b>TOTAL COST:</b>	
<b>CUSTODIAL FEES: (custodian must be present the entire time) **</b>	\$35.00/hr

**Trustee John Hiers moved and Trustee Tony Duncan seconded to amend Policy KF – Community Use of School Facilities as presented by the administration. The motion passed 5-0.**

11. **First Reading:**

**Policy ADF – Wellness**

The administration presented **Policy ADF – District Wellness** for first reading. This is a model policy from SCSBA that must be in place by July 1, 2017. It updates and replaces three of the District's policies (ADF, EFE, IHAM) into one policy. This policy promotes student wellness, proper nutrition, nutrition education, and regular and physical activity as part of the total learning experience. [Board Packet Enclosure]

**Vice Chair Janeth Walker moved and Trustee Kim Berry seconded to accept Policy ADF – District Wellness for first reading. The motion passed 5-0.**

12. **Monthly Financial Report**

Finance Director Devon Furr presented and reviewed the Financial Report for April 2017.

In response to the status of the cell phones and discounts for Board members from AT&T, Mrs. Furr noted that she is still working with the company. The administration was also informed that the phone directory in the District Office is still not working properly. In the meantime, Mrs. Furr will provide an updated (paper copy) phone directory for Board members.

13. **Visitors' Comments**

Mr. Ken Ahlin noted that the District's website is horrible and needs to be upgraded to include current official information.

14. **Executive Session**

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

The purpose for entering executive session was to discuss the following:

- a. Personnel Recommendation for Resignation / Employment
- b. Superintendent's Evaluation
- c. Legal Advice – Personnel Matter

**Open session:** Vice Chair Janeth Walker **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. **Personnel Recommendation for Resignation / Employment**

Trustee John Hiers **moved and Trustee Kim Berry seconded to accept the personnel recommendation for employee #1 (Employment) and Employee #2 (Resignation)**. The motion passed 5-0

**b. Superintendent's Evaluation**

**Vice Chair Janeth Walker moved and Trustee John Hiers seconded to accept the information and allow Board Chairman Chris Wallace to sign off on the Superintendent's Evaluation. The motion passed 5-0.**

**c. Legal Advice – Personnel Matter**

**Vice Chair Janeth Walker moved and Trustee John Hiers seconded to accept the information received (Legal Advice – Personnel Matter) as a matter of information at this time. The motion passed 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 8:45 p. m.

Minutes approved:

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Christopher Wallace, Board Chair

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Tony E. Duncan, Secretary