

MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
Denmark-Olar Board Room
Bamberg County, South Carolina
September 14, 2015 -5:00 p.m.

Members Present: Larry Bias, Chairman
Alvin Maynor, Vice Chairman (*via telephone*)
Tonie Holman, Secretary
Loretta P. Goodman
Blossom Thompson

Also Present: Thelma Sojourner, Superintendent

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Bias called the 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 special meeting held August 10, 2015 at 3:00 p.m., were unanimously approved as written without objection. All board members present signed the approved minutes.

The minutes of the regular meeting held August 10, 2015 were unanimously approved as written without objection. All board members present signed the approved minutes.

The minutes of the special meeting held August 27, 2015 were unanimously approved as written without objection. All board members present signed the approved minutes.

STUDENT SERVICES

- **Students of the Month**

The following Students of the Month were presented with certificates and plaques by Mr. Bias and Dr. Sojourner:

- Mileaha Johnson, Elementary School
- Serenity Williams, Middle School
- Jessica Davis, High School – not present at the meeting

PRESENTATIONS

- **Teacher of the Month**

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Ms. Deon Branch, representing Denmark-Olar High School, was recognized as Teacher of the Month and received a certificate from the District and a gift card courtesy of the Denmark branch of South State Bank.

- **Dual Enrollment Collaboration with Denmark Technical College**
Dr. Valerie Fields from Denmark-Technical College provided information on dual enrollment opportunities, available to high school students through the College, to earn college credits, transferable to the college level. Dr. Sojourner stated that she would meet with Dr. Fields and Mr. Pringle, high school principal, to finalize details. The presentation was received as information.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No one signed to address the board during Public Participation.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mr. Maynor asked for an update on the damaged/lost books. Dr. Sojourner responded that not many books were still outstanding and that it was not a major problem.

NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Goodman expressed her appreciation for expressions of sympathy extended to her and her family during the passing of her grandson.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Mr. Bias requested volunteers to serve as voting the delegate and an alternate for the SCSBA Legislative Conference in December 2015. Mrs. Thompson volunteered to serve as the delegate. Mrs. Goodman agreed to serve as the alternate delegate. By consensus, the board approved the designations.

SECTION 1 - FINANCE

- **Finance Report**
Mr. Anderson presented the monthly finance report which was received as information.

Mr. Maynor pointed out that there was still no increase in band booster club funds. Dr. Sojourner stated that she would provide relative information during Executive Session because it involved a personnel matter.

- **Execution of General Obligation Bond Documents**
The general obligation bond documents were signed for submission to the bond attorney.

SECTION 2 - CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

- In Dr. Johnson's absence, Dr. Sojourner stated that
 - Mid-term exams would begin September 16 for the first nine-week period
 - Test scores had been received but were still embargoed
 - Additional PowerSchool training was ongoing.

The report was received as information.

SECTION 3 - ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION

- **Attorney Fees**
Mrs. Goodman moved that attorney fees for August 2015 in the amount of \$8,037.36 be paid. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Thompson and passed unanimously.
- **Legislative Update**

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Dr. Sojourner stated that she had attempted to reach Representative Justin Bamberg to solicit his support on some of the district's concerns. She was not able to contact him but would continue to try to reach him.

The update was received as information.

SECTION 4 - SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Sojourner provided information regarding the following:

- Discussion with DHEC regarding in-district flu immunizations for students if the board approves. She stated that, to date, only two students had not met the Tdap immunization mandate. Dr. Sojourner also stated that she would inquire about the availability of flu vaccines for staff members. Mrs. Goodman moved that students be allowed to receive flu vaccines, free of charge, upon receipt of parental consent. Mrs. Thompson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
- Middle and high school students would be participating in a program with the Advertiser-Herald, to write columns to be printed in the newspaper.
- District graduate and student at Coastal Carolina, Trevante James, had been inducted into a leadership honor society for academics and leadership.
- Request for high school diploma for board approval under Act 155 petition. By consensus, the board approved the request.
- Reminded the board of the letter sent to parents in August outlining the district's expectations of its students.

Mr. Maynor asked how many seniors participated in the College Night activities in Augusta, GA, and if any of our students received scholarships. Mr. Pringle responded that 29 seniors attended but none received scholarships.

Mr. Bias requested that Dr. Sojourner check on the regulations regarding state school buses traveling across state lines.

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 Mrs. Thompson and unanimously approved.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

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

ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS

- **Employment/Personnel Recommendations/Matters**
Mrs. Goodman moved that WH and AMS be approved as substitute teachers. Mrs. Thompson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

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- **Student Personnel Matters**
No action taken.
- **Contractual Matters**
No action taken.
- **Legal Matters/Counsel**
No action taken.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned without objection at 6:06 p.m.

Submitted by,

Joni A. Holman

Approved:

Scott Rodman
Harry Bras
Bluz. Thony

Prepared by:
Deborah M. Anderson

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AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

MOMENT OF SILENCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA/ADDENDUM *(Action)*

APPROVAL OF MINUTES *(Action)*

- Special Called Meeting Held August 10, 2015 - 3:00 P.M.
- Regular Meeting Held August 10, 2015 - 5:00 P.M.
- Special Called Meeting Held August 27, 2015

STUDENT SERVICES

- Students of the Month

PRESENTATIONS

- Teacher of the Month
- Dual Enrollment Collaboration with Denmark Technical College Dr. Valerie Fields

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS *(Action if Needed)*

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT *(Action if Needed)*

SECTION 1 - FINANCE *(Action if Needed)*

- Finance Report Rodney Anderson
- Execution of General Obligation Bond Documents - *Ref. August 10, 2015 Meeting*

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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