

**Bamberg County School District  
Board of Trustees Meeting  
Bamberg County School District Office  
January 9, 2023  
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 Coker, Trustee Naomi Eckels, Trustee John 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, WBSC-LP 102.3 FM, and the Bamberg County School District website have been notified of the time, date, place and agenda of this meeting.

2. **Approval of Agenda**  
**Vice Chair Beverly Bonaparte moved and Trustee Blossom Thompson seconded to approve the agenda as presented.** The motion passed 9-0.
3. **Approval of Minutes for November 7, 2022 and December 12, 2022**  
**Vice Chair Beverly Bonaparte moved and Trustee Blossom Thompson seconded to accept the November 7, 2022 and December 12, 2022 meeting minutes as presented with a note that the agenda had an incorrect date of December 15, 2022 and, in fact, should have read December 12, 2022.** The motion passed 9-0.
4. **2023 School Board Recognition – Review of Ethical Principles**  
The board was presented with the South Carolina School Board Association’s 2023 Ethical Principles for review. Each Board member took their turn and shared in the reading of the ethical principles, followed by the signing of the 2023 Ethical Principles poster to reiterate their pledge as a school board member.
5. **School Reports: Chastity Evans, Denise Miller, Jordan Smith, Rhonda Ray, Patricia Moultrie-Goldsmith, and Deonia Simmons. Hand-outs:** School Reports (Reviewed by Principals/Assistant Principals)
  - Richard Carroll Elementary School –Principal Chastity Evans
  - Bamberg-Ehrhardt Middle School – Principal Denise Miller
  - Bamberg-Ehrhardt High School – Principal Jordan Smith
  - Denmark-Olar Elementary School – Principal Rhonda Ray
  - Denmark-Olar Middle School – Principal Patricia Moultrie-Goldsmith
  - Denmark-Olar High School – Principal Deonia Simmons

On behalf of the entire board, Board Chair Janeth Walker took time to thank the principals for their thorough reports.

6. **Truancy Report/Update: Denise Robinson-Crosby**  
Truancy Officer Denise Robinson-Crosby reviewed the truancy report as presented for Bamberg County School District. [Board Packet Enclosure]
7. **Athletic Reports: Robert Williams**  
Athletic Director Robert Williams reviewed the athletic report as presented for Bamberg County School District. [Board Packet Enclosure]
8. **Student/Staff Recognition and Superintendent's Report**  
Superintendent Brown noted the following:
  - a) Dr. Brown recognized January as being SCSBA's Board Recognition Month with the theme being "Forward, Together." Dr. Brown expressed appreciation to the board members for their service.  
  
Dr. Brown further recognized Vice Chair Beverly Bonaparte for accomplishing the highest level of recognition (Level 6) in SCSBA's Boardmanship Institute Program, and further recognized Trustee Naomi Eckels for reaching Level 2, and Trustee John Hiers and Secretary Tonie Holman for both achieving ten years of school board service for Bamberg County. Dr. Brown advised that all board members would be recognized for their achievements at SCSBA's Annual Convention in February.
  - b) Dr. Brown introduced Laura Buss, Community Engagement Program Manager at Southeastern Housing and Community Development, for a presentation on behalf of The United Way.  
  
Ms. Laura Buss informed the board that she was asked by The United Way to recognize and present trophies to Bamberg-Ehrhardt High School and Denmark-Olar High School for their participation in the distribution of FoodShare boxes. Ms. Buss gave a short introduction as to the background of The United Way FoodShare program and further thanked Bamberg County School District for their collaboration with The United Way. Ms. Buss concluded by showing a short video provided by The United Way to show more about the program.  
  
