

**MINUTES**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**  
**Denmark-Olar Board Room**  
**Bamberg County, South Carolina**  
**February 13, 2017 - 7:00 p.m.**

**Members Present:** Larry Bias, Chairman  
Tonie Holman, Vice Chairman  
Loretta P. Goodman, Secretary  
Blossom Thompson  
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 special called board meeting held at 4:00 p.m. on January 9, 2017 were unanimously approved as written without objection. All board members signed the approved minutes.

The minutes of the regular meeting held at 5:00 p.m. on January 9, 2017 were unanimously approved as written without objection. All board members signed the approved minutes.

The minutes of the special called board meeting held at 8:00 a.m. on January 27, 2017 were unanimously approved as written without objection. 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:

- La'Miracle Orr, Elementary School
- Marques Smalls, Middle School
- Zariel Williams, High School

**PRESENTATIONS**

- Teacher of the Month

MINUTES  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
FEBRUARY 13, 2017 – 7:00 P.M.

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

- **Healthy Initiatives**

The board heard a presentation regarding health services available through the Family Health Center. Mrs. Goodman moved that the district partner with the Family Health Center to provide health services to students. Mrs. Thompson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

- **Architectural Update**

Tim Williams, architect with Stevens and Wilkinson, provided information regarding the status of the building project as they move into design and schematic development, and costs incurred to date. The presentation was received as information.

- **Denmark-Olar Elementary School**

Dr. Lorraine Peebles shared the elementary school's successes and current initiatives and interventions. The report was received as information.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

- Deanna Berry, on behalf of the Core Group for Denmark-Olar Citizens for Better Schools, presented concerns regarding provision of information on the progress of the building program to the public following the approval of the school bond referendum. She stated that the group would like to continue to serve as a bridge between the school district and the community on the progress of the project and to be included in other meetings regarding the building project. The board expressed appreciation for the efforts put forth by the group in ensuring passage of the bond referendum and assured the group of its intent for transparency throughout the process.
- Dr. Anna Martin presented concept boards created by some students depicting what they would like to see included in the new school building project.

The presentations were received as information.

**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**

In Mr. Anderson's absence, Dr. Sojourner provided the monthly finance report which was received as information.

**SECTION 2 - CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION**

Dr. Johnson provided information on the following:

- student assessment schedule
- recently held district science fair
- upcoming district-wide spelling bee
- Read to Succeed mandate for third grade students effective with the 2017-2018 school year

MINUTES  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
FEBRUARY 13, 2017 – 7:00 P.M.

- teachers' literacy certification requirements
- recent CATE site visit.

The report was received as information.

**SECTION 3 - ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION**

- **Attorney Fees**

Bishop Holman moved that the attorney fees for January 2017 for \$1,075.00 be paid. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Thompson and passed unanimously.

- **Legislative Update**

Dr. Sojourner provided information regarding the following:

State Superintendent's proposals on increasing student cost allocations and request for additional new buses, increased bus driver salaries.

The legislature is also discussing whether the state superintendent's position will be appointed or elected.

- **First Reading of Policy Update – GCB-Professional Staff Contracts and Compensation**

Mrs. Goodman moved to approve first reading update to policy GCB. Bishop Holman seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

**SECTION 4 - SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Sojourner presented the following:

- **Request for April board meeting date change due to Spring Break** - Mrs. Goodman moved to change the April 10, 2017 regular meeting to April 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 5 p.m. because the second Monday falls during Spring Break. Mrs. Thompson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
- **Request for use of facilities by Denmark Soccer League** – Mrs. Goodman moved to approve the request for use of the district's soccer field and concession stand with the stipulation that the League clean the facilities following use. Bishop Holman seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
- **Request for Peer Educators to travel to Isle of Palms for Annual Retreat, March 9-12, 2017** – Mrs. Goodman moved to approve the trip with proper chaperones in place. Mrs. Thompson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
- **Request for Varsity Boys' Basketball team to begin fundraising for travel to Tournament in Gatlinburg, TN, December 20-24, 2017** – Mrs. Goodman moved to approve the request to begin fundraising in order to travel to Gatlinburg in December. Mrs. Thompson seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.
- Career Day was successful at high school;
- High school student recognized by National Council of Women in Technology;
- Boykin and Davis took 33 students to see movie "Hidden Figures;"
- Class for teachers to learn to teach the Constitution;
- Bamberg County had the lowest rate in teen pregnancy rate in the state;

MINUTES  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
FEBRUARY 13, 2017 – 7:00 P.M.

- Announced district Science Fair winners;
- Flu outbreak at the elementary school.

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.

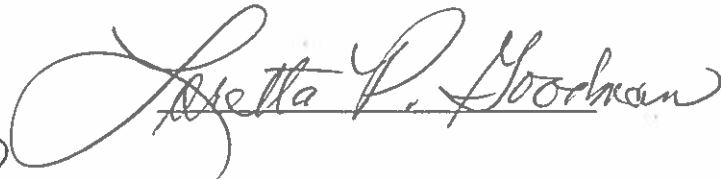
**ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS**

- **Employment/Personnel Recommendations/Matters**  
Dr. Sojourner recommended the employment of KF as a long-term substitute teacher at the high school, and JS as a track team chaperone without pay. Mrs. Goodman moved to accept the recommendations. Bishop Holman seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.
- **Student Personnel Matters**  
No action taken.
- **Contractual Matters**  
No action taken.
- **Legal Matters/Counsel**  
No action taken.

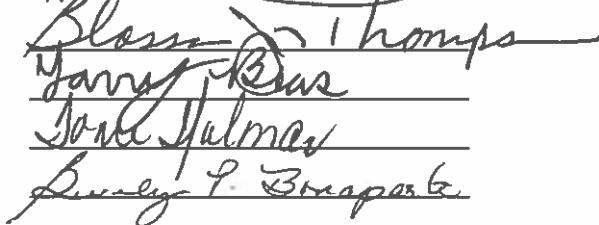
**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned without objection at 9:20 p.m.

Submitted by,



Approved:



Prepared by:  
Deborah M. Anderson

# BAMBERG SCHOOL DISTRICT TWO

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
DISTRICT OFFICE BOARD ROOM  
FEBRUARY 13, 2017 - 7:00 p.m.

## AGENDA

### CALL TO ORDER

### ROLL CALL

### MOMENT OF SILENCE

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA/ADDENDUM *(Action)*

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES *(Action)*

- Special Meeting Held January 9, 2017 - 4:00 p.m.
- Regular Meeting Held January 9, 2017 - 5:00 p.m.
- Special Meeting Held January 27, 2017

### STUDENT SERVICES

- Students of the Month

### PRESENTATIONS

- Teacher of the Month
- Healthy Initiatives . . . . . Leon Brunson, Chief Ex. Officer, Orangeburg Health Center
- Architectural Update . . . . . Tim Williams, Stevens and Wilkinson
- Denmark-Olar Elementary School . . . . . Dr. Lorraine Peebles, Principal

### 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

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

- Attorney Fees
- Legislative Update
- First Reading of Policy Update - GCB-Professional Staff Contracts and Compensation

### 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

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

### ADJOURNMENT