

Bamberg School District One
Minutes of Regular Meeting of Board of Trustees
Bamberg-Ehrhardt High School
April 22, 2019
6:30 p.m.

Members present: Vice Chair Janeth Walker, Secretary Tony E. Duncan, Trustee Julia “Kim” Berry, Trustee John L. Hiers, and Trustee Gwendolyn “Dianne” Bamberg.

Absent: None

1. **Call meeting to order:** Vice Chair Janeth Walker 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 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 Tony Duncan moved and Trustee Kim Berry seconded to approve the agenda as presented. The motion passed 4-0. [Newly elected Trustee Dianne Bamberg’s installation had not occurred]
4. **Approval of Minutes**
Trustee John Hiers moved and Trustee Kim Berry seconded to approve the minutes of March 18, 2019, as presented. The motion passed 4-0. [Newly elected Trustee Dianne Bamberg’s election had not occurred]
5. **Administering the Oath of Office to Gwendolyn Dianne Bamberg, Board Member, Seat 2; Janeth Walker, Board Member, Seat 1; and Tony Duncan, Board Member, Seat 5**
New board member Gwendolyn “Dianne” Bamberg, Seat 2, was administered the Oath of Office by Honorable Peggy James Tyler. Re-elected board member Janeth Walker, Seat 1, and Re-elected board member Tony Duncan, Seat 3, were administered the Oath of Office by Ms. Devon Furr.
6. **School Reports: Stacey Walter, Denise Miller, Dennis Ulmer**
Handouts: School Reports (Reviewed by Principals):
 - Richard Carroll Elementary School – Principal Stacey Walter
 - Bamberg-Ehrhardt Middle School – Principal Denise Miller
 - Bamberg-Ehrhardt High School – Dennis Ulmer
7. **Recognition of Bamberg-Ehrhardt High School State Championship Wrestling Team**
Bamberg-Ehrhardt High School wrestling team was recognized as state champions by Principal Denny Ulmer. Recognition was given to Amir Muhamed, Anthony Sanders

(Team Captain), Charles Jackson, Cristian Draper, Colby Hiers, DeSean Brown, Donovan Price (Team Captain), Isaiah Washington, Jackson Stemberge (2018 and 2019 Individual State Champion), Jared Gillard, John Marshall Bunch, KeSean Brown (2017, 2018, and 2019 Individual State Champion / 2016 and 2018 All American), Nygheyene Glover, Phillip Carter, Trayvon Jamison (2018 All American), Tyquez Stuck (2019 Individual State Champion), Zymire Chisolm, and Mark Moody (Head Coach and 2019 SCHL A-AA Coach of the Year. Mark took over the wrestling program in January 2019, due to the leaving of the previous coach). Assistant Coaches: John Hiers (Board Member), Malcolm Jones (Bamberg-Ehrhardt High School graduate wrestler), and Justin Verner (Bamberg-Ehrhardt High School graduate). Thanks was also extended to Mrs. Amy Stemberge for her help in the wrestling program. Also, noted was that the wrestling team is currently doing fundraisers to purchase rings for the players.

Vice Chair Janeth Walker noted that the wrestling team is phenomenal and the Board is appreciative to everyone involved with the success of the team.

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

Handouts: Board Packet Enclosures

Superintendent Schwarting noted the following:

a. **Overnight Field Trip Requests**

Trustee Kim Berry moved and Trustee Tony Duncan seconded to approve the field trip requests for Victoria Willis, agriculture teacher, to take her students to attend a South Carolina State FFA Convention on June 12-14, 2019, in Clemson, South Carolina, and on June 17-21, 2019, in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. The motion passed 5-0.

Superintendent Schwarting also noted the following:

- The District is fortunate to live in a community where so many people will step up to the plate when things don't go well.
- In a letter from the South Carolina Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office (April 18, 2019), the district's consumer price index increased 2.44 percent from calendar year 2017 to calendar year 2018. There was no growth in the population. The negative population factor is deemed to be 0.00 percent. Combining these two components yields a cap of 2.44 percent on the millage rate increase for the District for FY 2019-20. Superintendent Schwarting noted that legally, the District could go up 6.97 mills which is addition to the 3 mills that the Board could raise without any appeal.
- The 4 percent raise for teachers was approved by the legislators; however, the state is not fully funding that raise – some will fall to the districts.
- Trustee Dianne Bamberg received a copy of the Agenda for the June 6, 2019, training for new board members. [Handout]
- The student enrollment for April 1, 2019, was 1,291. The school year began with 1,324 students (loss of 33 students). [Board Packet Enclosure]
- The track at the football stadium is still under construction. The workers will return on May 1, 2019, to continue the work.

9. **Monthly Financial Report**

Board Packet Enclosure: Financial Report for March 2019

Finance Director Devon Furr reviewed the financial report for March 2019, and noted that she is working on the 2019-2020 Budget.

Trustee Kim Berry moved and Trustee John Hiers seconded to accept the March 2019, Financial Report as presented. The motion passed 5-0.

10. **Visitors' Comments**

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

11. **Executive Session**

Vice Chair Janeth Walker called for a **motion to enter Executive Session**. Trustee John Hiers **moved and Trustee Kim Berry seconded to enter the Executive Session**. The motion carried (5-0).

The purpose for entering executive session was to discuss:

- a. Personnel Recommendation(s) for Resignation / Employment
- b. Student Transfer Request(s)

Open session: Trustee Tony Duncan **moved and Trustee Kim Berry seconded for the Board to come out of Executive Session and return to the regular session of the meeting**. The motion passed 5-0.

12. **Action on Executive Session Items**

Trustee John Hiers **moved and Trustee Kim Berry seconded to accept Agenda Item (a) Personnel Recommendation(s) Resignations of person #1, #2, #3, #4, #5, and #6 and to approve (b) Student Transfer Requests for student #1, #2, and #3** as presented. The motion passed 5-0.

13. **Adjourn**

Trustee Kim Berry moved and Trustee Tony Duncan seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed 5-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Minutes approved:

Janeth Walker, Board Vice Chair

Tony E. Duncan, Secretary