

**Bamberg School District One**  
**Minutes of Regular Meeting of Board of Trustees**  
**Bamberg-Ehrhardt Middle School**  
**June 26, 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:** Board 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**  
**Vice Chair Janeth Walker moved and Trustee John Hiers seconded to approve the agenda as presented.** The motion passed 5-0.
4. **Approval of Minutes**  
**Vice Chair Janeth Walker moved and Trustee Kim Berry seconded to approve the minutes of May 15, 2017, June 5, 2017, and June 19, 2017, as written.** The motion passed 5-0.
5. **School Reports: Stacey Walter, Sandra B. Glover, Dennis Ulmer, and Dottie Brown**  
Hand-outs: School Reports (Reviewed by Director/Principals):
  - Richard Carroll Elementary School – Principal Stacey Walter
  - Bamberg-Ehrhardt Middle School – Principal Sandra B. Glover
  - Bamberg-Ehrhardt High School – Interim Principal Dennis Ulmer
  - The Office of Student Services – Director Dottie Brown
6. **Student/Staff Recognition and Superintendent's Report**  
Superintendent Schwarting reported the following:
  - a. As of June 2, 2017, the student enrollment is 1,359. [Board Packet Enclosure]
  - b. In response to a letter from Mr. David Bishop of Denmark, South Carolina, regarding the out-of-district tuition fee for students being lowered, Superintendent Schwarting noted that previously the fee was reviewed and the agreement was to keep it at \$2,505.00 per student. Therefore, again, no changes will be made to the fee. [Board Packet Enclosure]
  - c. Chief George Morris of the Bamberg Police Department informed Superintendent Schwarting that Resource Officer Cory Bamberg will not be the SRO at Bamberg-Ehrhardt High School the upcoming school year (2017-2018) and that he will be replaced with another officer. She noted, however, that the administration will make sure that a certified officer be placed in this school. She has a concern about a

- replacement because no one else on the police force is certified to be an SRO officer. Also, according to the contract she signed with the city, she should be involved with the selection of an SRO officer. Nevertheless, she was not involved with the decision to remove Officer Bamberg, and it caught her off guard.
- d. The room block at the hotel in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, for the August 2017, SCSBA meeting will open on June 27, 2017. Kim Johnson from the District Office will take care of the board members' reservations at that time.
  - e. Handout: Coaching Staff for the 2017-2018  
Note: there are still a few vacancies left to be filled.
  - f. Handout: District Telephone Directory  
[Telephone listings in the District]

7. **Federal Programs Report – Phyllis Overstreet**

In the absence of Phyllis Overstreet, Federal Programs Coordinator, Superintendent Schwarting reported that all allocations with the exception of Title I are estimates at this time. Allocations are as follows:

**Title I: \$552,878.73-preliminary number provided by the State Department: 16% increase (\$76,326.41) over last year.** The school to be served is Richard Carroll Elementary. Activities to be funded are teachers for class size reduction efforts - 5 class size reduction teachers across grades K-5, professional development, and classroom instructional supplies.

**Title II-Teacher Quality: \$50,000.00.** Approximate 50% decrease from last year due to elimination of 'hold harmless' requirement. Funds will support teacher professional development activities.

**Title III-ESOL: \$800.00.** Funds will be used for teacher professional development to support English Learner students in the district.

**Title VI-Rural Education Achievement Program: Allocations will be sent down in August.** Funds are used to support instructional supplies, staff development, and technology.

**Perkins/CATE: \$88,784.00.** Funds are used at the high school for Career and Technical Education for professional development, upgrade program equipment, and upgrade career and technology classrooms.

**Vice Chair Janeth Walker moved and Trustee John Hiers seconded to authorize Superintendent Phyllis Schwarting to serve as the District's authorized representative to sign off on all federal program documents for 2017-2018.** The motion passed 5-0.

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

Following a review of a request from Charlie Lucas, **Trustee John Hiers moved and Trustee Kim Berry seconded to authorize Charlie Lucas permission 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. at the designated fee of \$500 - \$1,000 which has been established previously.** The motion passed 5-0. [Board Packet Enclosure]

9. **First Reading:**  
**Policy ADF – Wellness**

**Following a discussion, Trustee John Hiers moved and Vice Chair Janeth Walker seconded to table Policy ADF – School Wellness until it is discussed with the District’s attorneys and to present it again at the July 2017, Board meeting.** The motion passed 5-0. [Board Packet Enclosure]

10. **FY 2017-2018 Budget**

Superintendent Schwarting noted that the 2017-2018 Budget is a balanced budget. The Revenues are equal to the Expenditures which is \$15,234,841.47. A public session was held at 5:30 p.m. this afternoon, June 26, 2017, and this was the third reading.

**Vice Chair Janeth Walker moved and Trustee Kim Berry seconded to approve for final reading the 2017-2018 Balanced Budget (\$15,234,841.47) as presented by Superintendent Schwarting.** The motion passed 5-0.

11. **Monthly Financial Report**

Finance Director Devon Furr presented the Financial Report for May 2017.

In response to a question regarding the status of the current 2016-2017 Budget, Mrs. Furr noted that the status of the 2016-2017 Budget cannot be determined until August 2017. Nevertheless, there are no outstanding major bills to be paid.

12. **Visitors’ Comments**

Mr. Ken Ahlin wanted to know if the District has the power to reduce taxes now that the District is looking good with its finances and what is the mechanism in reference to Policy ADF – Wellness? Where do we stop at free choices verses education? Also, Mr. Ahlin noted that he is a supporter of nutritional education given to everybody – not just in one school.

13. **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. Student Transfer Requests
- b. Personnel Recommendation for Resignation / Employment
- c. Superintendent’s Contract Amendment
- d. Legal Advice – Personnel Matter

**Open session:** Trustee John Hiers **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.

**Vice Chair Janeth Walker moved and Trustee Tony Duncan seconded to accept under (a) Student Transfer Requests the transfer request of Student #1; under (b) personnel Recommendation for Resignation / Employment to accept Employee #1; and under (c) Superintendent's Contract Amendment to note that no action was taken following a review by the Board; and under (d) Legal Advice – Personnel Matter to table the matter pending clarification from legal counsel. The motion passed 5-0**

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p. m.

Minutes approved:

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Christopher Wallace, Board Chair

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Tony E. Duncan, Secretary