

**Bamberg County School District
Board of Trustees Meeting
Bamberg County School District Office
October 10, 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 Naomi Eckels, Trustee John L. Hiers, Trustee Cynthia “Cindy” F. Hurst and Trustee Blossom J. Thompson.

Absent: Trustee Harriet Coker.

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 Cynthia Hurst seconded to approve the agenda as presented. The motion passed 8-0.
3. **Approval of Minutes for September 7, 2022 and September 12, 2022**
Vice Chair Beverly Bonaparte moved and Trustee Blossom Thompson seconded to accept the September 7, 2022 and September 12, 2022 meeting minutes as presented. The motion passed 8-0.
4. **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 Rhoda Ray
 - Denmark-Olar Middle School – Principal Deonia Simmons in the absence of Principal Patricia Moultrie-Goldsmith
 - Denmark-Olar High School – Principal Deonia Simmons
5. **Athletic Reports: Robert Williams**
In the absence of Athletic Director Robert Williams, Principal Jordan Smith reviewed the athletic report as presented for Bamberg County School District. [Board Packet Enclosure]
6. **Student/Staff Recognition and Superintendent’s Report**
Superintendent Brown noted the following:
 - a) Dr. Brown recognized and congratulated Bamberg County School District’s Teachers of the Year: Roberta Bunch, Richard Carroll Elementary School; Carroll Brabham, Bamberg-Ehrhardt Middle School; Kathy Hunt, Bamberg-Ehrhardt High School;

Jarreau Houston, Denmark-Olar Elementary School; Teresa Johnson, Denmark-Olar Middle School; and Jennifer Sanders, Denmark-Olar High School. Dr. Brown commended them on a job well done and advised that the District Teacher of the Year would be named later in the week.

- b) Dr. Brown approached the board regarding possible cancellation of the December 2022 regularly scheduled board meeting, as has been done in the past. Dr. Brown further advised the board that the January 2, 2023 meeting date would fall on the last day of winter break and proposed rescheduling of the meeting.

Following a brief discussion, **Trustee Cynthia Hurst moved and Trustee Gwendolyn Bamberg seconded to approve cancellation of the regular December 2022 board meeting and rescheduling the January 2, 2023 board meeting to January 9, 2023.** The motion passed 8-0.

- c) Dr. Brown further presented the board with a last minute request for an out-of-state professional development request: District Summer Learning Network – National Summer Learning Conference – Washington, D.C. – October 24, 2022-October 26, 2022 (Zelda Douglas, Kelli Sanders, and Kelsey Sandifer)

Following a review of the request for an out-of-state trip, **Trustee John Hiers moved and Vice Chair Beverly Bonaparte seconded to approve the request of Zelda Douglas, Kelli Sanders, and Kelsey Sandifer to attend the District Summer Learning Network National Summer Learning Conference in Washington, D.C. on October 24, 2022-October 26, 2022.** The motion passed 8-0. [Board Packet Handout]

7. **Request for Out of State/Overnight Trips:**

- a. Denmark-Olar JROTC – Patriots Point Naval Museum – Mt. Pleasant, SC – November 17, 2022 –November 18, 2022

Following a review of the request for an overnight trip, **Vice Chair Beverly Bonaparte moved and Trustee Blossom Thompson seconded to approve the request from Denmark-Olar High School JROTC Instructor, Phillip Robinson, for JROTC to attend Patriots Point Naval Museum in Mt. Pleasant, S.C. on November 17, 2022 – November 18, 2022.** The motion passed 8-0. [Board Packet Enclosures]

8. **Monthly Financial Report**

In the absence of Finance Director Devon Furr, Superintendent Brown presented the Financial Report for FY 2022-2023 as of September 2022, for review. [Board Packet Enclosure]

Vice Chair Beverly Bonaparte moved and Secretary Tonie Holman seconded to accept the Financial Report for September 2022, as presented. The motion passed 8-0.

9. **Visitors' Comments**
None.

10. **Executive Session**
Board Chair Janeth Walker called for a motion to enter Executive Session. Trustee Gwendolyn Bamberg moved and Secretary Tonie Holman seconded to enter Executive Session. The motion carried 8-0.

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 Beverly 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 8-0.

11. **Action on Executive Session Items**

Trustee John Hiers moved and Secretary Tonie Holman seconded to approve Agenda Item 10 (b) Discussion of Release of Students for students 1, 2, 3, and 4. The motion passed 8-0.

There was no action taken on Agenda Item 10 (a) (1) Personnel Recommendations for Hire and Agenda Item 10 (a)(2) Personnel Recommendations for Resignation, as there were no recommendations at this time.

12. **Adjourn**
Trustee Cynthia Hurst moved and Secretary Tonie Holman seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed 8-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

Minutes approved:

Janeth Walker, Board Chair

Tonie A. Holman, Secretary