

MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
Denmark-Olar Board Room
Bamberg County, South Carolina
February 1, 2021 – 5:00 p.m.

Members Present: Beverly Bonaparte, Chairman
Blossom Thompson, Vice Chairman
Loretta P. Goodman, Secretary
Tonie Holman
Larry Bias

Also Present: Thelma Sojourner, Superintendent

CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. Bonaparte called the regular meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. In accordance with the SC Code of Laws, 1976, section 30-4-80(e) as amended, the following had been notified of the time, date, place and agenda of the meeting: WIIZ Radio Station, Barnwell, and *The Times and Democrat*, Orangeburg.

ROLL CALL

Roll Call was conducted with attendance as recorded above.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

A moment of silence was observed.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The meeting agenda was unanimously approved without objection.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the regular meeting held January 21, 2021 and the special called meeting held January 27, 2021 were unanimously approved as written without objection. The January 21 minutes were signed by all members present. The January 27 minutes were signed by all members with the exception of Mr. Bias because he was not present at the January 27 meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business for discussion.

NEW BUSINESS

There was not unfinished business for discussion.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

No information was provided.

SECTION 1 - FINANCE

- **Finance Report**

In Mrs. Tyler's absence, Dr. Sojourner provided the finance report which was received as information.

SECTION 2 - CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

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- Dr. Ruby Johnson provided information regarding the Salkehatchie Consortium's proposed virtual school plan. The report was received as information. Mrs. Bonaparte requested that Dr. Sojourner update the board on the progress of the plan at the next meeting.

SECTION 3 - ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION

- **Attorney Fees**
Mrs. Goodman moved that the attorney fees for January 2021 in the amount of \$3,705.35 be paid. Mrs. Thompson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
- **Legislative Update**
Dr. Sojourner reported that
 - The House had approved reinstatement of the step increase for teachers, up to \$50 million, retroactive to the 2020-2021 school year; however, the Senate still needed to take action on the bill.
 - The State Superintendent noted that the legislation is reviewing the districts' proposal for consolidation.
 - The House is considering an increase for classroom supplies and materials relative to the costs of changes schools had to make to address COVID.The report was received as information.

SECTION 4 - SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Dr. Sojourner provided the following:
- Denmark Technical College will be utilized for more CATE courses for our high school students
 - Three high school students had graduated with associate degrees in science and three were completing studies in pre-med through Denmark Tech.
 - Administration of COVID vaccines for school staff is still being worked out.
- The report was received as information.

SECTION 5 - EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mrs. Goodman moved that the board enter Executive Session to discuss the following:

- Employment/Personnel Recommendations/Matters
- Student Personnel Matters
- Contractual Matters
- Legal Matters/Counsel

The motion was seconded by Bishop Holman and unanimously approved.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

The board returned to Open Session on a motion by Mrs. Goodman, seconded by Mrs. Thompson and unanimously passed.

ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS

Mrs. Goodman moved that the board meet on Friday, February 5, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. at the high school for a tour of the facilities, and that a special meeting be held to meet with the school attorney on Friday, February 5, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. Bishop Holman seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

- **Employment/Personnel Recommendations/Matters**
No action was taken.
- **Student Personnel Matters**
No action was taken.
- **Contractual Matters**
No action was taken.

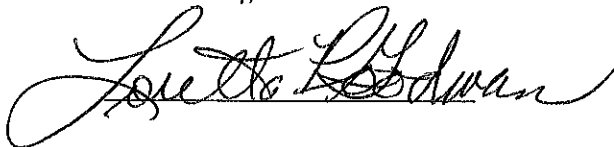
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- **Legal Matters/Counsel**
No action was taken.

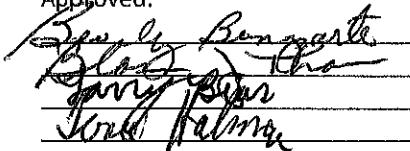
ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned without objection at 7:24 p.m.

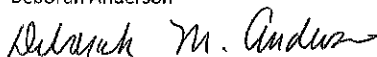
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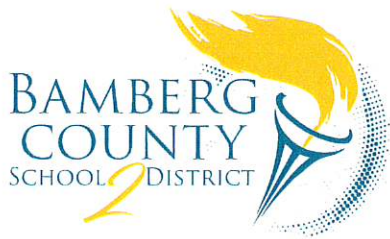


Approved:



Prepared by
Deborah Anderson





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AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

MOMENT OF SILENCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA/ADDENDUM *(Action)*

APPROVAL OF MINUTES *(Action)*

- Regular Meeting Held January 21, 2021
- Special Called Meeting Held January 27, 2021

UNFINISHED BUSINESS *(Action if Needed)*

NEW BUSINESS *(Action if Needed)*

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT *(Action if Needed)*

SECTION 1 - FINANCE *(Action if Needed)*

- Finance Report Oggretta Tyler

SECTION 2 - CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION Dr. Ruby J. Johnson

SECTION 3 - ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION *(Action)*

- Attorney Fees
- Legislative Update

SECTION 4 - SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT *(Action if Needed)* Dr. Thelma Sojourner

SECTION 5 - EXECUTIVE SESSION

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RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS

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ADJOURNMENT