

Bamberg School District One
Minutes of Regular Meeting of Board of Trustees
Bamberg Ehrhardt High School
November 17, 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 Trustee Gwendolyn Bamberg seconded to approve the agenda as presented. The motion passed 5-0.

3. **Approval of Minutes for October 18, 2021**
Vice Chair John Hiers moved and Trustee Naomi Eckels seconded to accept the October 18, 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 – Superintendent Dottie Brown in the absence of Principal Chastity Evans
 - 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]

Coach Robert Williams presented the board with the fall sports schedules. [Handouts]

Coach Williams informed of several individual athletic accomplishments:

- a. Reagan Johnson and Elaney Sanders were chosen to participate in the North/South Volleyball Game on November 20, 2021.
- b. Logan Tuck participated in the SC State Singles Tennis Tournament on November 8, 2021.
- c. Quincy Bias was picked to play in the North/South Football game in December 2021.
- d. Christian Draper was chosen to play in the Carolina Bowl in December 2021.

- e. Quincy Bias, Christian Draper and Jerome Simmons were all chosen to participate in the Border Bowl in January 2022.

Coach Williams further announced Senior Amanda Ahlin signed a scholarship to play softball with the University of Tennessee on November 11, 2021.

Superintendent Dottie Brown noted to the board that Athletic Director/Coach Robert Williams was chosen as Region Coaches Coach of the Year.

The board applauded the coaches and players for their hard work and accomplishments.

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

Superintendent Brown noted the following:

a) **SCSBA Announcement**

Superintendent Brown reviewed an email from Scott Price of the SCSBA advising they are no longer a part of NSBA and would no longer have access to their conferences.

b) **District Enrollment Trend Data**

Superintendent Brown reviewed the district's student enrollment trends compared to the prior three years.

c) **Request for Overnight Trip – Myrtle Beach, SC – December 20-22, 2021**

Following a review of a request for an overnight trip, **Secretary Tony Duncan moved and Vice Chair John Hiers seconded to approve the request from Coach Corey Crosby for an overnight trip for the Varsity Boys Basketball Team to travel to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, on December 20-22, 2021 (During Christmas Break) to participate in the Carvers Bay Showcase.** The motion passed 5-0. [Board Packet Enclosures]

d) **Request for Overnight Trip – Columbia, SC – March 6-8, 2022**

Following a review of a request for an overnight trip, **Secretary Tony Duncan moved and Vice Chair John Hiers seconded to approve the request from Culinary Arts Teacher Kathy Hunt for an overnight trip for culinary arts students to travel to Columbia, South Carolina, on March 6-8, 2022, to participate in the South Carolina ProStart Invitational.** The motion passed 5-0. [Board Packet Enclosures]

7. **Consolidation Updates**

Dr. 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 and further indicated there were no new updates on consolidation, as there was nothing new from the legislators at this time.

9. **Second 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 second reading. Dr. Brown advised the No Child Left Behind legislation was no longer in place and was replaced by

the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). Dr. Brown noted the polices needed to be updated to reflect the most current legislation, which is the only change being made.

Secretary Tony Duncan moved and Trustee Naomi Eckels seconded to approve for second 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. **Elective Course Approval: Work Experience**

Superintendent Brown introduced the proposal to offer Work Experience as a course elective to Bamberg-Ehrhardt High School students. The course would be part of the School to Work program and would count as a half (1/2) credit for one hundred and eighty (180) hours worked per semester, with the chance to earn two credits over four years of high school.

Following the proposal, Vice Chair John Hiers moved and Trustee Naomi Eckels seconded to approve Work Experience as an elective course at Bamberg-Ehrhardt High School. The motion passed 5-0. [Board Packet Enclosures]

11. **Monthly Financial Report**

In the absence of Finance Director Devon Furr, Superintendent Brown presented the Financial Report for FY 2021-2022 as of October 2021, for review. [Board Packet Enclosure]

Trustee Gwendolyn Bamberg moved and Secretary Tony Duncan seconded to accept the Financial Report for October 2021, as presented. The motion passed 5-0.

12. **Visitors' Comments**

Mr. Ken Ahlin questioned the relationship between the school board and South Carolina School Boards Association.

Prior to moving on to the next agenda item, Board Chair Janeth Walker wanted to wish all Happy Holidays on behalf of the entire board.

13. **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 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.

14. **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 employee #1 and Agenda Item 13 (b) Personnel Recommendations for Hires (If Needed) for employee #1 and #2, and Agenda Item 13 (c) Student Transfer Requests (If Needed) for students #1, #2, and #3 as presented. The motion passed 5-0.

15. **Adjourn**

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

Minutes approved:

Janeth Walker, Board Chair

Tony E. Duncan, Secretary