

**MINUTES**  
**SPECIAL CALLED BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**  
**Denmark-Olar Board Room**  
**Bamberg County, South Carolina**  
**Monday, August 31, 2020 – 9:00 a.m.**

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

**Also Present:** Thelma Sojourner, Superintendent  
Dean Wittmer, Consolidation Consultant

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mrs. Bonaparte called the special meeting to order at 9:04 a.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.

Dr. Sojourner stated that, as a result of the called meeting held August 31, 2020, Bob Damron of Compass Municipal Advisors requested the board's directive on whether the board wished to use remaining bond funds to reduce the district's debt. Mrs. Goodman moved that the remaining funds be used to reduce the debt in an effort to lower taxes. Mrs. Thompson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Dr. Sojourner advised the board of an employee who requested to work from home due to the employee's concerns about exposure to COVID19. According to established guidelines, the employee would qualify to work from home at full pay.

Dr. Sojourner advised the board of an employee who requested to work from home because the employee is a caregiver for a critically ill family member and does not want to risk exposing the family member to COVID19. Because the employee is requesting to work at home for the benefit of someone other than the employee, the employee qualifies for 2/3 pay instead of full pay. Dr. Sojourner asked how the board wanted her to proceed with the matter. It was the consensus of the board that the established guidelines be followed and that a conference with the employee be held to explain the stipulations of the guidelines. The board further agreed that the content of the meeting be put in writing with the employee's signature that the employee understands the guidelines as explained.

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Dr. Sojourner informed the board that she was waiting for final results of the construction site inspection which began on August 28 and would continue on August 31. She stated that she would inform the board members of the results as soon as they are received.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mrs. Goodman moved that the board enter Executive Session for the discussion of the following:

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

Mrs. Thompson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

**RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

The board voted unanimously to return to Open Session.

**ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS**

- Employment/Personnel Recommendations/Matters

No action was taken.

- Student Personnel Matters

No action was taken.

- Contractual Matters

No action was taken.

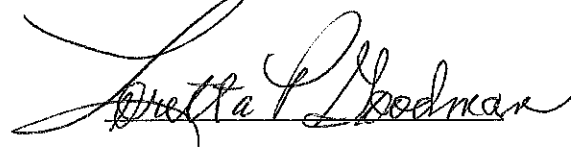
- Legal Matters/Counsel

No action was taken.

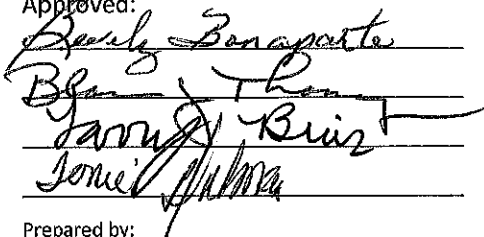
**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned without objection at 10:17 a.m.

Submitted by,



Approved:



Prepared by:

Deborah M. Anderson

# BAMBERG SCHOOL DISTRICT TWO

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MONDAY, AUGUST 31, 2020

9:00 A.M.

### AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

MOMENT OF SILENCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA/ADDENDUM (*ACTION*)

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- EMPLOYMENT/PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS/MATTERS
- STUDENT PERSONNEL MATTERS
- CONTRACTUAL MATTERS
- LEGAL MATTERS/COUNSEL

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS

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ADJOURNMENT