

**Bamberg School District One**  
**Minutes of Regular Meeting of Board of Trustees**  
**Richard Carroll Elementary School**  
**April 17, 2017**  
**6:30 p.m.**

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

**Absent:** Julia R. (Kim) Berry

1. **Call meeting to order:** Vice Board Chair Chris Wallace called the meeting to order and asked for a moment of silence.

Vice Chair Wallace congratulated Trustee Julia “Kim” Berry on her election victory as a Board member and stated that she could not be present at this meeting. He also thanked Board Chair Kedra Rivers (Seat 3) for serving so faithfully and loyally the last four years. She did a good job for the district.

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 Janeth Walker seconded to approve the agenda as presented.** The motion passed 4-0
4. **Approval of Minutes**  
**Trustee Tony Duncan moved and Trustee John Hiers seconded to accept the March 20, 2017, minutes as written.** The motion passed 4-0.
5. **Administering the Oath of Office to:**  
**Mr. John L. Hiers, Board Member, Seat 4**  
**Mrs. Julia R. Berry Board Member, Seat 3**

Due to the absence of Board Trustee Julia “Kim” Berry (Seat 3), the Board agreed to administer the Oath of Office to her and re-elected Board Trustee John Hiers (Seat 4) at another time. Also, noted was that the election of Board Officers will take place at the May 2017, Board Meeting.

6. **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

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

Superintendent Schwarting reported the following:

- a. The District received "All Clear" on the Accreditation Report from the State Department of Education on the following entities: Board of Trustees, District Operations, Summer Schools, Bamberg-Barnwell Adult Education, Cope Area Career Center, Richard Carroll Elementary School, Bamberg-Ehrhardt Middle School, and Bamberg-Ehrhardt High School.
- b. As of April 3, 2017, the student enrollment is 1,358 which is stable at this time. [Board Packet Enclosure]
- c. Alvarez & Marsal conducted a Phase 1 - School Efficiency Review at the request of the State Department in reference to the districts involved in the Abbeville law suit. Board members were advised to review the report and bring back any questions or concerns to the May 2017, board meeting. [Handout]
- d. Pros and cons regarding students being in school on the day of the solar eclipse (August 21, 2017) were outlined in a letter from the district's attorney, Shawn Eubanks, and reviewed by the Board. This letter was in response to the administration's request to have school on the day of the solar eclipse. Nevertheless, the administration is still requesting to have school on the day of the solar eclipse where students will be protected by wearing the appropriate eyewear. Also, noted was that the school day would probably be extended and students will be allowed to "opt in" to the viewing activities with parent permission. [Board Packet Enclosure]

**Trustee Janeth Walker moved and Trustee Tony Duncan seconded to table the approval of school being in session on the day of the solar eclipse (August 21, 2017). The motion passed 4-0.**

The Board accepted an invitation from Superintendent Schwarting to allow some of the science teachers to attend the May 2017, Board Meeting and bring some "mock" glasses for review and to ask questions should they have any.

- e. 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, **Trustee Janeth Walker moved and Trustee John Hiers seconded to table the Delegate Assembly matter until the May 2017, Board of Trustees Meeting.** The motion passed 4-0.

8. **Approval: 2017-2018 School Calendar**

In reference to the request from Superintendent Schwarting regarding a date for the opening of school in order to make preparations for the 2017-2018 school year, **Trustee Janeth Walker moved and Trustee John Hiers seconded to move forward with starting of school on August 17, 2017, for the 2017-2018 School Year. The motion passed 4-0.**

9. **Bond Resolution**

**Trustee Janeth Walker moved and Trustee Tony Duncan seconded to move forward and approve the Bond Resolution as previously discussed. The motion passed 4-0.**

10. **Monthly Financial Report**

Finance Director Devon Furr presented and reviewed the Financial Report for March 2017. She noted that she expects the district to break even this year with its finances. [Board Packet Enclosure]

11. **Visitors' Comments**

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

12. **Executive Session**

Board Vice Chair Chris Wallace called for a **motion to enter Executive Session**. Trustee John Hiers **moved and Trustee Janeth Walker seconded to enter Executive Session**. The motion carried 4-0.

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

- a. Personnel Recommendation for Resignation / Employment
- b. Superintendent's Evaluation

**Open session:** Trustee Janeth Walker **moved and Trustee John Hiers seconded for the Board to come out of Executive Session and return to the regular session of the meeting**. The motion passed 4-0.

**a. Personnel Recommendation for Resignation / Employment**

Trustee Janeth Walker **moved and Trustee John Hiers seconded to accept the personnel recommendation for both resignations and employment as listed for person number 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5**. The motion passed 4-0

**b. Superintendent's Evaluation**

Trustee Janeth Walker **moved and Trustee Tony Duncan seconded and stated that the Superintendent's Evaluation was discussed and the information was accepted; however, the Board will wait for further information from the district's legal counsel**. The motion passed 4-0.

**Trustee John Hiers moved and Trustee Janeth Walker seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed 4-0**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p. m.

Minutes approved:

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Christopher Wallace, Vice Chair

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Tony E. Duncan, Secretary