

Bamberg School District One
Minutes of Regular Meeting of Board of Trustees
Bamberg-Ehrhardt High School
June 18, 2018
6:30 p.m.

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

Absent: None

1. **Call meeting to order:** Board Chair Chris Wallace called the meeting to order and asked for the observance of 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 Advertiser-Herald
3. **Approval of Agenda**
Vice Chair Janeth Walker moved and Trustee John Hiers seconded to approve the agenda as written. The motion passed 5-0.
4. **Approval of Minutes**
Trustee Tony Duncan moved and Trustee Kim Berry seconded to approve the Minutes of May 21, 2018 and May 29, 2018 (Call), as presented. The motion passed 5-0.
5. **School Reports: Stacey Walter, Denise Miller, and Dennis Ulmer**
Hand-outs: School Reports (Reviewed by Principals):
 - Richard Carroll Elementary School – Principal Stacey Walter
 - Bamberg-Ehrhardt Middle School – Principal Denise Miller
 - Bamberg-Ehrhardt High School –Principal Denny Ulmer
6. **Student/Staff Recognitions and Superintendent’s Report**
Superintendent Schwarting reported the following:
 - a) Handouts: January 22, 2018 Board Approved Policies (SCSBA)
Board members were informed to insert/remove policies in the appropriate place in their Board Policy Manuals.
 - a) Final District student enrollment: 1,350
7. **Federal Programs Report – Phyllis Overstreet**
Phyllis Overstreet, Federal Programs Coordinator, reported that all allocations have not come in at this time; however, she reported the estimates as follows:

Title I Funding Allocation: \$493,784.00 – Per the SCDE, budgeted at a 10% reduction (\$54,864.90) from 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 as funds permit.

Title II-Teacher Quality Allocation: \$50,553.35. This is anticipated to remain about the same for FY 2019. Funds will support teacher professional development activities and for principals' support.

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

Title IV-Student Support and Academic Enrichment Allocation: \$13,243.89 (New): Funds are being used to upgrade the Art program at Bamberg-Ehrhardt High School and to upgrade the PE programs at all three schools. Congress added to this pot of money in May, and an additional allocation is anticipated in July/August.

Title V-Rural Education Achievement Program (Title VI - Renamed): Average of \$24,000. Funds are used to support instructional supplies, staff development, and technology across the three schools.

Perkins: \$19,864.00. 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 submit all federal projects to the State Department of Education for 2018-2019. The motion passed 5-0.

8. **First Reading:**

Superintendent Schwarting reviewed the following Board Policies/Administrative Rules for First Reading and noted that they will be presented again at the next Board meeting:

- a. Policy IKFC – Employability Credential
- b. Administrative Rule IKFC-R – Employability Credential
- c. Administrative Rule IKA-R – Grading/Assessment Systems

9. **FY 2018-2019 Budget**

A public session on the 2018-2019 budget was held at 5:30 p.m. on June 18, 2018, at Bamberg-Ehrhardt High School for second reading.

Finance Director Devon Furr noted that the House and Senate have not finalized their budget; nevertheless, she prepared a balanced budget based on the “worse-case scenario” – knowing that it will have to be amended later. Her budget did not include an increase in student-base cost; however, it gave an 8% increase in insurance, 1% increase in retirement, and a 2% increase for employees across the board for salaries that were suggested previously by the House Ways and Means. Also, with a balanced budget it

will require a 5.96 mill increase. The district cannot go into its Fund Balance as in past years due to the “District’s Fiscal Caution Financial Recovery Plan” that it is working under.

Trustee Tony Duncan moved and Trustee John Hiers seconded to approve for final reading the 2018-2019 Balanced Budget (\$15,607,110.82) as presented by Finance Director Devon Furr. The motion passed 5-0.

Trustee Tony Duncan requested that Margaret Myers, Bamberg County Auditor, and Alice Johnson, Bamberg County Treasurer, conduct a workshop regarding taxes and how they are appropriated so Board members will be better prepared to answer questions from the public.

Vice Chair Janeth Walker requested that the Board be provided with a written breakdown of every person who receives a stipend and include first and last name, amount of the stipend, and the purpose of the stipend.

10. **Monthly Financial Report**

Finance Director Devon Furr presented a Financial Report for May 2018. Mrs. Furr noted that the District is on track for this time of the year. There are a few things that are planned for the summer, a payroll that will pay out everyone out who is leaving in June. The money that is being spent now is the Abbeville money.

11. **Visitors’ Comments**

Mr. Ken Ahlin signed up for comments; however, he noted that he did not wish to make any.

12. **Executive Session**

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

The purpose for entering executive session was to discuss:

- a. Student Transfer Requests
- b. Personnel Recommendation for Hires
- c. Personnel Recommendation for Termination

Open session:

Vice Chair 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 5-0.

13. **Action on Executive Session Items**

Trustee John Hiers **moved and Trustee Kim Berry seconded in regards to Agenda Item 12 (a) Student Transfer Request** to accept the student transfer requests for students A-1, A-2, A-3, A-4, A-5, A-6, and A-7; with regards to **Item 12 (b) Personnel Recommendation for Hires** to accept the recommendation for personnel hires for employees B-1, B-2, B-3, and B-4; and with regards to **Item 12 (c) Personnel**

Recommendation for Terminations to accept the recommendation for termination for employee C-1 as presented. The motion passed 5-0.

14. **Adjourn**

Vice Chair Janeth Walker **moved and Trustee John Hiers seconded to adjourn the meeting.** The motion passed 5-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p. m.

Minutes approved:

Christopher Wallace, Board Chair

Tony E. Duncan, Secretary