

**Bamberg School District One**  
**Minutes of Regular Meeting of Board of Trustees**  
**Bamberg-Ehrhardt High School**  
**February 21, 2017**  
**6:30 p.m.**

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

**Absent:** None

1. **Call meeting to order:** Board Chair Kedra Rivers called the meeting to order and asked for a moment of silence. Also, noted was to keep in consideration and thoughts the families of Isaiah Cann (employee in Hospital), Kayleigh Parker (student who recently passed), Hannah Furtick (student who recently passed), and Ms. Donna Still (food service employee who recently passed).
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 Chris Wallace moved and Trustee Janeth Walker seconded to approve the agenda as written.** The motion passed 4-0 [Trustee Tony Duncan was absent during the vote].
4. **Approval of Minutes**  
**Trustee Janeth Walker moved and Trustee John Hiers seconded to accept the January 19, 2017, minutes with the correction of the Level of Boardmanship Institute Training for Board Chair Kedra Rivers in Agenda Item #7. The level of Boardmanship Institute Training should be four instead of two.** The motion passed 4-0 [Trustee Tony Duncan was absent during the vote].
5. **Approval of 2017 Board Calendar**  
**Trustee John Hiers moved and Trustee Janeth Walker seconded to accept the 2017 Board Calendar as presented.** The motion passed 4-0. [Trustee Tony Duncan was absent during the vote].
6. **School Reports: RCES Representative, Sandra B. Glover, and BEHS Representative**  
Hand-outs: School Reports (Reviewed by Principal/Assistant Principal):
  - Richard Carroll Elementary School – Principal Stacey Walter
  - Bamberg-Ehrhardt Middle School – Principal Sandra B. Glover
  - Bamberg-Ehrhardt High School – Assistant Principal Dennis Ulmer

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

Superintendent Schwarting reported the following:

- In a memo dated January 20, 2017, from Tara McCall, Staff Attorney for SCSBA, the District's administration was incorrectly informed by her office in being advised that the district's website should be updated with draft Board Minutes from each Board meeting at least 10 days prior to the Board's next regularly scheduled meeting. It was called to her attention that Budget Proviso 1.26 actually allows up to ten days following the Board's next regularly scheduled meeting to post the minutes from the previous meeting. Superintendent Schwarting noted that the administration will revert back to posting the minutes 10 days following the approval of the minutes. [Board Packet Enclosure]
- As of February 1, 2017, the student enrollment is 1,362 (decrease). A decrease in students means the District will lose money. Some unusual things have happened recently; for instance, six students returned to Texas because their home was destroyed by fire. [Board Packet Enclosure]
- On February 2, 2017, Superintendent Schwarting mailed a letter (regrets) to Mr. Raymond Padgett, principal of Batesburg-Leesville High School, regarding the incident when their team lost some items in the gym during a basketball game. The school's administration was very complimentary about the way this District's personnel handled everything. [Board Packet Enclosure]
- Following a review of an overnight lodging field trip request, **Trustee John Hiers moved and Trustee Janeth Walker seconded to approve a request from Mrs. Bridget Kinard, Student Council Advisor, to take approximately 16 students to attend the SCASC State Convention at Cane Bay High School, Summerville, South Carolina, on March 17-19, 2017.** The motion passed 5-0.

The students will travel via personal vehicles and stay in a hotel with Mrs. Kinard. The students will pay the conference fee of \$125. [Board Packet Enclosure]

- Following a review of an overnight lodging field trip request, **Trustee Janeth Walker moved and Vice Chair Chris Wallace seconded to approve a request from Mrs. Contrilla Gainyard, FBLA Advisor, to take approximate 14 students to attend the SC Future Business Leaders of America's State Leadership Conference at the Charleston Convention Center/Homewood Suites, Charleston, South Carolina, on March 16-19, 2017.** The motion passed 5-0.

The students will travel via the district's activity bus and a fee of \$125 will be paid from FBLA, Perkins, and CATE funds. Chaperones will be Contrilla Gainyard and Blanch Johnson, advisors. [Board Packet Enclosure]

- The District's law firm, Boykin & Davis, sponsored 30 students (20 Honors English students in grade 9 and 10 others) at Bamberg-Ehrhardt High School to attend a private screening of *Hidden Figures* on Friday, February 10, 2017, at 10:00 a.m. at the Regal Aiken Mall 8, in Aiken, South Carolina. This was a timely event because these the Honors English students were studying the book *Hidden Figures* at the time. [Board Packet Enclosure]

