

**Bamberg School District One**  
**Minutes of Regular Meeting of Board of Trustees**  
**Bamberg Ehrhardt High School**  
**June 28, 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 May 24, 2021 and June 7, 2021**  
**Vice Chair John Hiers moved and Trustee Gwendolyn Bamberg seconded to accept the May 24, 2021 and June 7, 2021 meeting minutes as presented.** The motion passed 5-0.

4. **School Reports: Stacey Walter, Denise L. Miller, and Dennis R. Ulmer.**  
**Hand-outs:** School Reports (Reviewed by Principals/Assistant Principal)
  - Richard Carroll Elementary School – Interim Superintendent Dottie Brown in the absence of Principal Stacey Walter
  - Bamberg-Ehrhardt Middle School – Principal Denise Miller
  - Bamberg-Ehrhardt High School – Principal Dennis Ulmer

5. **Athletic Report: Robert Williams**  
Athletic Director Robert Williams reviewed the athletic report as presented. [Board Packet Enclosure]

6. **Student/Staff Recognition and Superintendent's Report**  
Interim Superintendent Brown noted the following:
  - a) **Recognition/Introduction – Dr. Deonia Simmons**  
Interim Superintendent Brown advised Dr. Deonia Simmons would be introduced at next month's board meeting.
  - b) **Update: COVID-19**  
The District has a 0% positivity rate of COVID 19 cases. Interim Superintendent Brown extended her sincere gratitude to the staff, principals and school board for a successful opening for the 2020-2021 school year and for ensuring the safety and wellbeing of all students and staff throughout the year.

c) **Permanent Board Meeting Location**

Interim Superintendent Brown identified the Bamberg-Ehrhardt High School Media Center as the permanent board meeting location. She noted this would allow for better video/audio for future meetings.

Interim Superintendent Brown recognized Board Secretary Jannette Stokes and Assistant Superintendent Robert Kearse in their retirement and applauded them for their many years of dedicated service to Bamberg School District One, its' employees and students.

7. **Consolidation Updates**

Interim Superintendent Brown noted that Consolidation Bill 771 was passed by the House and Senate, was ratified on June 21, 2021 and has been sent to the Governor's desk to be signed into law.

8. **Shared Services Update**

Interim Superintendent Brown noted that Bamberg School District One and Bamberg School District Two are continuing to use shared services with technology, finance, and food service.

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

- a. Policy EBCB – Safety Plans and Drills
- b. Policy IKADD – Content and Credit Recovery
- c. Policy IKADD-R – Content and Credit Recovery Rule
- d. Policy IKADD-E – Credit Recovery Application

Interim Superintendent Brown presented Policies EBCB, IKADD, IKADD-R and IKADD-E for second reading.

**Vice Chair John Hiers moved and Secretary Tony Duncan seconded to approve for second reading of Policy EBCB – Safety Plans and Drills, Policy IKADD – Content and Credit Recovery, Policy IKADD-R – Content and Credit Recovery Rule and Policy IKADD-E – Credit Recovery Application as presented.** The motion passed 5-0. [Board Packet Enclosures]

10. **First Reading: Policy GCC/GCD – Staff Leaves and Absences (Revised)**

Interim Superintendent Brown presented Policy GCC/GCD for first reading. She noted the updated revision is to allow the policy to coincide with the Employee Handbook.

**Vice Chair John Hiers moved and Trustee Gwendolyn Bamberg seconded to approve for first reading Policy GCC/GCD – Staff Leaves and Absences (Revised) as presented.** The motion passed 5-0. [Board Packet Enclosures]

11. **Elective Course Approval: Debate**

Interim Superintendent Brown introduced the proposal to offer Debate as a course elective to Bamberg-Ehrhardt High School students. The course would be offered as a second semester, semester long course to be taught by an English teacher and would allow students to compete in debate competitions.