Dr. Brown thanked Laura Buss for the time that she has dedicated to the schools and students of Bamberg County School District and further thanked The United Way and Bamberg County School District Board for their partnership with the schools.
9. **Request for Out of State/Overnight Trips:**
  - a. NSTA National Conference on Science Education Conference – Atlanta, GA– March 22, 2023-March 25, 2023 (Professional Development requested by April Miles, BEHS Science Teacher)
  - b. NSTA National Conference on Science Education Conference – Atlanta, GA– March 22, 2023-March 25, 2023 (Professional Development requested by Charlotte Schlamp, BEMS Science Teacher)

Following a review of the requests for overnight trips, **Trustee John Hiers moved and Secretary Tonie Holman seconded to approve the request from Science Teacher April Miles of Bamberg-Ehrhardt High School and Science Teacher Charlotte Schlamp of Bamberg-Ehrhardt Middle School to attend the NSTA National Conference on Science Education in Atlanta, GA, March 22, 2023-March 25, 2023.** The motion passed 9-0. [Board Packet Enclosures]

10. **First Reading – BCSD Policies – Section I – Instruction**

- a. IA – Instructional Goals and Learning Objectives (Philosophy of Education)
- b. IB – Academic Freedom
- c. IC – School Year
- d. ID – School Day
- e. IE – Organization of Instruction
- f. IG – Curriculum Development, Adoption, and Review
- g. IGCA – Service Learning
- h. IHA – Basic Instructional Program
- i. IHAA – English/Reading/Writing/Language Arts Education
- j. IHAB – Mathematics Education
- k. IHAC – Social Studies Education
- l. IHAD – Science Education
- m. IHAE – Physical Education
- n. IHAF – Arts Education
- o. IHAG – Music Education
- p. IHAH – World Language Education
- q. IHAJ – Computer/Technology Literacy
- r. IHAK – Character Education
- s. IHAL – Religious Instruction
- t. IHAM – Health Education
- u. IHAM-E – Health Education Opt-Out Form
- v. IHAN – Driver Training
- w. IHAO – Environmental Education
- x. IHAP – Consumer Education
- y. IHAQ – Career/Transition to Work Education
- z. IHBA – Special Education/Programs for Students with Disabilities
- aa. IHBA-E – Special Education/Programs for Students with Disabilities
- bb. IHBB – Gifted and Talented Education
- cc. IHBC – Programs for At-Risk/Disadvantaged Students
- dd. IHBEA – Instructional Services for English Learners
- ee. IHBEA-R – Instructional Services for English Learners
- ff. IHBF – Medical Homebound Instruction
- gg. IHBG – Home Schooling
- hh. IHBG-R – Home Schooling
- ii. IHBH – Charter Schools
- jj. IHBIB – Primary/Pre-Primary Education (Child Development)
- kk. IHBIB-R – Primary/Pre-Primary Education (Child Development)
- ll. IHC – Proficiency-Based Credit Courses
- mm. IHCA – Summer School

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- nn. IHCD – Advanced College Placement
- oo. IHCD-R – Advanced College Placement
- pp. IHCF – Childcare Programs
- qq. IHD – Adult/Community Education
- rr. IIA – Grouping for Instruction
- ss. IJ – Instructional Resources and Materials
- tt. IJ-E – Instructional Resources and Materials
- uu. IJA – Comparability of Services
- vv. IJJ – Textbook Selection and Adoption
- ww. IJK – Supplementary Materials Selection and Adoption
- xx. IJKA – Technology Resource Selection and Adoption
- yy. IJL – Library/Media Center Materials Selection and Adoption
- zz. IJNDAA – Distance, Online, and Virtual Education
- aaa. IJNDAA-R – Distance, Online, and Virtual Education
- bbb. IJNDB-R – Use of Technology Resources in Instruction
- ccc. IJNDB-E(1) – Use of Technology Resources in Instruction  
(Employee Acceptable Use Policy)
- ddd. IJNDB-E(2) – Use of Technology Resources in Instruction  
(Technology Acceptable Use Agreement Contract for Students)
- eee. IJNDB-E(3) – Use of Technology Resources in Instruction  
(Technology Acceptable Use Policy)
- fff. IJNDB-E(4) – Use of Technology Resources in Instruction  
(Non-Employee Acceptable Use Policy)
- ggg. IJNDB-E(5) – Use of Technology Resources in Instruction  
(Employee Laptop Agreement and Regulations)
- hhh. IJNDB-E(6) – Use of Technology Resources in Instruction  
(Student/Parent Laptop Agreement and Regulations)
- iii. IJNDB-E(7) – Use of Technology Resources in Instruction  
(Employee Laptop Insurance Form)
- jjj. IJNDB-E(8) – Use of Technology Resources in Instruction  
(Report of Inappropriate Website Discovery)
- kkk. IJOA – Field Trips
- lll. IJOA-R – Field Trips
- mmm. IJOB/IJOC – Resource Persons/School Volunteers
- nnn. IJOB/IJOC-R – Resource Persons/School Volunteers
- ooo. IKA – Grading/Assessment Systems
- ppp. IKA-R – Grading/Assessment Systems
- qqq. IKAA – Tests and Examinations
- rrr. IKAB – Report Cards/Progress Reports
- sss. IKACA – Parent Conferences
- ttt. IKAD – Grade Adjustments
- uuu. IKADD – Content and Credit Recovery
- vvv. IKADD-R – Content and Credit Recovery
- www. IKADD-E – Content and Credit Recovery (Credit Recovery Application)
- xxx. IKB – Homework
- yyy. IKD – Honor Rolls
- zzz. IKE – Promotion, Retention, and Acceleration of Students

