

MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
Denmark-Olar Board Room
Bamberg County, South Carolina
April 11, 2016 -7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Larry Bias, Chairman
Tonie Holman, Secretary
Loretta P. Goodman (*participated by phone*)
Blossom Thompson

Member Absent: Alvin Maynor, Vice Chairman

Also Present: Thelma Sojourner, Superintendent

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Bias called the meeting to order at 7:00 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 called meeting held March 9, 2016 were unanimously approved as written without objection. All board members present signed the approved minutes.

The minutes of the regular meeting held March 14, 2016 were unanimously approved as written without objection. All board members present signed the approved minutes.

The minutes of the special called meeting held March 25, 2016 were approved by majority vote as written without objection. All board members present signed the approved minutes with the exception of Mrs. Thompson, who was not present at the March 25 meeting.

STUDENT SERVICES

- **Students of the Month**

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

- Terryona Calhoun - Elementary School
- Zaviell Faust - Middle School
- Therese Lapierre - High School

PRESENTATIONS

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- **Teacher of the Month**

Mrs. Mattie Jamison, representing Denmark-Olar Middle School, was recognized as Teacher of the Month. Mrs. Jamison received a certificate from the District and a gift card courtesy of the Denmark branch of South State Bank. Mrs. Jamison was not present at the meeting.

- **School-based Health Services**

The board heard a presentation regarding a telehealth program provided by MUSC which would provide school-based health services to students who may not be able to obtain needed health care. Care would be facilitated by the school nurse with a pediatrician or nurse practitioner using videoconference equipment. There would be no cost to the district and Medicaid covered students. Students who are covered by private insurance would be billed according to the insurance coverage and copays and deductibles will apply in the same way as regular doctor visits. Parental permission must be obtained prior to service.

Bishop Holman moved that authorization be granted to implement the school-based telehealth program for grades Pre-K – 12. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Thompson and passed unanimously.

- **Presentation from Denmark-Olar High School**

Mr. Pringle presented information to the board regarding the high school's programs, initiatives and student assessment results. The presentation was received as information.

- **Mantalk Program**

Denmark-Olar alumni, Tonie Holman, Jr., Devonta Steward and Devonte Steward, presented a request for use of district facilities May 13-14, 2016 to host Mantalk 2016, a mentoring program for males in grades 7-9. It was determined that the high school prom was scheduled for May 13 but another facility in the district may be used for the event. Dr. Sojourner requested that she be allowed to obtain more information and have an opportunity to involve the principal in planning for facility use. Bishop Holman moved that permission be granted for Mantalk to be held May 13-14 in a district facility. Mrs. Thompson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Dr. Anna Martin addressed the board regarding teachers' salaries, consideration of providing salary increases for experienced teachers as well as new teachers, and the possibility of awarding stipends for additional duties performed. Dr. Martin was thanked for her comments.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no Unfinished Business for discussion.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business for discussion.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

SECTION 1 - FINANCE

- **Finance Report**

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

- **Request for Approval of General Obligation Bond Resolution**

Bishop Holman moved that a general obligation bond resolution, not to exceed \$850,000, be approved. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Thompson and passed unanimously.

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SECTION 2 - CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

Dr. Johnson provided the following:

- Student assessment schedule
- Strategic Planning workshop scheduled to begin on April 13. She invited the board members to attend. The report was received as information.

SECTION 3 - ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION

- Attorney Fees

Mrs. Thompson moved that attorney fees for March 2016 in the amount of \$9,642.76 be paid. The motion was seconded by Bishop Holman and passed unanimously.

- Legislative Update

Dr. Sojourner stated:

- She had spoken with Representative Justin Bamberg regarding a proviso for additional funding but he was not successful in his effort to secure the proviso.
- The Senate is currently looking at several bills including one that offers teacher loan reductions for rural districts.
- Legislature is currently looking at updates to the Freedom of Information Act. The board accepted the update as information.

- Proposed 2016-2017 School Year Calendar – Second Reading

Bishop Holman moved to accept the proposed 2016-2017 calendar as presented for second reading approval. Mrs. Thompson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

SECTION 4 - SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Sojourner provided information regarding:

- Bamberg County Ministerial Alliance scholarship banquet on April 17, with tickets on sale for \$15 each
- Updates on students who had participated in the USC Science Projects, with one student winning \$100 and another receiving Honorable Mention for their projects. The students have been invited to the second round of competition.
- The Citadel is offering a reading endorsement course for teachers. The course will be taught in Bamberg District One or District Two.
- Burlette Carter, alumni, and the Rural Initiatives Group is scheduled to provide ten laptops to five sophomore girls and five sophomore boys with the highest academic averages. This will be the third year the group has awarded the laptops.
- A high school student won the Project Lead the Way award for bridge building. The report was received as information.

SECTION 5 - EXECUTIVE SESSION

Bishop Holman 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.

Bishop Holman read into record the General Obligation Bond resolution which was approved earlier in the meeting

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under Finance.

A RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF A NOT EXCEEDING \$850,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND, SERIES 2016, OF DENMARK-OLAR SCHOOL DISTRICT NUMBER TWO OF BAMBERG COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA; AUTHORIZING THE SOUTH CAROLINA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS TO FACILITATE THE SALE OF THE BOND UNDER ITS GENERAL OBLIGATION DEBT PROGRAM; PRESCRIBING THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH THE BOND MAY BE ISSUED; AUTHORIZING THE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT TO DETERMINE CERTAIN MATTERS RELATING TO THE BOND; PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE BOND AND THE DISPOSITION OF THE PROCEEDS THEREOF; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO.

ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS

- **Employment/Personnel Recommendations/Matters**

Dr. Sojourner requested that the recommendations made for continued employment be approved as presented. Bishop Holman moved that the request be approved. Mrs. Thompson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

- **Student Personnel Matters**

Dr. Sojourner recommended that the request for release of students (initials AA and JH) to attend school in another district for 2016-2017 be granted. Bishop Holman moved that the recommendation be approved. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Thompson and passed unanimously.

- **Contractual Matters**

Bishop Holman moved that the contract from Crantford Research for management of research related to the proposed bond referendum for school facilities be executed. Mrs. Thompson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

- **Legal Matters/Counsel**

No action taken.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned without objection at 9:25 p.m.

Submitted by,

 Bishop Holman

Approved:

 Mrs. Thompson
 Bishop Holman
 Gary Bias

Prepared by:
Deborah M. Anderson

BAMBERG SCHOOL DISTRICT TWO

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
DISTRICT OFFICE BOARD ROOM
APRIL 11, 2016 – 7:00 p.m.

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

MOMENT OF SILENCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA/ADDENDUM *(Action)*

APPROVAL OF MINUTES *(Action)*

- Special Called Meeting Held March 9, 2016
- Regular Meeting Held March 14, 2016
- Special Called Meeting Held March 25, 2016

STUDENT SERVICES

- Students of the Month

PRESENTATIONS

- Teacher of the Month
- School-based Health Services
- Presentation from Denmark-Olar High School Mickey Pringle

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
- Request for Approval of General Obligation Bond Resolution

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

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

- Attorney Fees
- Legislative Update
- Proposed 2016-2017 School Year Calendar-Second Reading

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

SECTION 5 - EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS

- Employment/Personnel Recommendations/Matters
- Student Personnel Matters
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ADJOURNMENT