**Following the proposal, Secretary Tony Duncan moved and Trustee Naomi Eckels seconded to approve Debate as an elective course at Bamberg-Ehrhardt High School.** The motion passed 5-0. [Board Packet Enclosures]

12. **Federal Programs Report – Phyllis Overstreet**

Federal Programs Coordinator Phyllis Overstreet reported the following:

**Title I-Preliminary Funding Allocation: \$596,455.91 (Decrease of approximately \$4,000.00):** The school to be served is Richard Carroll Elementary. Activities to be funded are five class size reduction teachers across grades K-4 and to provide instructional supplies.

**Title II-Teacher Quality Allocation: \$63,650.88 (Increase of approximately \$9,000.00):** Funds will support teacher professional development activities, focusing on virtual/blended learning and social/emotional learning as well as teacher recruitment and retention activities.

**Title III-ESOL Allocation: \$1,377.00 (Based on FY21 allocation):** Funds will be used for teacher professional development to support English Learners in the district.

**Title IV-Student Support and Academic Enrichment Allocation: \$46,812.57 (Increase of approximately \$4,000.00):** The stakeholder group will meet in July regarding the use of these funds.

**Title V- Rural Education Achievement Program: (Allocation for last year was approximately \$23,000.00).** Allocations will be sent down later this year. Funds are used to support instructional supplies, staff development and technology.

**Perkins Allocation: \$36,173.00 – State Equipment Funds Estimate: \$50,000.00:** Funds will be used at the high school level for Career and Technology Education for professional development, upgrade program equipment, and to outfit career and technology classrooms. There will be a focus on the new programs, Health Science and Agriculture programs.

**Secretary Tony Duncan moved and Vice Chair John Hiers seconded to authorize the Superintendent to serve as the District’s authorized representative to submit all federal projects to the State Department of Education for 2021-2022.** The motion passed 5-0. [Board Handout]

13. **Monthly Financial Report**

**a) Approval of 2021-2022 District Budget**

Finance Director Devon Furr noted that a public session on the 2021-2022 Budget was held at 5:30 p.m. on June 28, 2021, at Richard Carroll Elementary School for second reading. Ms. Furr advised the State passed a budget and she will receive salary scales in July which will provide clarification for bus driver raises. Ms. Furr further noted that the Budget presented is a balanced budget of \$16,157,583.56. [Board Packet Enclosures]

**Vice Chair John Hiers moved and Trustee Gwendolyn Bamberg seconded to approve the 2021-2022 District Budget as presented.** The motion passed 5-0.

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Ms. Furr went on to advise the Fiscal Watch Financial Recovery Plan to improve the district's fund balance, which was previously presented to the Board, has been approved by the State Department of Education. [Board Packet Enclosures]

14. **Visitors' Comments**

None

15. **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, Personnel Recommendations for Hires, and Student Transfer Requests.

**Open session: Trustee Gwendolyn Bamberg moved and Trustee Naomi Eckels seconded for the Board to come out of Executive Session and return to the regular session of the meeting.** The motion carried 5-0.

16. **Action on Executive Session Items**

**Vice Chair John Hiers moved and Secretary Tony Duncan seconded for the Board to approve Agenda Item 15 (a) Personnel Recommendation for Resignations for employees #1 and #2, and Agenda Item 15 (b) Personnel Recommendations for Hires for employee #1, and Agenda Item 15 (c) Student Transfer Requests for students #1, #2, #3, #4, #5, #6, #7, #8, #9, #10, #11, #12, #13, #14, #15, #16, #17, and #18 as presented.** The motion passed 5-0.

Prior to adjournment of the meeting, Board Chair Janeth Walker recognized and commended Interim Superintendent Dottie Brown on the conclusion of her first year as Interim Superintendent.

Board Chair Janeth Walker, on behalf of the Board, further recognized and gave a standing ovation to Board Secretary Jannette Stokes for her 50 years of service by presenting Mrs. Stokes with a floral arrangement and gift.

17. **Adjourn**

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

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Minutes approved:

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Janeth Walker, Board Chair

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Tony E. Duncan, Secretary