

**Bamberg County School District  
Board of Trustees Special Called Meeting  
Bamberg County School District Office  
June 25, 2025  
6:30 p.m.**

**Members present:** Board Chair Janeth Walker, Vice Chair Naomi Eckels, Secretary Cynthia “Cindy” F. Hurst, Trustee Gwendolyn D. Bamberg, Trustee Jeni Bunch, Trustee Harriet H. Coker, Trustee David Corder, Trustee Tonya A. Sanders-Govan, and Trustee Cathy Ayer Griffin (Via Zoom).

**Absent:** None.

**Others present:** Charles Boykin, Legal Counsel with Boykin & Davis, LLC.

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. **Pledge of Allegiance/Moment of Silence**  
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and a moment of silence was observed.
3. **Approval of Agenda**  
**Secretary Cynthia Hurst moved, and Trustee Gwendolyn Bamberg seconded the motion to approve the agenda as presented. The motion passed 9-0.**
4. **Executive Session**  
**Board Chair Janeth Walker called for a motion to enter Executive Session. Vice Chair Naomi Eckels moved, and Secretary Cynthia Hurst seconded the motion to enter Executive Session. The motion carried 9-0.**

Board Chair Janeth Walker noted that the Board would be entering into Executive Session to discuss Legal Update/Advice on Bond Debt; Personnel -- Budget 2025-2026; Employment/Personnel Matters Related to Interim Superintendent, Superintendent Search, Personnel Recommendations for Hire, Personnel Recommendations for Resignation; and to discuss Matters Related to Release of Students.

**Open session:** Trustee Harriet Coker moved, and Secretary Cynthia Hurst seconded the motion for the Board to come out of Executive Session and return to the regular session of the meeting. The motion carried 9-0.

5. **Action on Executive Session Items**

**Vice Chair Naomi Eckels moved, and Trustee David Corder seconded the motion to approve the recommendations for Agenda Item 4(b): Personnel – Budget 2025-2026. The motion passed 9-0.**

With regard to **Agenda Item 4(c)(1): Interim Superintendent**, Trustee Jeni Bunch moved, and Trustee David Corder seconded the motion to appoint Mr. Dennis R. Ulmer, Jr. as Interim Superintendent for Bamberg County School District for the 2025-2026 school term. The motion passed 9-0.

Trustee Jeni Bunch moved, and Trustee David Corder seconded the motion to continue with **Agenda Item 4(c)(2): Superintendent Search**, in December 2025 and to use the services of the South Carolina School Boards Association to aid in the search. The motion passed 9-0.

Vice Chair Naomi Eckels moved, and Secretary Cynthia Hurst seconded the motion to accept and approve **Agenda Item 4(c)(3): Personnel Recommendations for Hire**, for employees a, b, c, d, and e. The motion passed 9-0.

Vice Chair Naomi Eckels moved, and Secretary Cynthia Hurst seconded the motion to accept and approve **Agenda Item 4(c)(4): Personnel Recommendations for Resignation** for employee a. The motion passed 9-0.

Finally, Vice Chair Naomi Eckels moved, and Secretary Cynthia Hurst seconded the motion to accept and approve **Agenda Item 4(d): Discuss Matters Related to Release of Students**, for students 1 through 13. The motion passed 9-0.

There was no action taken on **Agenda Item 4(a) Legal Update/Advice on Bond Debt**.

6. **Adjourn**

Trustee David Corder moved, and Trustee Harriet Coker seconded, the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed 9-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

Minutes approved:

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David Corder, Board Chair

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Cynthia Hurst, Secretary