

Bamberg County School District
Minutes of Regular Meeting of Board of Trustees
Bamberg-Ehrhardt High School
March 7, 2022
6:00 p.m.

Members present: Board Chair Janeth Walker, Vice Chair Beverly P. Bonaparte, Secretary Tonie A. Holman, Trustee Gwendolyn D. Bamberg, Trustee Harriet H. Coker, Trustee Naomi Eckels, Trustee John L. Hiers, Trustee Cynthia “Cindy” F. Hurst and Trustee Blossom J. Thompson.

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, WIIZ 97.9 FM, and the Bamberg School Districts One and Two Websites have been notified of the time, date, place and agenda of this meeting.

2. **Approval of Agenda**
Trustee Gwendolyn Bamberg moved and Secretary Tonie Holman seconded to approve the agenda as presented. The motion passed 9-0.

3. **Approval of Minutes for February 22, 2022**
Secretary Tonie Holman moved and Trustee Harriet Coker seconded to accept the February 22, 2022 meeting minutes as presented. The motion passed 9-0.

4. **School Reports: Chastity Evans, Denise L. Miller, Dennis R. Ulmer, Rhonda Ray, Shannon Johnson, and Deonia Simmons. 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
- Denmark-Olar Elementary School – Principal Rhonda Ray
- Denmark-Olar Middle School – Assistant Principal Shannon Johnson
- Denmark-Olar High School – Principal Deonia Simmons

5. **Athletic Reports: Robert Williams and Jarvis Littlejohn**
Athletic Director Robert Williams reviewed the athletic report as presented for Bamberg School District One. [Board Packet Enclosure]

Athletic Director Jarvis Littlejohn reviewed the athletic report as presented for Bamberg School District Two. [Board Packet Enclosure]

Coach Littlejohn informed of several individual athlete accomplishments:

- a. Zachary Davis was selected to participate in the Carolinas All-Star Classic Basketball Games.

- b. Brushaud Young and Zachary Davis were selected to play in the boys Low Country All-Star Game.
- c. Aveion Walker, Dy’Neka Roberts and Aijalon Wroten were all chosen to play in the girls Low County All-Star Game.

6. **Student/Staff Recognition and Superintendent’s Report**

Superintendent Brown congratulated the Denmark-Olar Girls Basketball Team for their hard work and effort in playing for the state championship. Dr. Brown also recognized Coach Terence Jones and the girls’ basketball team for being one of twenty recipients of the South Carolina Democratic Party Black Caucus Partner in Progress Award to be presented on Sunday, March 27, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. at the Township Auditorium.

7. **Request for Out of State/Overnight Trip – Lady Raiders Softball – Myrtle Beach, S.C. – April 9-16, 2022**

Following review of the field trip requests, **Trustee Harriet Coker moved and Trustee Blossom Thompson seconded to approve the field trip request for the Lady Raiders Softball team to travel to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, to attend the Grand Strand Softball Classic on April 9-16, 2022.** The motion passed 9-0. [Board Packet Enclosure]

8. **Approval of 2022 Board Calendar**

Superintendent Brown presented the 2022 Board Calendar and noted that the July and September meetings listed on the calendar fell on holidays. Thus, the board would need to decide whether to hold the meetings on the holidays or to reschedule those monthly meetings to a different date. Following a review and discussion, meetings for these two months were changed to the second Monday of the month. [Board Packet Enclosure]

Trustee John Hiers moved and Vice Chair Beverly Bonaparte second to accept the 2022 Monthly Board Meeting Calendar with above changes. The motion passed 9-0.

9. **Draft: 2022-2023 School Calendar**

Superintendent Brown reviewed for first reading a draft copy of the 2022-2023 School Calendar. She noted the calendar was developed in collaboration with Orangeburg School District because of the Career Center where students from the district attend. [Board Packet Enclosure]

Vice Chair Beverly Bonaparte moved and Secretary Tonie Holman seconded to approve the draft 2022-2023 School Calendar for first reading. The motion passed 9-0.

10. **Monthly Financial Report**

Finance Director Devon Furr presented the Financial Report for Bamberg School District One and Bamberg School District Two for FY 2021-2022 as of February 2022, for review. [Board Packet Enclosures]

Trustee John Hiers moved and Trustee Harriet Coker seconded to accept the Financial Reports for February 2022, as presented. The motion passed 9-0.

11. **Draft: 2022-2023 Salary Schedule**

Consolidation Consultant Dean Wittwer presented and reviewed salary schedules for the 2022-2023 school year. Dr. Wittwer discussed the administrative compensation plan, teacher salary schedule, classified salary schedule, supplemental salary schedule and organizational chart. Dr. Wittwer advised the salary schedules were created to keep salaries competitive with neighboring districts.

12. **Visitor's Comments**

Mr. Ken Ahlin questioned the relationship between the school board and South Carolina School Boards Association. Mr. Ahlin also questioned how each district's debt would be handled with regard to consolidation.

13. **Executive Session**

Board Chair Janeth Walker called for a motion to enter Executive Session. Trustee John Hiers moved and Trustee Cynthia Hurst seconded to enter Executive Session. The motion carried 9-0.

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), Contractual Matters (If Needed), and Student Transfer Requests (If Needed).

Open session: Trustee Naomi Eckels moved and Secretary Tonie Holman seconded for the Board to come out of Executive Session and return to the regular session of the meeting. The motion carried 8-0. [Trustee Blossom Thompson left the meeting early]

14. **Action on Executive Session Items**

Trustee John Hiers moved and Secretary Tonie Holman seconded for the Board to approve Agenda Item 13 (a) Personnel Recommendation for Resignations (If Needed) for employee #1 and Agenda Item 13 (b) Personnel Recommendations for Hires (If Needed) for employees #1, #2, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. The motion passed 8-0. [Trustee Blossom Thompson left the meeting early]

There was no action taken on Agenda Item 13 (c) Contractual Matters (If Needed) or Agenda Item 13 (d) Student Transfer Requests (If Needed), as there were no matters or recommendations presented at this time.

15. **Adjourn**

Vice Chair Beverly Bonaparte moved and Secretary Tonie Holman seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed 8-0. [Trustee Blossom Thompson left the meeting early]

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

Minutes approved:

Janeth Walker, Board Chair

Tonie A. Holman, Secretary