

MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
Denmark-Olar Board Room
Bamberg County, South Carolina
October 26, 2020 – 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 (*via telephone*)

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 without objection.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the regular meeting held September 14, 2020 were unanimously approved as written without objection and signed by all members present.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business for discussion.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business for discussion.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Mrs. Bonaparte stated that she had visited the schools and that they look good, with the exception of a few concerns, and are following COVID19 guidelines.

SECTION 1 - FINANCE

- **Finance Report**
Oggretta Tyler provided the finance report which was received as information.

SECTION 2 - CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

- Dr. Ruby Johnson stated that she had no updates to present but would answer any questions the board might have. There were no questions.

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SECTION 3 - ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION

- **Attorney Fees**
Mrs. Goodman moved that the attorney fees for September 2020 totaling \$6,367.85 be approved for payment. Bishop Holman seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

- **Legislative Update**
Dr. Sojourner stated
-Legislature is scheduled to return to session in January 2021 and the consolidation of the districts may be considered at that time.
-Bishop Holman and Mrs. Bonaparte had participated in the SCSBA Risky Business virtual session on October 15. The report was received as information.

- **Final Plan for Consolidation, Timeline, and Application for Proviso 1.88(A) Funding**
By consensus, the board tabled action on the consolidation plan until the board has an opportunity to meet to address information received from Representative Bamberg and Senator Hutto regarding the make-up of the consolidated district board.

- **Second Reading of Proposed Policies/Updates**
Mrs. Goodman moved that the following policies be given second reading approval:
-DA - Fiscal Management Goals & Objectives
-DBJ - Budget Transfers
-DI/DIE & DI/DIE-R - Fiscal Accounting Audit
-DJD - Expense Authorization/Reimbursement
-DKA - Payroll Procedures/Schedules
-EB-R - Maintaining Health Environments
-EEA-R - Student Transportation
Bishop Holman seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

SECTION 4 - SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Dr. Sojourner provided the following:
- The district was in the second week of four-day face-to-face instruction;
 - Lunches are being provided to students who attend face-to-face and virtual instruction;
 - Fridays are being used to clean the building and for additional instruction for students;
 - Parents will be reminded of the two options for instruction – four-day face-to-face or five day virtual instruction;
 - Relocation of all materials to be sent to the new site has been completed except for some fire-proof file cabinets and, upon completion of the move, sales of the old furniture and equipment will begin;
 - Additional student artwork has been framed and are ready to be hung in the new building;
 - State report cards will be released after October 28. Focus will be on prior performance since no testing was done in the 2019-2020 school year.
 - Cognia (accreditation agency) made an error in informing the district that certification had been granted for the next five years. Upon realizing the error, Cognia wanted to move forward with the accreditation process in April. Dr. Sojourner requested from Cognia that, due to COVID19 and all of the issues the district is facing, the process be rescheduled to begin in the 2021-2022 school year. The request was granted.
 - The state will administer student testing this year;
 - New laptops should arrive sooner than previously anticipated. Special services students will not receive new devices in this distribution since they received new devices last year.
 - Two football games remain to be played this year.
- The report was received as information.

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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**

Mrs. Goodman moved to ratify the employment of CB, SS, SPR, DR, and TS. Mrs. Thompson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Mrs. Goodman moved to accept the resignation of TB, effective October 12, 2020. Mrs. Thompson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Mrs. Goodman moved that other personnel matters discussed during Executive Session be ratified. Mrs. Thompson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

- **Student Personnel Matters**

No action was taken.

- **Contractual Matters**

Mrs. Goodman moved that the shared service agreements between Bamberg Districts One and Two for finance director and technology director for the 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 school years be approved. Mr. Bias seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

- **Legal Matters/Counsel**

No action was taken.

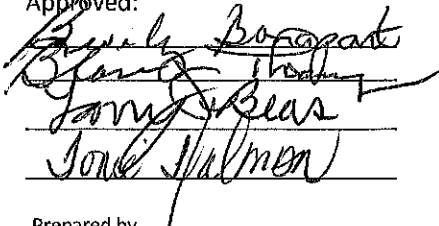
ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned without objection at 7:31 p.m.

Submitted by,



Approved:



Prepared by
Deborah Anderson



**Board of Trustees Meeting
District Office Board Room**

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(RESCHEDULED FROM OCTOBER 12, 2020)

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

MOMENT OF SILENCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA/ADDENDUM *(Action)*

APPROVAL OF MINUTES *(Action)*

- Regular Meeting Held September 14, 2020

UNFINISHED BUSINESS *(Action if Needed)*

NEW BUSINESS *(Action if Needed)*

CHAIRMAN’S REPORT *(Action if Needed)*

SECTION 1 - FINANCE *(Action if Needed)*

- Finance Report Oggretta Tyler

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

SECTION 3 - ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION *(Action)*

- Attorney Fees
- Legislative Update
- Final Plan for Consolidation, Timeline, and Application for Proviso 1.88(A) Funding
- Second Readings of Proposed/Revised Policies
 - DA - Fiscal Management Goals & Objectives
 - DBJ - Budget Transfers
 - DI/DIE & DI/DIE-R - Fiscal Accounting Audit
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SECTION 4 - SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT *(Action if Needed)* Dr. Thelma Sojourner

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ADJOURNMENT