

**MINUTES**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**  
**Denmark-Olar Board Room**  
**Bamberg County, South Carolina**  
**February 3, 2020 – 5:00 p.m.**

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

**Also Present:** Thelma Sojourner, Superintendent

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mrs. Thompson 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 on a motion by Mr. Bias, seconded by Bishop Holman.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the regular meeting held January 13, 2020 were unanimously approved as written on a motion by Mr. Bias, seconded by Bishop Holman, and signed by all members present.

The minutes of the special called meeting held January 28, 2020 were unanimously approved as written on a motion by Mr. Bias, seconded by Bishop Holman, and signed by all members present.

**STUDENT SERVICES**

Dr. Sojourner and Bishop Holman presented certificates and plaques prepared for the following Students of the Month:

- A'Mire Harrison- ES
- Ashlynn Watkins – MS
- Jerome Owens - HS

**PRESENTATIONS**

**Teacher of the Month**

A certificate and award was prepared for Ms. Hortense Miller, representing the elementary school. Ms. Miller was not present at the meeting and Dr. Sojourner stated she would forward her awards to the school.

**Construction Update**

James Hall of Thompson Turner provided an update on the progress of the construction/renovations at the school site. He stated that "E" wing and the gymnasium had been turned over to the district and that they were waiting

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for the Office of School Facilities to approve the construction of the maintenance building. Completion of the maintenance building would take approximately three months. Mr. Bias asked if the project so far was satisfactory. Dr. Sojourner stated that everything looked good and that some areas of concern had been discussed for correction. The report was received as information.

**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**

No report was provided.

**SECTION 1 - FINANCE**

- **Finance Report**

Mr. Anderson provided the finance report which he stated did not contain all of the information generally provided because of the timing of the board meeting but that the information would be included in the next monthly report. The report was received as information.

**SECTION 2 - CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION**

- Dr. Johnson stated that MAP testing was almost completed and that results would be presented at the next meeting. The board received the report as information.

**SECTION 3 - ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION**

- **Attorney Fees**

Mrs. Goodman moved that the attorney invoice for January 2020 from Boykin and Davis for \$1,711.22 be paid. Bishop Holman seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

- **Legislative Update**

Dr. Sojourner stated

-The legislators were discussing education bill #419 which included uniform start date; scholarship enhancements for college students entering the education field; disruptive students; unencumbered planning periods for teachers; additional compensation for teachers beyond the school day; student data confidentiality; reduction in student testing; health/mental health education; financial literacy for students; and bullying. The report was received as information.

**SECTION 4 - SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Sojourner provided information on the following:

- Importance of the 2020 census and community participation
- SCHSL's designation of the high school as Class A, Region 3 for the next two years
- Ongoing job shadowing at the high school
- Aerial views of the construction progress
- School menus for March 2020

The report was received as information.

**SECTION 5 - EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

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- 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 stated that a substitute teacher orientation would be scheduled in the near future. No action was taken.
- **Student Personnel Matters**  
No action was taken.
- **Contractual Matters**  
No action was taken.
- **Legal Matters/Counsel**  
No action was taken.

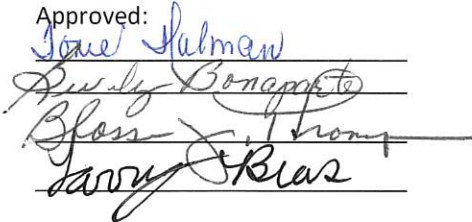
**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned without objection at 6:05 p.m.

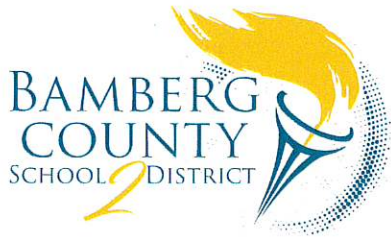
Submitted by,



Approved:



Prepared by  
Deborah Anderson



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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 January 13, 2020
- Special Meeting Held January 28, 2020

**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

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**RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

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**ADJOURNMENT**