

**Bamberg County School District
Board of Trustees Special Called Meeting
Bamberg County School District Office
May 1, 2026
1:00 p.m.**

Members present: Board Chair David Corder, Vice Chair Naomi Eckels, Secretary Cynthia F. Hurst, Trustee Gwendolyn D. Bamberg, Trustee Adrienne C. Blume, Trustee Jeni Bunch, Trustee Harriet H. Coker, Trustee Tonya A. Sanders-Govan, and Trustee Cathy Ayer Griffin.

Absent: None.

1. **Call meeting to order:** Board Chair David Corder 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 to approve the agenda as presented. The motion passed 8-0. [Vice Chair Naomi Eckels was not present at the time of the vote.]

[Vice Chair Naomi Eckels arrived at the meeting at 1:03 p.m.]

4. **Discussion: 2026-2027 Budget**

Handouts: Proposed 2026-2027 Budget, 2026-2027 Budget Work Session PowerPoint Presentation, and excerpt from the South Carolina Department of Education's Funding Manual.

5. **Executive Session**

Board Chair David Corder called for a motion to enter Executive Session. Secretary Cynthia Hurst moved, and Trustee Cathy Griffin seconded, the motion to enter Executive Session. The motion carried 9-0.

Board Chair David Corder noted that the Board would be moving into Executive Session to discuss Personnel – Budget 2026-2027.

Open session: Trustee Cathy Griffin 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.

6. **Action on Executive Session Items**

There was no action taken on Agenda Item 5(a) Personnel – Budget 2026-2027.

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Board Chair David Corder stated that the district is in the early stages of the budget development process and expressed appreciation for ongoing input. He noted that no final allocations have been received from the state at this time.

He added that the Board will carefully deliberate all available information and make budget decisions that in the best interest of students.

7. **Adjourn**
Secretary Cynthia Hurst moved, and Trustee Adrienne Blume seconded, the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed 9-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

Minutes approved:

David Corder, Board Chair

Cynthia Hurst, Secretary