

Bamberg School District One
Minutes of Regular Meeting of Board of Trustees
Bamberg-Ehrhardt High School
April 18, 2016
6:30 p.m.

Members present: Board Chair Kedra H. Rivers, Vice Chair Chris Wallace, Secretary Tony E. Duncan, and Trustee John L. Hiers.

Absent: Trustee Janeth Walker

1. **Call meeting to order:** Board Chair Kedra Rivers 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, Section 30-4-80(e), as amended, 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 John Hiers seconded to approve the agenda as written.** The motion passed 4-0.
4. **Approval of Minutes**
Trustee John Hiers **moved and Vice Chair Chris Wallace seconded to approve the March 24, 2016 and April 11, 2016 minutes as written.** The motion passed 4-0.
5. **School Reports: Stacey Walter, Sandra B. Glover, Randall L. Maxwell**
Hand-outs: School Reports (Overviewed/Reviewed by Principals):
 - Bamberg-Ehrhardt Middle School – Principal Sandra B. Glover
 - Richard Carroll Elementary School – Principal Stacey Walter
 - Bamberg-Ehrhardt High School – Principal Randall L. Maxwell
6. **Student/Staff Recognition and Superintendent’s Report**
Superintendent Schwarting reported the following:
 - The District’s student enrollment as of April 1, 2016, is 1,416. [Board Packet Enclosure]
 - 2015-2016 Closing School Schedule: May 31st and June 1st – Make-up days; June 2nd – Staff Development; Memorial Day (May 30th) – Holiday (per State request); and June 1st – Final day for students.
 - SCSBA Training Hours Report for Bamberg School District One Board Members from July 1, 2015 to April 18, 2016 are as follows: Tony Duncan – 23; John Hiers – 21; Kedra Hill-Rivers – 45; Janeth Walker – 40; and Chris Wallace – 14. [Handout]

- **Handout: SCSBA Model Policy (Policy GBEEA) – Social Media**
Board members are encouraged to review Policy GBEEA and see if there is any part of it that can be deleted. The policy includes a paragraph on Page 2 that states, “*No private messages should be sent directly from an employee to a student, except where the communication is clearly related to a district-approved school or extracurricular purpose. No ongoing communication with students in this format is appropriate. Whenever possible, a student’s parents/legal guardian should be included as a recipient of any such correspondence.*” The District has “Alert Call” where calls can be made to communicate with parents; however, this policy supersedes this. This policy will be reviewed at the April 2016, Board meeting.
- On April 12, 2016, the State Board of Education (SBE) unanimously voted to implement a 10-point grading scale effective in the 2016-17 school year for high school credits. The 10-point scale is mandated for grades 9-12, and recommended for all middle school students. The District’s Board will have to recommend what is to be used for elementary school students. The SCDE recommends implementation of the 10-point scale in middle school when it does not impede innovation and personalized learning. Therefore, local Boards will need to examine their current Board policy for consideration of revision. This change will affect student handbooks, National Honors Society and Beta Club criteria, teacher grading practices, and parents will have to be informed. Parents will be notified of this change (enclosure in the final report card and in the back to school packets at the opening of school. Also, an article will be placed in the local newspaper). School districts are currently on a 7-point grading scale.
- **Handout: School Opening – SCASA**
The school start date bills are now on the floor of both the House and the Senate – whether schools can start the second week in August as opposed to the third week. If the bill is passed, the local Board will have authority to play with to begin school for students up to five instructional days prior to August 15th. Also, if the bill is passed, districts would have 90 instructional days before the December break which would allow students to take exams prior to the Christmas break. This bill will also affect the Cope Career Center.

7. **Bond Resolution**

Following a request and discussion for the approval of a Bond Resolution, Trustee Tony Duncan moved and Trustee John Hiers seconded to approve the sale of a General Obligation Bond not to exceed \$625,000.00 with the millage remaining the same. The motion passed 4-0.

Superintendent Schwarting noted that money from the Bond Resolution will be used for repairs in the District that are not budgeted. Normally the millage is not raised and if the money is not used, it will be returned. If some of the money is used, the Board will receive a breakdown of how the money is used.

8. **Monthly Financial Report**

Due to the absence of Finance Director Devon Furr, questions regarding the Financial Report for March 2016, will be discussed at the May 2016, Board meeting.

9. **Visitors' Comments**

None

10. **Executive Session**

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

The purpose for entering executive session was to discuss:

- a. Employment Recommendations

Open session: Trustee John Hiers **moved and Trustee Tony Duncan 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) Employment Recommendations

Trustee John Hiers **moved and Vice Chair Chris Wallace seconded for the Board to accept the Resignations of employees 1 and 2 and the Employment of employees 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 as presented**. The motion passed 3-0- 1 Nay (Trustee Tony Duncan).

Vice Chair Chris Wallace **moved and Trustee John Hiers seconded to adjourn the meeting**. The motion passed 4-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Minutes approved:

Kedra H. Rivers, Board Chair

Tony E. Duncan, Secretary