

**Bamberg County School District**  
**Minutes of Regular Meeting of Board of Trustees**  
**Bamberg County School District Office**  
**July 11, 2022**  
**6:00 p.m.**

**Members present:** 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:** Board Chair Janeth Walker.

1. **Call meeting to order:** In the absence of Board Chair Janeth Walker, Vice Chair Beverly Bonaparte 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 School Districts One and Two Websites have been notified of the time, date, place and agenda of this meeting.

2. **Approval of Agenda**  
**Trustee Blossom Thompson moved and Secretary Tonie Holman seconded to approve the agenda as presented.** The motion passed 7-0. [Trustee Naomi Eckels had not arrived]
3. **Approval of Minutes for June 6, 2022**  
**Secretary Tonie Holman moved and Trustee Blossom Thompson seconded to accept the June 6, 2022 meeting minutes as presented.** The motion passed 7-0. [Trustee Naomi Eckels had not arrived]
4. **School Reports: Rhonda Ray, Deonia Simmons, Chastity Evans, Denise L. Miller, and Jordan D. Smith. Hand-outs:** School Reports (Reviewed by Principals/Assistant Principal)
  - Denmark-Olar Elementary School – Superintendent Dottie Brown in the absence of Principal Rhonda Ray
  - Denmark-Olar Middle School – Principal Deonia Simmons
  - Denmark-Olar High School – Principal Deonia Simmons
  - Richard Carroll Elementary School – Superintendent Dottie Brown in the absence of Principal Chastity Evans
  - Bamberg-Ehrhardt Middle School – Principal Denise Miller
  - Bamberg-Ehrhardt High School – Principal Jordan Smith
5. **Athletic Reports: Jarvis Littlejohn and Robert Williams**  
Athletic Director Jarvis Littlejohn reviewed the athletic report as presented for the Denmark-Olar Athletic Program. [Board Packet Enclosure]

Athletic Director Robert Williams reviewed the athletic report as presented for Bamberg-Ehrhardt Athletic Program. [Board Packet Enclosure]

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

- a) Superintendent Brown began by thanking the administrators, Coach Littlejohn, and Coach Williams for attending the meeting and presenting their reports.
- b) Superintendent Brown introduced and welcomed to the Bamberg County School District family new and existing hires at the administrative level: Dennis Ulmer, Assistant Superintendent; Denise-Robinson Crosby, Truancy Officer; Mallie Shaw, Title I Coordinator; Jraquarie Washington, Social Worker; Jordan Smith, Principal for Bamberg-Ehrhardt High School; Patricia Goldsmith, Principal for Denmark-Olar Middle School; and April Morgan, Assistant Principal for Richard Carroll Elementary School.
- c) Superintendent Brown lead into agenda item #7 by advising that the district is taking every precaution to make the buildings and athletic events safer for all and that improvements being made by the technology department to the district's cameras, audio, and security systems are increasing these efforts.

7. **District and School Safety Plan PowerPoint: Phyllis Overstreet**

Phyllis Overstreet, Safety Director for Bamberg County School District, presented and explained in depth the district's safety plans. Miss Overstreet advised that all schools are working on their safety plans and are on track with all required staff trainings. Miss Overstreet further advised that emergency operations are reviewed annually and trainings are conducted regularly so that every employee knows their role in implementing the plans. Miss Overstreet stated that earthquake drills, fire drills, active shooter drills, along with behavioral threat assessments are standard trainings.

8. **SCAGO Bond Resolution**

Francenia Heizer of McNair Law Firm reviewed and explained the SCAGO Bond Resolution, how the SCAGO program allows smaller districts to receive the same lower rate as larger districts, and how it allows for millage stabilization. Ms. Heizer indicated the bond is issued every year and the district pays it in full every year.

**Trustee John Hiers moved and Secretary Tonie Holman seconded to accept the SCAGO Bond Resolution.** The motion passed 8-0.

9. **Visitors' Comments**

None.

10. **Executive Session**

**Vice Chair Beverly Bonaparte called for a motion to enter Executive Session. Secretary Tonie Holman moved and Trustee Cynthia Hurst seconded to enter Executive Session.** The motion carried 8-0.

Vice Chair Beverly Bonaparte 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: Trustee Cynthia Hurst 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 8-0.**

11. **Action on Executive Session Items**

**Trustee John Hiers moved and Trustee Blossom Thompson seconded for the Board to approve Agenda Item 10 (b) Discussion of Release of Students for students #1, #2, #3, #4, #5, #6, #7, #8, #9, #10, #11, and #12. The motion passed 8-0.**

There was no action taken on Agenda Item 10 (a) Employment/Personnel, Personnel Recommendations for Hire nor Personnel Recommendations for Resignation as there were no recommendations at this time.

12. **Adjourn**

**Trustee John Hiers moved and Trustee Harriet Coker seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed 8-0.**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

Minutes approved:

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Janeth Walker, Board Chair

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Tonie A. Holman, Secretary