

MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
Denmark-Olar Board Room
Bamberg County, South Carolina
March 5, 2018 - 5:00 p.m.

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

Also Present: Thelma Sojourner, Superintendent

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Bias called the regular meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. In accordance with the SC Code of Laws, 1976, section 30-480(e) as amended, the following had been notified of the time, date, place and agenda of the meeting: WIIZ Radio Station, Barnwell; *The Advertiser-Herald*, Bamberg; 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 as written without objection.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the regular meeting held February 5, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. were unanimously approved as written and signed by all board members.

The minutes of the special meeting held February 27, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. were unanimously approved as written and signed by all board members.

STUDENT SERVICES

- **Students of the Month**

Mr. Bias and Dr. Sojourner presented plaques and certificates prepared for the following students:

- Jordin Floyd, Elementary School
- Kierra Glover, Middle School
- JaVonta Wheeler, High School

PRESENTATIONS

- **Teacher of the Month**

Dr. Teresa Haigler, representing the high school, was recognized as Teacher of the Month. Dr. Haigler was not present at the meeting but was awarded a certificate and \$25 check.

- **DHEC Update**

Debra Boston, representative of the Department of Health and Environment Control, presented information regarding the state's Lead and Copper Program and how samplings are conducted. She stated that the city of Denmark was selected for testing because it utilizes wells for its water supply and that, although none of the district's schools were tested, some Denmark homes were tested for lead and

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copper content. She reported that none of the samplings indicated any issues with the city's water and its status was determined as "Below Action" which merits no cause for concern. The board thanked Ms. Boston for her report.

- Denmark-Olar High School

Mr. Mickey Pringle, high school principal, presented information regarding the school's 2017 test scores and initiatives in place at the school. The presentation was received as information.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No one signed to address the board.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business for discussion.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business for discussion.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

No information was provided.

SECTION 1 - FINANCE

- Finance Report

Mr. Anderson presented the monthly finance report which was received as information.

SECTION 2 - CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

Dr. Johnson provided updates on the following:

- GT tests (Phases 1 and 2) were completed with seven students moving to Phase 2 with anticipation of advancing to GT status
- Two GT students completed the tests and were immediately qualified for GT status
- Upcoming ESOL tests for students
- Upcoming testing for special needs students
- Successful Annual Science Fair for grades K-12 held recently
- Upcoming Spelling Bee on April 9
- New career readiness assessment (WIN), replacing the WorkKeys assessment, to be administered to juniors

The report was received as information.

SECTION 3 - ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION

- Attorney Fees

Mrs. Goodman moved that the attorney fees for February 2018 in the amount of \$855.44 be approved for payment. Bishop Holman seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

- Legislative Update

Dr. Sojourner reported that the legislators are currently discussing the following:

- Bill to have the state pay for school resource officers for each school
- Consolidation/collaboration of smaller school districts
- Bill to address bullying
- Tax reform

The report was received as information.

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SECTION 4 - SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Sojourner presented information on the following:

- March 6 meeting scheduled with Stevens and Wilkinson and Thompson Turner to review plans so that the building project information can go to USDA for final approval.
 - Request from JROTC to travel to Mt. Pleasant, SC on March 29-30 to visit the Yorktown carrier. Mrs. Goodman moved that the request be granted. Mrs. Thompson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
 - Request from Denmark Soccer League for use of the football field and concession stand. Mrs. Goodman moved that the request be granted. Mrs. Thompson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
 - Request from national "Just Move" project to work with the elementary school on children's health, wellness and safety beginning March 23. Mrs. Goodman moved that the request be grant. Bishop Holman seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
 - The Department of Education had approved the Family Health Center's Telemedicine program to begin operations in the district.
 - Severe weather, safety and active shooter drills were being conducted in the schools and a safety letter had been sent home to parents
 - A safety desk audit scheduled to be conducted by SLED on March 20 at 9:00 a.m.
 - Letter received from retired teacher, Bervay Carter, thanking high school teacher, Juanita Robinson, for inviting the retired teachers to lunch at the school
 - Recognized 2011 graduate, Jeffery Sanders, who had been commissioned as a second lieutenant in the army, stationed at Ft. Hood, TX
 - Recognized 2016 graduate, Destiny James, who was awarded \$50,000 from Drake, the rapper, for a scholarship essay she wrote. The funds will be used to continue her education at the University of Miami
 - Father/Son event sponsored by the Peer Educators scheduled for March 7 at the high school
 - Commended the schools for programs and events held recently at the individual schools.
- The report was received as information.

Mr. Bias thanked Mayor Gerald Wright, members of the Denmark City Council, and representatives from DHEC for attending the meeting.

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 Mrs. Thompson and unanimously approved.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

The board voted unanimously to return to Open Session.

ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS

- **Employment/Personnel Recommendations/Matters**

Mrs. Goodman moved that the board conduct a grievance appeal for an employee (initials LK) on March 9, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. Mrs. Thompson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Mrs. Goodman moved that the 2018-2019 school year employment recommendations presented be approved. Mrs. Thompson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

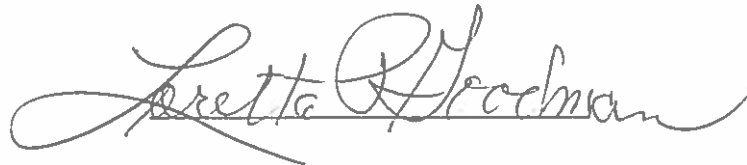
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- **Student Personnel Matters**
Mrs. Goodman moved that the request for the release of a student (initials JLP) be granted. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Thompson and unanimously passed.
- **Contractual Matters**
No action was taken.
- **Legal Matters/Counsel**
No action was taken.

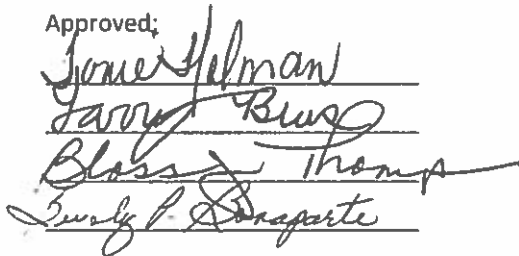
ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned without objection at 7:05 p.m.

Submitted by,



Approved;



Prepared by
Deborah Anderson

BAMBERG SCHOOL DISTRICT TWO

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
DISTRICT OFFICE BOARD ROOM
MARCH 5, 2018
5:00 P.M.

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

MOMENT OF SILENCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA/ADDENDUM *(Action)*

APPROVAL OF MINUTES *(Action)*

- Regular Meeting Held February 5, 2018
- Special Called Meeting Held February 27, 2018

STUDENT SERVICES

- Students of the Month

PRESENTATIONS *(Action if Needed)*

- Teacher of the Month
- DHEC Update Debra Boston and Jennifer Robbins
- Denmark-Olar High School Mickey Pringle, Principal

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

UNFINISHED BUSINESS *(Action if Needed)*

NEW BUSINESS *(Action if Needed)*

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT *(Action if Needed)*

SECTION 1 - FINANCE *(Action if Needed)*

- Finance Report Rodney Anderson

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

SECTION 3 - ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION *(Action if Needed)*

- Attorney Fees
- Legislative Update

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

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RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

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ADJOURNMENT