

MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
Denmark-Olar Board Room
Bamberg County, South Carolina
May 14, 2018 - 5:00 p.m.

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

Also Present: Thelma Sojourner, Superintendent

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Bias called the regular 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 April 16, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. were unanimously approved as written and signed by all board members.

The minutes of the special meeting held April 19, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. were unanimously approved as written and signed by all board members.

STUDENT SERVICES

- **Students of the Month**
Mr. Bias and Dr. Sojourner presented plaques and certificates prepared for the following students:
 - Shawnae Murray, Elementary School
 - Kavonia Owens, Middle School
 - Destiny Dotson, High School

PRESENTATIONS

- **Teacher of the Month**
Ms. Bernadette Montes, representing the elementary school, was recognized as Teacher of the Month. Ms. Montes was awarded a certificate and \$25 check.

- **Recognition of Retiring Staff**
Dr. Sojourner presented plaques to the following retiring staff:
 - Dianna Bailey – 30 years' service
 - Sandra Moody – 44 years' service
 - Mickey Pringle – 11 years' service

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The board members thanked the retirees for their service to the district.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Barbara Beard asked the board what was the status of the new building project. Mr. Bias referred her to the administration.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business for discussion.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business for discussion.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

No information was provided.

SECTION 1 - FINANCE

- **Finance Report**

Mr. Anderson presented the monthly finance report which was received as information.

- **First Reading of Proposed 2018-2019 Budget**

Mr. Anderson presented the proposed 2018-2019 FY budget which would require a millage increase of 0.0213, raising the operational millage from 281.59 (2017-2018 FY) to 281.61 mills, in order to meet the stipulations of the proposed building project. Mrs. Goodman moved that the millage rate be increased to 281.61 for 2018-2019, a dollar amount difference of \$270.02. Mrs. Thompson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Mr. Anderson pointed out changes made to the proposed budget previously sent to the board which allowed for a balanced budget totaling \$8,306,639, using the best estimates available. Mrs. Goodman moved that the proposed 2018-2019 FY budget be given first reading approval. Bishop Holman seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Mr. Anderson stated that the notice for a June 11 public hearing on the proposed 2018-2019 FY budget would be based on the figures as approved at this meeting.

SECTION 2 - CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

Dr. Johnson provided updates on the following:

- Spring assessment programs being administered May 14 through the first week of June
 - Read to Succeed implementation, effective the 2017-2018 school year, which had been publicized through a number of notices
 - Recently revised exemption criteria for Read to Succeed implementation
 - Staff development held for principals, guidance counselors and teachers to provide information on implementation of a new initiative, Diploma Pathways, which will be available to 2018-2019 ninth graders by which they may earn additional credits.
- The report was received as information.

SECTION 3 - ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION

- **Attorney Fees**

Mrs. Goodman moved that the attorney fees for April 2018 in the amount of \$1961.82 be approved for payment. Bishop Holman seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

- **Legislative Update**

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Dr. Sojourner reported on the following legislation pending ratification and/or the Governor's signature:

- Fiscal accountability act
- Authorization of appointment versus election for State Superintendent of Education position
- Fire safety and inspections
- Policy on employees' compensation for unused leave days
- Physical Education credit for band classes
- Exceptional children's proviso on scholarships
- Screening for dyslexia in students in grades K-2
- Disturbing schools law (for nonstudents)

The report was received as information.

- **First Reading of Proposed 2018-2019 School Year Calendar**

Mrs. Goodman moved that the proposed 2018-2019 school year calendar be given first reading approval.

Bishop Holman seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

SECTION 4 - SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Sojourner presented information on the following:

- Request for amendment for inclusion of middle school students to travel on June 2, 2018, to Discovery Place in Charlotte, NC. The request was withdrawn because approval had been granted by motion amendment at the April 16 board meeting.
 - Request for eight (4 males and 4 female) JROTC students to travel to Ft. Jackson for training camp June 10-16, 2018. Mrs. Goodman moved that the request be approved. Mrs. Bonaparte seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
 - Denmark Tech would provide dual credit courses on their campus and that some of our students would be participating
 - Tiatra Davis, 2014 graduate, had been inducted into Coastal Carolina's Honor Society
 - Jessica Davis, a recent graduate, had made the Dean's List at Clemson University with a 4.0 GPA
 - Candace Davis, a recent graduate, had made the Dean's List at USC-Aiken
 - Donna Adams had been inducted into the Honor Society at Clemson University
 - Ten high school sophomores had received HP laptops and accessories from the Fund for Rural Education
 - Request for approval of summer operational hours June 11-August 10, 2018, Monday-Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; closed on Fridays. Mrs. Goodman moved that the request for summer operational hours be approved. Bishop Holman seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
 - A \$25,000 grant for the food service department had been received and a milk cooler had already been purchased for the high school cafeteria
 - The district would be offering a summer program for forty (40) 4K students
 - Cope Vocational Center's graduation was scheduled for May 24 at 7:00 p.m. at St. George Baptist Church
 - Year-end activities calendar distributed
 - Overview of board members' training hours for 2017-2018
 - Tests by DHEC at the elementary and middle schools showed that the water at both sites is safe.
- The report was received as information.

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 Bishop Holman and unanimously approved.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

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The board voted unanimously to return to Open Session.

ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS

- **Employment/Personnel Recommendations/Matters**
Mrs. Goodman moved that the board approve the employment recommendations listed 1-4, and that no action be taken on recommendation #5. Bishop Holman seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

- **Student Personnel Matters**
Mrs. Goodman moved that the request for the release of student BTB be approved. Bishop Holman seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

- **Contractual Matters**
No action was taken.

- **Legal Matters/Counsel**
Dr. Sojourner stated that Representative Justin Bamberg requested to meet with the board chairman and one other board member on a date to be determined. Bishop Holman moved that Mrs. Goodman meet with Rep. Bamberg and Mr. Bias once a date is established. Mrs. Thompson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

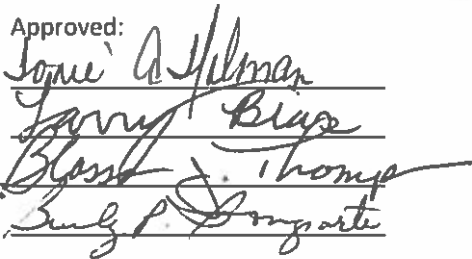
ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned without objection at 7:05 p.m.

Submitted by,



Approved:



Prepared by
Deborah Anderson

BAMBERG SCHOOL DISTRICT TWO

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DISTRICT OFFICE BOARD ROOM
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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 April 16, 2018
- Special Called Meeting Held April 19, 2018

STUDENT SERVICES

- Students of the Month

PRESENTATIONS *(Action if Needed)*

- Teacher of the Month
- Recognition of Retiring Staff

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
- First Reading of Proposed 2018-2019 FY Budget

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

SECTION 3 - ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION *(Action if Needed)*

- Attorney Fees
- Legislative Update
- First Reading of Proposed 2018-2019 School Year Calendar

SECTION 4 - SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT *(Action if Needed)* Dr. Thelma Sojourner

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