

MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
Denmark-Olar Board Room
Bamberg County, South Carolina
November 9, 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

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 October 26, 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 were in order and commended the principals for their efforts. She thanked the board for the plant she received during her recent illness.

SECTION 1 - FINANCE

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

SECTION 2 - CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

- Dr. Ruby Johnson provided information regarding student attendance at the end of the first nine-weeks. Compared to the number of students enrolled in face-to-face attendance at the elementary school was 50%; middle school at 43%; and the high school at 42%. Face-to-face attendance at each school increased from week one to week four.

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Dr. Johnson reported that standardized student testing had taken place for PK, K, and G/T at the elementary school; PSAT, SAT, and Career Assessment at the high school; and that no state mandated tests were given at the middle school.

Teacher evaluation with ADEPT was ongoing with seven first-year teachers; eight annual/formal level teachers; and four continuing level teachers whose certification will expire June 30, 2021. The continuing contract teachers would be evaluated by their principals.

The report was received as information.

SECTION 3 - ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION

- **Attorney Fees**

Mrs. Goodman moved that the attorney invoices for October 31, 2020 totaling \$5,921.30 and \$361.25 for a total of \$6,282.55 be approved for payment. Mrs. Thompson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

- **Legislative Update**

Dr. Sojourner stated

-Legislature is scheduled to return to session in January 2021

-SCSBA Virtual Legislative Conference is scheduled for December 3-4, 2020 with Mrs. Bonaparte serving as the board's voting delegate and Mrs. Thompson serving as the alternate delegate.

The report was received as information.

- **Final Plan for Consolidation, Timeline, and Application for Proviso 1.88(A) Funding**

The board agreed to table action on the consolidation plan because the plan was not received in time for the board members to review it. The board agreed by consensus to meet on November 23, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. to review the plan. No action was taken on the consolidation plan.

SECTION 4 - SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Sojourner provided the following:

-The new utility/maintenance building was complete and approved by the State Department of Education. The floor was constructed of concrete and tile may be added, using some tile already onsite, at the district's expense.

-Notice had been received from Cognia that the district office and three schools were accredited for the 2019-2020 school year

-Equipment for a band drum line had been donated to the music department, and that The Music Doctor had also donated some instruments during the 2019-2020 school year

-A total of 17 pieces of student artwork has been framed for display at the new school site

-A letter had been sent to parents addressing student attendance schedules and safety measures in place at the schools and on the school buses, and the extra cleaning of the school facilities

-A maximum gym occupancy of 175 had been established for home basketball games to include attendees for both teams

-Burlette Carter had contacted her regarding the annual awarding of ten laptops for the top ten sophomores for the 2019-2020 school year. The awards were postponed due to COVID19. The awards for the 2019-2020 recipients are being scheduled, and the awards for 2020-2021 will be made at a later date.

-State report card information for 2019-2020 will be provided at the next board meeting. The graduation rate had increased to 89.4% for 2019-2020, up from 70% for the previous year.

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

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- Contractual Matters
- Legal Matters/Counsel

The motion was seconded by Mrs. Thompson and unanimously approved.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Mr. Bias moved that the board return to Open Session. Mrs. Thompson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS

- **Employment/Personnel Recommendations/Matters**

Mrs. Goodman moved to ratify the employment of coaches LD, AL, and KMD. Mrs. Thompson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Mrs. Goodman moved to accept the resignation of VW. Mrs. Thompson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

- **Student Personnel Matters**

No action was taken.

- **Contractual Matters**

No action was taken.

- **Legal Matters/Counsel**

No action was taken.

Mrs. Goodman moved to approve the following regular board meeting date changes:

December 7, 2020

January 19, 2021

February 1, 2021

March 1, 2021

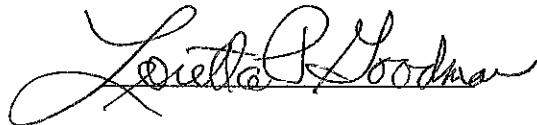
All meetings will convene at 5:00 p.m.

Bishop Holman seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

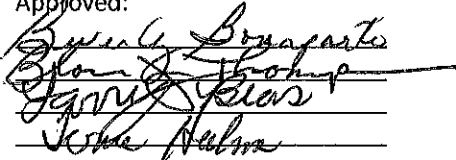
ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned without objection at 6:37 p.m.

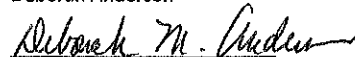
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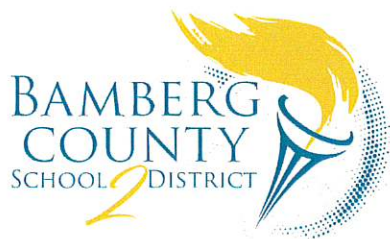


Approved:



Prepared by
Deborah Anderson





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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 October 26, 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

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

SECTION 5 - EXECUTIVE SESSION

- Employment/Personnel Recommendations/Matters
- Student Personnel Matters
- Contractual Matters
- Legal Matters/Counsel

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS

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ADJOURNMENT