

MINUTES
SPECIAL CALLED TRUSTEES MEETING
BAMBERG SCHOOL DISTRICTS ONE & TWO
Denmark-Olar Board Room
Bamberg County, South Carolina
July 8, 2019 – 6:30 p.m.

Bamberg District Two Board and Attendees:

Beverly Bonaparte, Chairman
Blossom Thompson, Vice Chairman
Loretta P. Goodman, Secretary
Tonie Holman, Board Member
Larry Bias, Board Member
Thelma Sojourner, Superintendent
Michelle Nimmons, Human Resource Director
Rodney Anderson, Business Operations Director
Oggretta Tyler, Finance Analyst
Charles Boykin, Attorney, Boykin & Davis, LLC
Kenneth Davis, Attorney, Boykin & Davis, LLC
Kyle Michel, Attorney
Steve Luoma, Auditor, McGregor Company

Bamberg District One Board and Attendees:

Janeth Walker, Board Member
Gwendolyn D. Bamberg, Board Member
Kim Berry, Board Member
John Hiers, Board Member
Tony Duncan, Board Member
Phyllis Schwarting, Superintendent
Devon B. Furr, Finance Director
Ricky Padgett, Technology Director
Bick Halligan, Attorney
Allison Hanna, Attorney
Neal Crider

Also Present:

Senator Brad Hutto
Representative Justin Bamberg
Robert Damron, Compass Municipal Advisors
Frannie Heizer, Attorney, Burr, Forman, McNair

CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. Bonaparte called the special meeting to order. 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.

Mrs. Bonaparte announced that there would not be a public question and answer period at this meeting but rather an opportunity for the Districts' boards of trustees, district administration and legislative representatives to hold a discussion regarding the issues of the consolidation of the two school districts.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Discussions of Proposals Regarding Consolidation of Bamberg One and Bamberg Two School Districts

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Mrs. Goodman moved that the assembly enter Executive Session for discussions of proposals regarding consolidation of Bamberg One and Bamberg Two school districts. Mrs. Thompson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

By consensus, the assembly returned to Open Session.

Superintendents Sojourner and Schwarting agreed that both boards needed additional information on how to proceed and a meeting with State Superintendent Molly Spearman has been scheduled for July 9. Mrs. Schwarting also expressed the need for legal advice on open discussions of the matter so the public will be informed of the process.

ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS

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No action was taken.

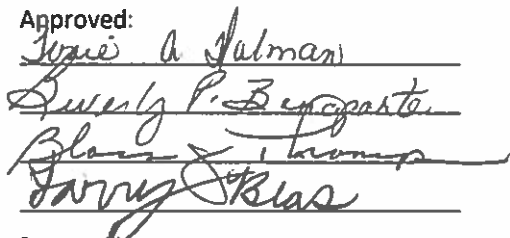
ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned without objection at 8:31 p.m.

Submitted by,



Approved:



Prepared by:

Deborah M. Anderson

**Consolidation Meeting
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Please sign in.

Name (please print)

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Helma Jay Turner

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Kyle Michel

Rep. Justin Bamberg

BRAD HUTTO

BICK HALLIGAN

Devon Ferr

Allison Hanna

Thank you very kindly for attending today. Your presence is appreciated!



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AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER OF SPECIAL CALLED MEETING

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA *(Action)*

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ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION DISCUSSIONS *(if needed)*

ADJOURNMENT