- aaaa. IKE-R – Promotion, Retention, and Acceleration of Students
- bbbb. IKF – Graduation Requirements
- cccc. IKF-R – Graduation Requirements
- dddd. IKFC – Employability Credential
- eeee. IKFC-R – Employability Credential
- ffff. IL – Evaluation of Instructional Programs
- gggg. ILB – Test/Assessment Administration
- hhhh. ILB-R – Test/Assessment Administration
- iiii. ILBB – State Program Assessments
- jjjj. ILBB-R – State Program Assessments
- kkkk. IMB – Teaching about Controversial/Sensitive Issues
- llll. IMD – School Ceremonies and Observances
- mmmm. IMDA – Patriotic Exercises
- nnnn. IMDB – Flag/Motto Displays
- oooo. IMG – Animals in School

Superintendent Brown presented policies IA, IB, IC, ID, IE, IG, IGCA, IHA, IHAA, IHAB, IHAC, IHAD, IHAЕ, IHAF, IHAG, IHAH, IHAJ, IHAK, IHAL, IHAM, IHAM-E, IHAN, IHAO, IHAP, IHAQ, IHBA, IHBA-E, IHBB, IHBC, IHBEA, IHBEA-R, IHBF, IHBG, IHBG-R, IHBH, IHBIB, IHBIB-R, IHC, IHCA, IHCD, IHCD-R, IHCF, IHD, IIA, IJ, IJ-E, IJA, IJJ, IJK, IJKA, IJL, IJNDAA, IJNDAA-R, IJNDB-R, IJNDB-E(1), IJNDB-E(2), IJNDB-E(3), IJNDB-E(4), IJNDB-E(5), IJNDB-E(6), IJNDB-E(7), IJNDB-E(8), IJOA, IJOA-R, IJOB/IJOC, IJOB/IJOC-R, IKA, IKA-R, ICAA, IKAB, IKACA, IKAD, IKADD, IKADD-R, IKADD-E, IKB, IKD, IKE, IKE-R, IKF, IKF-R, IKFC, IKFC-R, IL, ILB, ILB-R, ILBB, ILBB-R, IMB, IMD, IMDA, IMDB, and IMG for first reading.

