

Bamberg School District One
Minutes of Regular Meeting of Board of Trustees
Bamberg Ehrhardt High School
October 18, 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**
Secretary Tony Duncan moved and Vice Chair John Hiers seconded to approve the agenda as presented. The motion passed 5-0.
3. **Approval of Minutes for September 20, 2021**
Secretary Tony Duncan moved and Vice Chair John Hiers seconded to accept the September 20, 2021 meeting minutes as presented. 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**
In the absence of Coach Robert Williams, Principal Dennis Ulmer reviewed the athletic report as presented. [Board Packet Enclosure]
6. **Student/Staff Recognition and Superintendent's Report**
Superintendent Brown noted the following:
 - a) **District Enrollment Trend Data**
Superintendent Brown reviewed the district's student enrollment trends compared to the prior three years and noted the enrollment numbers have increased by one student since the report was printed.
 - b) **Facilities Updates**
Superintendent Brown reported the football stadium project was still in progress. Mrs. Brown advised the rubble left behind after the dressing rooms were torn down was currently being cleaned up. Mrs. Brown further advised a quote has been received from the structural engineer for installing steel cross-beams to the current bleachers, but she is waiting on a quote for the cost to build new bleachers.

c) **State Compliance Monitoring**

Superintendent Brown presented an email from the SC Department of Education's Consolidated Oversight and Monitoring Committee advising they would be conducting accreditation and oversight monitoring. Mrs. Brown reported all consolidating districts are required to go through this monitoring and will be required to go through this process annually in the future.

d) **Bamberg School District One December Board Meeting**

Superintendent Brown requested that due to a conflict with the December board meeting date and other various activities and testing during the month that the board consider cancelling the December meeting. After entertaining the request, all Board Members were in agreement that the December board meeting would be cancelled and they would resume meetings in January. Mrs. Brown stated a public notice would go out advising the meeting would be cancelled.

7. **Consolidation Updates**

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

8. **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. Ms. Brown indicated they are still waiting on the consolidated board to be seated and announced by the legislators.

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

- a. Policy KB – Parent and Family Engagement in Education
- b. Policy KBB – Parent Rights and Responsibilities

Superintendent Brown presented Policies KB and KBB for first reading. Mrs. Brown advised the No Child Left Behind legislation was no longer in place and was replaced by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). Ms. Brown noted the polices needed to be updated to reflect the most current legislation, which is the only change being made.

Vice Chair John Hiers moved and Secretary Tony Duncan seconded to approve for first reading of Policy KB – Parent and Family Engagement in Education and Policy KBB – Parent Rights and Responsibilities as presented. The motion passed 5-0. [Board Packet Enclosures]

10. **Monthly Financial Report**

Finance Director Devon Furr presented the Financial Report for FY 2021-2022 as of September 2021, for review. Ms. Furr noted she is still working with the auditors on the financial audit and hopes to be completed by December 1, 2021. Ms. Furr further noted the auditors should be ready to present their findings to the board at the January 2022 meeting. [Board Packet Enclosure]

Trustee Gwendolyn Bamberg moved and Trustee Naomi Eckels seconded to accept the Financial Report for September 2021, as presented. The motion passed 5-0.

11. **Visitors' Comments**

Mr. Ken Ahlin questioned the polices presented, the origin of the polices, where the polices could be located and if he could have a copy of the policies with proposed changes.

12. **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.

13. **Action on Executive Session Items**

Vice Chair John Hiers moved and Secretary Tony Duncan seconded for the Board to approve Agenda Item 13 (a) Personnel Recommendation for Resignations (If Needed) for employees #1 and #2 and Agenda Item 11 (b) Personnel Recommendations for Hires (If Needed) for employee #1, and Agenda Item 11 (c) Student Transfer Requests (If Needed) for students #1, #2, and #3 as presented. The motion passed 5-0.

14. **Adjourn**

Trustee Gwendolyn Bamberg moved and Trustee Naomi Eckels seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed 5-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Minutes approved:

Janeth Walker, Board Chair

Tony E. Duncan, Secretary