- Notification from the Office of Technology in Education regarding an office visit on November 15, 2016, indicated that the Funding Plan was approved. [Board Packet Enclosure]
- Board members were asked to select the 2017 conferences sponsored by SCSBA that they plan to attend, and return the form to the District Office. [Board Packet Enclosure]

**a) Name Plate – Portrait of Richard Carroll (RCES)**

A name plate has been erected under the portrait of the Reverend Richard Carroll at the Richard Carroll Elementary School. The plate reads: *Richard Carroll Elementary School – Named In Honor of – The Reverend Richard Carroll (1859-1929) – Named Richard Carroll School in the late 30s.*

[Handout: Picture]

**b) SALK Seasonal Athletic Passes**

Superintendent Schwarting noted that she was not able to contact anyone who knew anything about SALK Athletic Passes. Nevertheless, as suggested by Trustee Janeth Walker, a follow-up call should be placed to the Superintendent of Denmark School District 2 because the Pass she presented to the Board came from this District.

**c) Update on Scoreboard Lighting at BEHS**

Reviewed for consideration were scoreboard lighting prices from Electro-Mech Scoreboard Company (Basketball -\$7,428.24 / Football - \$13,156.35 / Softball - \$10,489.20 installation included). Prices from some other companies will be obtained later – specifically, one from the company that installed the scoreboard lighting at Richard Carroll Elementary. Presently, the softball scoreboard lighting is an insurance issue.

**d) Pupil Activity Fund Deficit**

Finance Director Devon Furr noted that the district-wide Pupil Activity Account is okay in the District's audit. However, in the management letter the accounts that are listed in the negative have to be listed. The administration would like to work out a plan that can be incorporated in the budget at a Work Session.

**8. Request for Teacher Salary Study**

At the request of the Board, the administration provided teacher base salaries from some of the surrounding school districts. Following a discussion of the teacher base salaries submitted, the consensus of the Board was to review it. [Board Packet Enclosures]

**9. Human Resources Department Planning**

At the request of the Board, the administration provided job descriptions and salaries of Human Resource (HR) personnel from some surrounding school districts. The Board will review these descriptions further. [Board Packet Enclosures]

**10. Monthly Financial Report**

Finance Director Devon Furr presented the Financial Report of January 2017, and it was reviewed by the Board. The finance department is still working on the AT&T discounts as requested by the Board. The Board will discuss a date and time for a Budget Work Session and notify the administration. [Board Packet Enclosures]

11. **Visitors' Comments**

Trent Kinard noted that his comments were regarding a disciplinary action that was taken. Board Chair Rivers responded by stating that this action would be discussed during Executive Session due to student involvement.

12. **Executive Session**

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

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

- a. Special Education Review
- b. Food Service Review
- c. Superintendent's Evaluation
- d. Personnel Recommendation for Resignation / Employment
- e. Athletics: Coach Proposal/Cheerleading
- f. Student Discipline
- g. Transportation: Compensation/Personnel/Bus Accidents

**Open session:** Trustee Janeth Walker **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 5-0.

a) **Special Education Review**

Trustee Janeth Walker **moved and Vice Chair Chris Wallace seconded to accept the Special Education Review for information only**. The motion passed 5-0.

b) **Food Service Review**

Trustee Janeth Walker **moved and Vice Chair Chris Wallace seconded to accept the Food Service Review for information only**. The motion passed 5-0.

c) **Superintendent's Evaluation**

Trustee Janeth Walker **moved and Vice Chair Chris Wallace seconded to table the Superintendent's Evaluation to a future date**. The motion passed 5-0.

d) **Personnel Recommendation for Resignation / Employment**

Trustee John Hiers **moved and Vice Chair Chris Wallace seconded to accept the Employment Recommendations as presented by the Superintendent on personnel 1, 2, and 3**. The motion passed 5-0.

e) **Athletics: Coach Proposal/Cheerleading**

Trustee Janeth Walker **moved and Vice Chair Chris Wallace seconded to accept the Athletics: Coach Proposal/Cheerleading for information only**. The motion passed 5-0.

f) **Student Discipline**

Trustee John Hiers **moved and Trustee Janeth Walker seconded to accept the Student Discipline for information only**. The motion passed 5-0.

g) **Transportation: Compensation/Personnel/Bus Accidents**

Trustee John Hiers **moved and Trustee Tony Duncan seconded to accept the Transportation: Compensation/Personnel/Bus Accidents for information only**. The motion passed 5-0.

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**Trustee Chris Wallace moved and Trustee Janeth Walker seconded to adjourn the meeting.** The motion passed 5-0

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 p. m.

Minutes approved:

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Kedra H. Rivers, Board Chair

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Tony E. Duncan, Secretary