After brief discussion, **Vice Chair Beverly Bonaparte moved and Trustee Blossom Thompson seconded to approve for first reading of Policies IA – Instructional Goals and Learning Objectives (Philosophy of Education), IB – Academic Freedom, IC – School Year, ID – School Day, IE – Organization of Instruction, IG – Curriculum Development, Adoption, and Review, IGCA – Service Learning, IHA – Basic Instructional Program, IHAA – English/Reading/Writing/Language Arts Education, IHAB – Mathematics Education, IHAC – Social Studies Education, IHAD – Science Education, IHAЕ – Physical Education, IHAF – Arts Education, IHAG – Music Education, IHAH – World Language Education, IHAJ – Computer/Technology Literacy, IHAK – Character Education, IHAL – Religious Instruction, IHAM – Health Education, IHAM-E – Health Education Opt-Out Form, IHAN – Driver Training, IHAO – Environmental Education, IHAP – Consumer Education, IHAQ – Career/Transition to Work Education, IHBA – Special Education/Programs for Students with Disabilities, IHBA-E – Special Education/Programs for Students with Disabilities, IHBB – Gifted and Talented Education, IHBC – Programs for At-Risk/Disadvantaged Students, IHBEA – Instructional Services for English Learners, IHBEA-R – Instructional Services for English Learners, IHBF – Medical Homebound Instruction, IHBG – Home Schooling, IHBG-R – Home Schooling, IHBH – Charter Schools, IHBIB – Primary/Pre-Primary Education (Child Development), IHBIB-R – Primary/Pre-Primary Education (Child Development), IHC – Proficiency-Based Credit Courses, IHCA – Summer School, IHCD – Advanced**

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11. **First Reading – BCSD Policies – Section K – School-Community-Home Relations**
  - a. KA – School/Parent/Community Relations
  - b. KB – Parent and Family Engagement in Education
  - c. KBB – Parent Rights and Responsibilities
  - d. KBE – Relations with Parent Organizations
  - e. KC – Career and Technical Education Planning and Appeals
  - f. KCA – School-Community Relations Goals
  - g. KCD – Public Gifts/Donations
  - h. KD – Public Information and Communication
  - i. KDB – Public’s Right to Know/Freedom of Information

- j. KDCB – Concealed Recording
- k. KDD – Media Relations
- l. KDDA – Press Releases, Conferences, and Interviews
- m. KE – Public Concerns and Complaints
- n. KEC – Public Concerns and Complaints About Instructional Resources
- o. KEC-R – Public Concerns and Complaints About Instructional Resources
- p. KEC-E – Public Concerns and Complaints About Instructional Resources
- q. KF – Community Use of School Facilities
- r. KF-E(1) – Community Use of School Facilities
- s. KF-E(2) – Community Use of School Facilities
- t. KFA – Open Community Use of School Recreational Areas
- u. KHC – Distribution/Posting of Promotional Materials
- v. KHE – Political Solicitations in Schools
- w. KI – Visitors
- x. KI-R – Visitors
- y. KI-E -- Visitors
- z. KJ – Relations with Community Organizations
- aa. KLG – Relations with Law Enforcement Authorities
- bb. KLGA – School Resource Officers

Superintendent Brown presented policies KA, KB, KBB, KBE, KC, KCA, KCD, KD, KDB, KDCB, KDD, KDDA, KE, KEC, KEC-R, KEC-E, KF, KF-E(1), KF-E(2), KFA, KHC, KHE, KI, KI-R, KI-E, KJ, KLG, and KLGA for first reading.

After brief discussion, **Trustee John Hiers moved and Secretary Tonie Holman seconded to approve for first reading of Policies KA –School/Parent/Community Relations, KB – Parent and Family Engagement in Education, KBB – Parent Rights and Responsibilities, KBE – Relations with Parent Organizations, KC – Career and Technical Education Planning and Appeals, KCA – School-Community Relations Goals, KCD – Public Gifts/Donations, KD – Public Information and Communication, KDB – Public’s Right to Know/Freedom of Information, KDCB – Concealed Recording, KDD – Media Relations, KDDA – Press Releases, Conferences, and Interviews, KE – Public Concerns and Complaints, KEC – Public Concerns and Complaints About Instructional Resources, KEC-R – Public Concerns and Complaints About Instructional Resources, KEC-E – Public Concerns and Complaints About Instructional Resources, KF – Community Use of School Facilities, KF-E(1) – Community Use of School Facilities, KF-E(2) – Community Use of School Facilities, KFA – Open Community Use of School Recreational Areas, KHC – Distribution/Posting of Promotional Materials, KHE – Political Solicitations in Schools, KI – Visitors, KI-R – Visitors, KI-E – Visitors, KJ – Relations with Community Organizations, KLG – Relations with Law Enforcement Authorities, and KLGA – School Resource Officers.** The motion passed 9-0. [Board Packet Enclosures]

