

**Bamberg School District One**  
**Minutes of Regular Meeting of Board of Trustees**  
**Bamberg-Ehrhardt High School**  
**August 16, 2021**  
**6:30 p.m.**

**Members present:** Board Chair Janeth Walker, Vice Chair John Hiers, Secretary Tony E. Duncan, Trustee Gwendolyn Dianne Bamberg, and Trustee Naomi Eckels.

**Absent:** None.

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, The Bamberg County Leader, and the Bamberg School District One Website have been notified of the time, date, place and agenda of this meeting.

2. **Approval of Agenda**  
**Vice Chair John Hiers moved and Trustee Gwendolyn Bamberg seconded to approve the agenda as presented.** The motion passed 5-0.
3. **Approval of Minutes for June 28, 2021**  
**Secretary Tony Duncan moved and Trustee Naomi Eckels seconded to accept the July 19, 2021 meeting minutes, with a note to check the spelling of one name in the minutes as follows: Agenda Item 6(c) – Paragraph 2: The name “Carpentier”, which was confirmed and left unchanged.** The motion passed 5-0.
4. **School Reports: Chastity Evans, Denise L. Miller, and Dennis R. Ulmer.**  
**Hand-outs:** School Reports (Reviewed by Principals/Assistant Principal)
  - Richard Carroll Elementary School –Principal Chastity Evans
  - Bamberg-Ehrhardt Middle School – Principal Denise Miller
  - Bamberg-Ehrhardt High School – Principal Dennis Ulmer
5. **Athletic Report: Robert Williams**  
Athletic Director Robert Williams noted there were one hundred and fifty athletes involved in fall sports between football, volleyball, tennis, cross country and cheer. Mr. Williams introduced the procedures for ticket sales this year and stated tickets would be sold during the week and at the gate. Mr. Williams further advised all-sports passes would be available for sale again this year at a rate of \$40.00 for students and \$80.00 for adults. With regard to COVID-19 procedures, Mr. Williams indicated signs would be posted asking spectators to social distance and to wear masks. Mr. Williams further reported athletes would socially distance on buses by skipping seats between each player.  
[Board Packet Enclosure]
6. **Student/Staff Recognition and Superintendent’s Report**  
Superintendent Brown noted the following:

a) **School Board Member Recognition**

Mrs. Janeth Walker was recognized and applauded for reaching Level 6 with the South Carolina School Board Association, which is the highest level a school board member can receive. Mrs. Brown noted Mrs. Walker would be recognized at the annual SCSBA convention, to be held February 18-20, 2022.

b) **Update: COVID-19**

Mrs. Brown advised nine students were currently being quarantined, with only one student testing positive. Superintendent Brown further advised, regarding staff members, two were on quarantine and one positive case district wide have been reported at the present time.

c) Superintendent Brown commended the principals, teachers, bus drivers, custodians, cafeteria staff and all other staff on a successful week of quality professional development.

d) Superintendent Brown presented the Board with a Food Share Partnership Plaque from Ms. Laura Buss for Bamberg School District One's partnership and participation in the food share program.

e) Superintendent Brown asked for the board's participation in SCSBA's "Welcome Back" activity to show their continued support to the staff and students of Bamberg School District One.

7. **Request for Out of State/Overnight Trip – Indianapolis, IN – October 26-29, 2021**

Superintendent Brown advised due to the District currently being under consolidation legislation, matters regarding out of state/overnight travel would be handled differently. Mrs. Brown noted the school board would no longer make decisions regarding out of state/overnight travel and that out of state/overnight travel must be submitted to the Delegation and they will approve or deny the request. Ms. Brown further noted she is working closely with the school's attorney and they have submitted the request and approval or disapproval would come directly from the Delegation. Mrs. Brown advised she would relay the response back to the board, once it has been received

8. **Consolidation Updates**

Mrs. Brown requested to combine consolidation updates and shared services under the next agenda item.

9. **Shared Services Updates**

Superintendent Brown noted that Bamberg School District One and Bamberg School District Two are continuing to use shared services with superintendent, deputy superintendent, technology, finance, and food service.

Mrs. Brown recognized, Dr. Alice Brewington and Mrs. Sharon Zion for working diligently over the summer in creating the curriculum and pacing guides for this year's science program, thus joining the curriculums across the two districts. Mrs. Brown further commended them for currently working on next year's curriculum and pacing guides. Mrs. Brown went on to state that work must now begin on ELA and Mathematics curriculums. Mrs. Brown indicated teams have now been formed, led by Dr. Lorraine Peebles from Bamberg School District Two as well as lead curriculum teachers from Bamberg School District One, to begin this process. In the areas of special education and student services, Mrs. Brown advised that we are sharing more services to include speech

and school psychology and we have fully formed evaluation teams for both districts, which began August 16, 2021.

10. **First Reading – Updated Policies:**

a. Policy GCD/GDD – Professional/Support Staff Annual Leave

Superintendent Brown presented Policy GCD/GDD for first reading. Mrs. Brown noted this policy would make annual leave subject to the same rules and regulations that govern personal leave.

**Vice Chair John Hiers moved and Secretary Tony Duncan seconded to approve for first reading of Policy GCD/GDD – Professional/Support Staff Annual Leave as presented.** The motion passed 5-0. [Board Packet Enclosure]

11. **Monthly Financial Report**

In the absence of Finance Director Devon Furr, Superintendent Brown presented the Financial Report for FY 2021-2022 as of July 2021, for review. [Board Packet Enclosure]

**Secretary Tony Duncan moved and Trustee Gwendolyn Bamberg seconded to accept the Financial Report for July 2021, as presented.** The motion passed 5-0.

12. **Visitors' Comments**

Mr. Ken Ahlin declined his right to make comments, as he had nothing to say at this time.

13. **Executive Session**

Board Chair Janeth Walker called for a motion to enter Executive Session. **Secretary Tony Duncan moved and Trustee Naomi Eckels seconded to enter Executive Session.** The motion carried (5-0).

Board Chair Janeth Walker noted that the Board would be moving into Executive Session to discuss Personnel Recommendation for Resignations (If Needed), Personnel Recommendations for Hires (If Needed), and Student Transfer Requests (If Needed).

**Open session: Trustee Gwendolyn Bamberg moved and Secretary Tony Duncan seconded for the Board to come out of Executive Session and return to the regular session of the meeting.** The motion carried 5-0.

14. **Action on Executive Session Items**

**Vice Chair John Hiers moved and Trustee Gwendolyn Bamberg seconded for the Board to approve Agenda Item 13 (a) Personnel Recommendation for Resignations (If Needed) for employee #1 and Agenda Item 13 (c) Student Transfer Request (If Needed) for students #1, #2, #3, #4, #5, #6, #7, #8, #9, #10, #11, #12, and, pending release from their home district, #13, as presented.** The motion passed 5-0.

**There was no action taken on Agenda Item 13 (b) Personnel Recommendations for Hires (If Needed), as there were no recommendations presented at this time.**

15. **Adjourn**

**Secretary Tony Duncan moved and Trustee Naomi Eckels seconded to adjourn the meeting.** The motion passed 5-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:34p.m.

Minutes approved:

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Janeth Walker, Board Chair

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Tony E. Duncan, Secretary