

**Bamberg School District One**  
**Minutes of Regular Meeting of Board of Trustees**  
**Bamberg-Ehrhardt High School**  
**October 19, 2020**  
**6:30 p.m.**

**Members present:** Board Chair Janeth Walker, Trustee Gwendolyn Dianne Bamberg, and Trustee Naomi Eckels.

**Absent:** Vice Chair John Hiers and Secretary Tony E. Duncan

1. **Call meeting to order:** Board Chair Janeth Walker called the meeting to order.

**Notice to Media:** In accordance with the S. C. Code of Laws of 1976, as amended, Section 30-4-80(E), The Times and Democrat Newspaper and the Bamberg School District One Website have been notified of the time, date, place and agenda of this meeting.

2. **Approval of Agenda**  
**Trustee Gwendolyn Bamberg moved and Trustee Naomi Eckels seconded to approve the agenda as presented.** The motion passed 3-0.

3. **Approval of Minutes**  
**Trustee Gwendolyn Bamberg moved and Trustee Naomi Eckels seconded to accept the September 21, 2020, meeting minutes as presented.** The motion passed 3-0.

4. **School Reports: Stacey Walter, Denise L. Miller, and Dennis R. Ulmer.**  
Board Packet Enclosures: School Reports  
In exercising extra precautions to COVID-19, the principals were excused from the meeting; however, Interim Superintendent Dottie Brown reviewed their school reports as presented.

5. **Athletic Report: Robert Williams**  
Board Packet Enclosure: Coaches of the District  
In the absence of Coach Robert Williams, Mrs. Brown reviewed the 2020-2021 roster of coaches and their sports for the District. The coaches were invited to attend the meeting but they, too, were excused due to exercising extra precautions to COVID-19. Mrs. Brown recognized some of the outstanding achievements that the athletic teams have achieved that were included in Coach Williams' report as follows:
  - a. Girls Volleyball and Girls Tennis teams finished second in the region.
  - b. The Tennis team will play at Phyllis Simmons on October 20, 2020, for the first round of playoffs.
  - c. The Volleyball team will play at Johnsonville on October 27, 2020, for first round JV and B teams (Bamberg-Ehrhardt Middle School) playoffs. The Volleyball Teams are undefeated this year.
  - d. After 13 years of not hosting a Tennis team, the team finished second in region.
  - e. The Football team won in its region on Friday night.
  - f. Cross Country made state playoffs.
  - g. Qualifying meets will take place October 31, 2020.

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

Mrs. Brown announced the District Teacher of the year and other Employees of the Year as follows:

- a) The **2020-2021 District Teacher of the Year**, selected by her peers and a district selection committee, is Sarah Catherine Williams.
- b) The **2020-2021 School Teachers of the Year are as follows: Richard Carroll Elementary School:** Mary Templeton; **Bamberg-Ehrhardt Middle School:** Charlotte Schlamp; and **Bamberg-Ehrhardt High School:** Vanessa Glover-Robinson.
- c) **The 2020-2021 Educational Support Staff of the Year are:**  
**Educational Support Personnel (4-way tie):** Betty Mack, Terrell Haynes, Angela Grimes and Tonja Cohen; **Custodian:** Eugene Anderson; **Food Service:** Elaine Crosby; **School Nurse:** Michelle Kinsey; **Bus Driver:** Tirrea Brown; **Secretary/Administrative Assistant:** Jannette Stokes. [Handout]
- d) **2020-2021 School Calendar Correction – December 18<sup>th</sup> – Half Day**  
An error was recently detected on the 2020-2021 School Calendar and a new calendar has been printed. December 18, 2020, should have been printed at the bottom of the page and as an early dismissal school day. [Board Packet Enclosure]
- e) **Facility and Parking Request – Bamberg-Ehrhardt High School**  
Mrs. Brown noted and reviewed slides of some areas behind Bamberg-Ehrhardt High School that are in need of repairs, paving, and storm drainage for information.
- f) **Mold and AC Update – Richard Carroll Elementary School**  
The results from a representative from ABS Environmental (1416 Chapin Rd., Chapin, SC 29036) regarding mold at Richard Carroll Elementary School revealed that the air quality in the classrooms are back to where they should be. Also, a repairman from Hoffman Mechanical Solutions, Greensboro, North Carolina, checked the AC units and noted that they are now working properly. [Board Packet Enclosure]
- g) **Mobile HotSpots**  
According to Mollie Spearman, State Superintendent of Education, the Mobile HotSpots have been provided to students at a cost to the state through December 20, 2020. That now has been extended through June 2021, at no cost to parents. The District had planned to pick up the cost after December in order not to interrupt students who are doing virtual learning; however, money from the CARES Act will take care of it for the state of South Carolina.

7. **Monthly Financial Report**

In the absence of Finance Director Devon Furr, Mrs. Brown presented the Financial Report for FY 2020-2021 as of September 2020, for review. Mrs. Brown noted that questions regarding the report could be submitted to Mrs. Furr via email or phone. [Board Packet Enclosure]

**Trustee Gwendolyn Bamberg moved and Trustee Naomi Eckels seconded to accept the September 2020 Finance Report as presented.** The motion passed 3-0.

8. **Visitors' Comments**

Ken Ahlin noted that in order to make communication better with the public, he was wondering if the District could provide an email system to communicate with the public.

9. **Executive Session**

Board Chair Janeth Walker called for a **motion to enter Executive Session**. Trustee Gwendolyn Bamberg **moved and Trustee Naomi Eckels seconded to enter the Executive Session**. The motion carried (3-0).

The purpose for entering executive session was to discuss:

- a. Personnel Recommendations – Shared Service & Contractual Agreements
- b. Student Transfers
- c. Personnel Recommendation for Resignation

**Open session:** Trustee Gwendolyn Bamberg **moved and Trustee Naomi Eckels seconded for the Board to come out of Executive Session and return to the regular session of the meeting**. The motion carried 3-0.

10. **Action on Executive Session Items**

**Trustee Gwendolyn Bamberg moved and Trustee Naomi Eckels seconded to approve under Agenda Item 9-A-1&2 Personnel Recommendations – Shared Service and Contractual Agreements to accept the Shared Service Agreement for employee #1 and #2 as presented.** The motion passed 3-0.

**Trustee Gwendolyn Bamberg moved and Trustee Naomi Eckels seconded to approve under Agenda Item 9-A-3 Personnel Recommendations – Shared Service and Contractual Agreements that the Board authorize the Board Chair to execute the contract amendment to extend the services of the Educational Consultant.** The motion passed 3-0.

**Trustee Gwendolyn Bamberg moved and Trustee Naomi Eckels seconded to accept under Agenda Item 9-B Student Transfers the requests for student #1, #2, #3 and #4 as presented.** The motion passed 3-0.

**Trustee Gwendolyn Bamberg moved and Trustee Naomi Eckels seconded to accept under Agenda Item 9-C Personnel Recommendation Resignation the resignation of employee #1 as presented.** The motion passed 3-0.

11. **Adjourn**

**Trustee Gwendolyn Bamberg moved and Trustee Naomi Eckels seconded to adjourn the meeting.** The motion passed 3-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

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Minutes approved:

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Janeth Walker, Board Chair

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Tony E. Duncan, Secretary