

MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
Denmark-Olar Board Room
Bamberg County, South Carolina
December 9, 2019 – 5:00 p.m.

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

Also Present: Thelma Sojourner, Superintendent

CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. Bonaparte called the regular meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. In accordance with the SC Code of Laws, 1976, section 30-4-80(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 November 11, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. were unanimously approved as written and signed by all members present.

The minutes of a special called meeting held December 3, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. were unanimously approved as written and signed by all members present.

STUDENT SERVICES

Dr. Sojourner and Mrs. Goodman presented certificates and plaques prepared for the following Students of the Month:

- Adreian Prochaska- ES
- Treasure Washington- MS
- Imani Williams- HS

PRESENTATIONS

Teacher of the Month

A certificate and award was presented to Dr. Teresa Myers, representing the high school.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No one signed to address the board.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business for discussion.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Bias moved that the January, February and March 2020 regular board meetings be rescheduled for the first Monday at 5:00 p.m. Mrs. Thompson seconded the motion which passed unanimously. Dr. Sojourner stated that the district would still be closed for the holidays on January 6. After discussion, Mrs. Goodman amended her motion indicating that the January 2020 meeting would be held on the second Monday at 7:00 p.m. with the February and March meetings rescheduled for the first Monday at 5:00 p.m. The amendment passed unanimously.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Mrs. Bonaparte shared information received at the legislative conference held recently, including funding equity, student assessment and lesson plans. She also shared that the satellite WIFI was in operation in Olar and Govan on Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

SECTION 1 - FINANCE

- **Finance Report**

Mr. Anderson provided the finance report and distributed information for the board's review for possible discussion later in the meeting. The report was received as information.

SECTION 2 - CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

- Dr. Johnson provided the 2019 state report card data which was received as information.

SECTION 3 - ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION

- **Attorney Fees**

Mrs. Goodman moved that the attorney invoice for November 2019 from Boykin and Davis for \$936.46 be paid. Mrs. Thompson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Mrs. Goodman moved that the attorney invoice for November 2019 from Boykin and Davis for \$3370.55 be paid. Mrs. Thompson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

(Note: Two invoices were received from Boykin and Davis)

- **Legislative Update**

Dr. Sojourner stated that the legislature would be addressing truancy reform, school choice, early childhood education and recruitment, among other education related issues. Dr. Sojourner stated that she had spoken with State Superintendent Molly Spearman who would be addressing with the State Board of Education how consolidation allocations would be determined. Additional information would be shared during Executive Session. The report was received as information.

SECTION 4 - SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Sojourner provided information on the following:

- Middle school teacher recently had a baby
- Mrs. Willie Fields' mother had passed away
- Stop the Bleed training completed
- CPR training for select completed
- JROTC distributed Thanksgiving baskets to families in the community
- High school gym completed with some issues to be resolved
- Foodshare satellite offered at elementary school after Christmas; participants would be encouraged to become involved in the parenting program
- Middle school gardening projects

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-Raptor safety program to begin in district after Christmas.
The report was received as information.

SECTION 5 - EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mrs. Goodman moved that the board enter Executive Session to discuss the following:

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

The motion was seconded by Bishop Holman 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**

Dr. Sojourner requested authorization to continue discussions with JD relevant to coaching B-Team boys' basketball with ratification by the board if an agreement is reached. Mrs. Goodman moved that the request be approved. Mrs. Thompson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

- **Student Personnel Matters**

No action was taken.

- **Contractual Matters**

No action was taken.

- **Legal Matters/Counsel**

No action was taken.

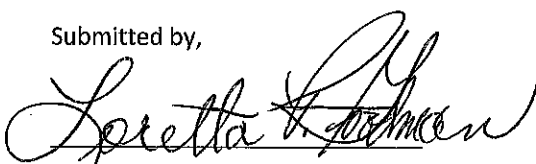
Dr. Sojourner requested that the board approve an amendment to increase the 2019-2020 athletic budget by \$20,000. Mrs. Goodman moved that the request be approved. The motion was seconded by Bishop Holman and passed unanimously.

Dr. Sojourner reminded the board of the holiday drop-in on December 20, and informed them that the consortium superintendents' meeting would be held in the district on December 11.

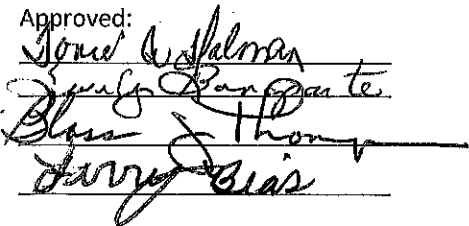
ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned without objection at 7:15 p.m.

Submitted by,



Approved:



Prepared by
Deborah Anderson



Board of Trustees Meeting District Office Board Room

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AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

MOMENT OF SILENCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA/ADDENDUM (*Action*)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES (*Action*)

- Regular Meeting Held November 11, 2019
- Special Called Meeting Held December 3, 2019

STUDENT SERVICES

- Students of the Month

PRESENTATIONS (*Action if Needed*)

- Teacher of the Month
- Construction Update

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (*Action if Needed*)

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

SECTION 5 - EXECUTIVE SESSION

- Employment/Personnel Recommendations/Matters
- Student Personnel Matters
- Contractual Matters
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RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

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ADJOURNMENT