

MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
Denmark-Olar Board Room
Bamberg County, South Carolina
May 8, 2017 - 7:00 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 meeting to order at 7:00 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 following meetings were unanimously approved as written without objection.

- Regular meeting held April 3, 2017
- Special called meeting held April 17, 2017
- Special called meeting held April 20, 2017
- Special called meeting held April 25, 2017

All board members signed the approved minutes.

STUDENT SERVICES

Students of the Month

The following Students of the Month were presented certificates and plaques by Bishop Holman and Dr. Sojourner:

- Jason Perkins, Jr., Elementary School
- Laurence Zhang, Middle School
- Ezekiel Badger, High School

PRESENTATIONS

- **Teacher of the Month**
Ms. Jaquitta Graham, representing the elementary school, was recognized as the Teacher of the Month. Ms. Graham received a certificate from the district and a gift card, courtesy of South State Bank of Denmark.

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- Ginny Kirk and Josh Spenser of Thompson Turner Construction Company presented schematic cost estimates on the proposed building project which was received as information.
- Chuck Dowd of J & A Engineering Consultants presented a proposed estimate of costs for IT, telecommunications and security for the proposed building project which 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 information was provided.

SECTION 1 - FINANCE

- **Finance Report**
Mr. Anderson provided the monthly finance report which was received as information.
- **First Reading of Proposed 2017-2018 Budget**
Mrs. Goodman moved that the proposed 2017-2018 FY budget be given first reading approval. Mrs. Thompson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

SECTION 2 - CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

Dr. Johnson provided information on the following:

- Monitoring visit by AdvancEd scheduled for May 31
 - Completion of special needs and SC Ready testing
 - PASS testing to be conducted the week of May 8
 - End of Course testing at the middle and high schools
 - District-wide spelling bee held April 20
 - Progress on district and school renewal plans
- The report was received as information.

SECTION 3 - ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION

- **Attorney Fees**
By consensus of the board, action on the attorney fees was tabled pending further discussion during Executive Session.
- **Legislative Update**
Dr. Sojourner provided information regarding the following:
 - Student safety awareness
 - Fiscal accountability
 - Stadium restroom facilities stipulations
 - Diploma pathways
 - Schoolhouse to Jailhouse Act for disruptive studentsThe report was received as information
- **Second Reading of Proposed 2017-2018 School Year Calendar**

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Mrs. Goodman moved that the proposed 2017-2018 school year calendar be given second reading approval. Mrs. Thompson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

- **First Reading of Policies**
 - ADF-District Wellness
 - EF/EF-R – Food Services (addition of Administrative Rule EF-R)
 - EFE/EFE-R – Competitive Food Sales/Vending Machines (addition of Administrative Rule EFE-R)
- Mrs. Goodman moved that policies ADF, ER/EF-R, and EFE/EFE-R be given first reading approval. Mrs. Thompson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

SECTION 4 - SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Sojourner presented information including the following:

- Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week, May 7-12
- SC School Boards Training Hours Report for 2016-2017
- Press release regarding laptops presented from the Rural Education Initiative to the top ten students in the sophomore class
- Request from Bamberg County Ministerial Alliance use district facilities for an awards program May 27 – Mrs. Goodman moved that the request be granted. Bishop Holman seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
- Request for JROTC to transport eight students to/from summer camp at Fort Jackson on June 4 - 10 - Mrs. Goodman moved that the request be granted. Mrs. Thompson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
- Request for approval of summer hours for the district June 16 through August 11, Monday through Thursday from 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. and closed on Fridays. Mrs. Goodman moved that the summer hours be approved. Mrs. Thompson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
- Reported that Bakari Sellers presented \$5000 to the district for teacher materials and supplies, as a result of a challenge he posted on Twitter
- Reported that Dr. Ron Satcher, Denmark-Olar High School graduate, oncologist and former astronaut was the speaker at the SC Teacher of the Year banquet held recently
- High school student, Myanna Sherman, was selected as a participant for STEM Day
- Eclipse training for teachers to be conducted so that students can receive safety information on viewing the eclipse prior to leaving school for the summer. Students will not attend school on the day of the eclipse.
- Receipt of additional Tier II funding for special education
- Dates of year-end activities at the schools
- Recognized state volunteer award recipient, Detra Salley Bruce

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 Mrs. Thompson and was unanimously approved.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

The board voted unanimously to return to Open Session.

ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS

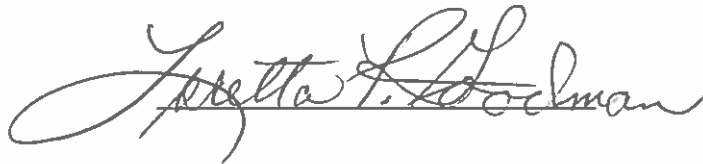
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- **Employment/Personnel Recommendations/Matters**
Dr. Sojourner requested approval of employment recommendations for the 2017-2018 school year and acceptance of a resignation. Mrs. Goodman moved that the recommendations and resignation be approved. Bishop Holman seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
- **Student Personnel Matters**
No action was taken.
- **Contractual Matters**
No action was taken.
- **Legal Matters/Counsel**
Mrs. Goodman moved that the attorney fees for April 2017 for \$6,403.20, which was tabled earlier in the meeting, be paid. Mrs. Thompson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

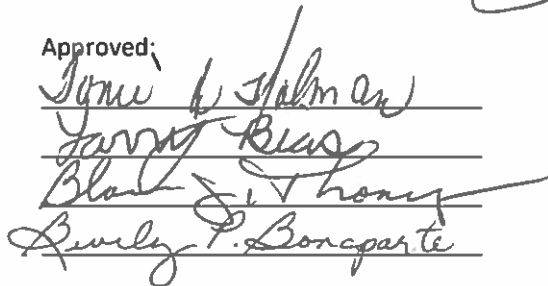
ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned without objection at 9:42 p.m.

Submitted by,



Approved:



Prepared by:
Deborah M. Anderson

BAMBERG SCHOOL DISTRICT TWO

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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)*

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STUDENT SERVICES

- Students of the Month

PRESENTATIONS

- Teacher of the Month
- Architect's Update
- Proposal for Engineering Design and Construction Administration Services *(Action)*

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
- First Reading of Proposed 2017-2018 General Operations Budget

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

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

- Attorney Fees
- Legislative Update
- Second Reading of Proposed 2017-2018 School Year Calendar
- First Reading of Revision of Policy ADF-District Wellness
- First Reading of Revision of Policy EF/EF-R Food Services *(Addition of Administrative Rule - EF-R)*
- First Reading of Revision of Policy EFE/EFE-R Competitive Food Sales/Vending Machines *(Addition of Administrative Rule - EFE-R)*

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

SECTION 5 - EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS

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ADJOURNMENT