

**MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
Denmark-Olar Board Room
Bamberg County, South Carolina
January 11, 2016 -5:00 p.m.**

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

Member Absent: Alvin Maynor, Vice Chairman

Also Present: Thelma Sojourner, Superintendent

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Bias called the 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 January 11, 2016 were unanimously approved as written without objection. All board members present signed the approved minutes.

The minutes of the special called meeting held December 17, 2015 were unanimously approved as written without objection. All board members present signed the approved minutes.

STUDENT SERVICES

- **Students of the Month**

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

- Kyven Moore - Elementary School
- Zakeen Dickerson - Middle School
- Makaylah Sanders - High School

PRESENTATIONS

- **Teacher of the Month**

- Ms. Ellen Siebert, representing Denmark-Olar Middle School, was recognized as Teacher of the Month. SGM Robinson received a certificate from the District and a gift card courtesy of the Denmark branch of South State Bank. Ms. Siebert was not present at the meeting due to illness.

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- In observance of School Boards Recognition Month, Dr. Sojourner thanked the board members for their service on the board and presented a gift to each member.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No one signed to address the board during Public Participation.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no Unfinished Business for discussion.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business for discussion.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

- No information was presented.

SECTION 1 - FINANCE

- **Finance Report**
Mr. Anderson presented the monthly finance report which was received as information.

SECTION 2 - CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

Dr. Johnson provided the following:

- Update on preparations for AdvancED review in March. She stated that the team indicated that they want to interview board members on March 7 at approximately 3:45 p.m. The team's exit conference is scheduled for March 9 at approximately 1:00 p.m.
- Update on spring testing.
The report was received as information.

SECTION 3 - ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION

- **Attorney Fees**
Mrs. Goodman moved that attorney fees for December 2015 in the amount of \$5,621.60 be paid. The motion was seconded by Bishop Holman and passed unanimously.
- **Legislative Update**
Dr. Sojourner stated that a meeting with the governor was scheduled for January 13 during which she would explain her education plan for the state and that a news conference at an upstate school would be held later in the day.
The update was received as information.

SECTION 4 - SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Sojourner provided information regarding the following:

- Approaching AdvancEd visit and that a desk audit was conducted and revealed that board approval was needed for a Black History course currently being offered at the high school. Copies of the course syllabus would be provided for the board's consideration and action at the February board meeting.
- SCSBA's Future Minds project had received donations to be used toward repairs of flood-related damages in the schools. The funds received were evenly distributed among the school district and the district's portion was \$211.86.
- Two high school students had been invited to USC on January 29 to read essays they had written. Christopher Priester will read his essay entitled, *Which Drinks Contain the Most Electrolytes*. Julia Avesta will read her essay entitled, *How Birds Migrate*.

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- The middle school's robotics team (6th and 7th graders) participated in the Annual First Lego competition in Aiken on January 9 and placed fourth in the building competition and second place in the interview process.
- The SC Education and Public Works Committee invited one of our high school students to meet with the committee on the topic, *What Education Should Look Like*.
- Boys' basketball team did well during the season
- High school band booster fruit sale brought in a profit of more than \$1,000
- Student injured earlier in the school year had returned to school. An expression of appreciation was received from the parents.
- Ethics Commission statement filing deadline is March 30, 2016.
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 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 that the employment recommendations presented by the superintendent be approved. Mrs. Thompson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
- **Student Personnel Matters**
Mrs. Goodman moved to approve a transfer request for a student (initials JH) for the 2015-2016 school year. Mrs. Thompson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- **Contractual Matters**
No action taken.
- **Legal Matters/Counsel**
No action taken.

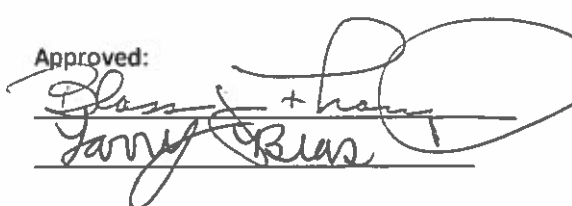
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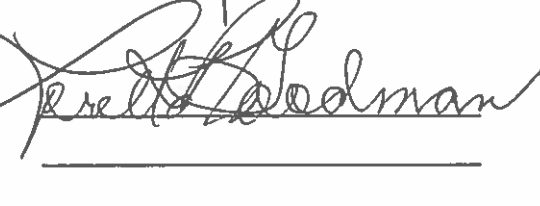
The meeting was adjourned without objection at 6:12 p.m.

Submitted by,



Approved:





BAMBERG SCHOOL DISTRICT TWO

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
DISTRICT OFFICE BOARD ROOM
JANUARY 11, 2016 – 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 December 4, 2015
- Special Called Meeting Held December 17, 2015

STUDENT SERVICES

- Students of the Month

PRESENTATIONS

- Teacher of the Month

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

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

- Request for Approval of High School Black History Course *(Action)*

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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