- 12. **First Reading – BCSD Policies – Section L – Education Agency Relations**
  - a. LA – Education Agency Relations, Goals, and Objectives
  - b. LBA – Shared Services and Staff
  - c. LH – Relations with Educational Accreditation Agencies

Superintendent Brown presented policies LA, LBA, and LH for first reading.

After brief discussion, **Trustee Cynthia Hurst moved and Trustee Harriet Coker seconded to approve for first reading of Policies LA – Education Agency Relations, Goals, and Objectives, LBA – Shared Services and Staff, and LH – Relations with Educational Accreditation Agencies.** The motion passed 9-0. [Board Packet Enclosures]

13. **First Reading – BCSD Policies – Section A – Foundations & Basic Commitments**

a. ADF – District Wellness

Superintendent Brown presented policy ADF for first reading.

After brief discussion, **Vice Chair Beverly Bonaparte moved and Secretary Tonie Holman seconded to approve for first reading of Policy ADF -- District Wellness.** The motion passed 9-0. [Board Packet Enclosure]

14. **First Reading – BCSD Policies – Section G – Personnel**

a. GDB – Support Staff Contracts and Compensation

Superintendent Brown presented policy GDB for first reading.

After brief discussion, **Vice Chair Beverly Bonaparte moved and Secretary Tonie Holman seconded to approve for first reading of Policy GDB – Support staff Contracts and Compensation.** The motion passed 9-0. [Board Packet Enclosure]

15. **First Reading – BCSD Policies – Section J – Students**

- a. JIH – Student Interrogations, Searches, and Arrests
- b. JIH-R – Student Interrogations, Searches, and Arrests

Superintendent Brown presented policies JIH and JIH-R for first reading.

After brief discussion, **Vice Chair Beverly Bonaparte moved and Trustee Blossom Thompson to approve for first reading of Policies JIH – Student Interrogations, Searches, and Arrests and JIH-R – Student Interrogations, Searches, and Arrests.** The motion passed 9-0. [Board Packet Enclosures]

16. **Monthly Financial Report**

Finance Director Devon Furr presented the Financial Report for Bamberg County School District for FY 2022-2023 as of November and December 2022, for review. [Board Packet Enclosures]

**Vice Chair Beverly Bonaparte moved and Trustee Blossom Thompson seconded to accept the Financial Reports for November and December 2022, as presented.** The motion passed 9-0.



17. **Visitors' Comments**  
None.

18. **Executive Session**  
**Board Chair Janeth Walker called for a motion to enter Executive Session. Vice Chair Beverly Bonaparte 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 Employment/Personnel: Personnel Recommendations for Hire, Personnel Recommendations for Resignation and Discussion of Release of Students.

**Open session: Vice Chair Bonaparte moved and Trustee Blossom Thompson seconded for the Board to come out of Executive Session and return to the regular session of the meeting. The motion carried 9-0.**

19. **Action on Executive Session Items**  
**Vice Chair Beverly Bonaparte moved and Secretary Tonie Holman seconded to approve Agenda Item 18 (a) (1) Personnel Recommendations for Hire for employees a, b, and c. The motion passed 9-0.**

**Trustee John Hiers moved and Trustee Cynthia Hurst seconded to approve Agenda Item 18 (b) Discussion of Release of Students for student 1. The motion passed 9-0.**

There was no action taken on Agenda Item 18 (a) (2) Personnel Recommendations for Resignation, as there were no recommendations at this time.

20. **Adjourn**  
**Trustee John Hiers moved and Vice Chair Beverly Bonaparte seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed 9-0.**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

Minutes approved:

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Janeth Walker, Board Chair

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Tonie A. Holman, Secretary