

**MINUTES**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**  
**Denmark-Olar Board Room**  
**Bamberg County, South Carolina**  
**January 9, 2017 - 5:00 p.m.**

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

**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 regular meeting held at 5:00 p.m. on December 12, 2016 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:

- Aminah Abdul-Quddus, Elementary School
- Jilaya Comier, Middle School
- Kristopher Radford, High School

**PRESENTATIONS**

- **Teacher of the Month**

Sarah Knorr, representing the middle school, was recognized as the Teacher of the Month. Ms. Knorr received a certificate from the district and a gift card, courtesy of South State Bank of Denmark.

- **School Board Recognition Month**

In observation of School Board Appreciation Month, Mr. Bias read into record the school board members' ethical principles as provided by the SC School Boards Association. All board members signed a poster as

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a symbolic gesture, to uphold these principles of governance. The poster will be framed and placed in the Board Room.

Dr. Sojourner read a proclamation from Governor Haley which declared January as School Board Recognition Month, presented gifts to the board members and thanked them for their service on the board.

Mrs. Goodman was recognized for having served ten years on the board. Dr. Sojourner read a congratulatory letter received from the SC School Boards Association and stated that Mrs. Goodman would receive her ten-year pin during the SC School Boards Association Annual Convention in February 2017.

**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**

Mr. Bias moved that the regular board meeting start time be changed to 7:00 p.m. for the months of February, March, April and May 2017. The motion passed unanimously without objection.

**SECTION 1 - FINANCE**

- **Finance Report**

Mr. Anderson presented the monthly finance report and stated that the 2016 audit report had been filed with all required agencies. The report was received as information.

**SECTION 2 - CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION**

Dr. Johnson provided an overview of student performance on 2015-2016 major assessments. The report was received as information.

**SECTION 3 - ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION**

- **Attorney Fees**

Mrs. Goodman moved that the attorney fees for December 2016 for \$3,281.29 be paid. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Thompson and passed unanimously.

- **Legislative Update**

Dr. Sojourner stated the following:

- Annual ethics commission report was due by March 31, 2017
- Department of Education would be coming to assess the district's facilities; no date had been set
- The legislators were discussing a school uniforms bill
- \$1.1 million dollars had been awarded for new school buses but that the district would not be receiving any of the buses at this time.

The report was received as information.

**SECTION 4 - SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Sojourner yielded to representatives from Stevens and Wilkinson Architects and Thompson Turner Construction Company to provide an update on progress on the building project.

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**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**  
No action taken.

- **Student Personnel Matters**

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Dr. Sojourner recommended that DG and his mother participate in counseling sessions and homebased services be provided for the student. Mrs. Goodman moved that the recommendation be approved. Bishop Holman seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

- **Contractual Matters**  
No action taken.

- **Legal Matters/Counsel**  
No action taken.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned without objection at 6:50 p.m.

Submitted by,

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Approved:

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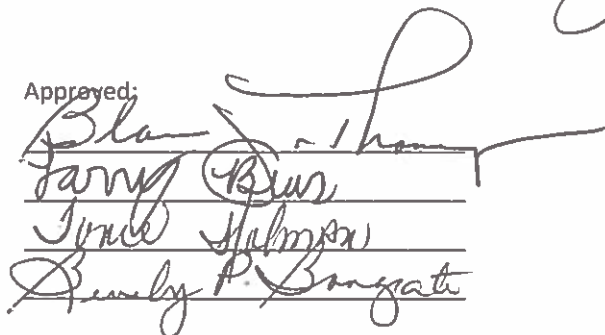
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Submitted by,



Approved:



Prepared by:  
Deborah M. Anderson

# BAMBERG SCHOOL DISTRICT TWO

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
DISTRICT OFFICE BOARD ROOM  
JANUARY 9, 2017 - 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 December 12, 2016

**STUDENT SERVICES**

- Students of the Month

**PRESENTATIONS**

- Teacher of the Month
- School Board Recognition Month

**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

**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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