

MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
Denmark-Olar Board Room
Bamberg County, South Carolina
February 8, 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 January 22, 2016 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:
 - Dontavious Galloway - Elementary School
 - Raj Patel - Middle School
 - Takeria Chatman - High School

- **Recognition of Middle School Robotics Teams**
The girls' and boys' robotics teams were recognized and presented with certificates and robotics pins. The teams participated in the Lego Robotics competition held recently and placed fourth in competition.

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PRESENTATIONS

- **Teacher of the Month**
- Ms. Marquita Slater, representing Denmark-Olar Elementary School, was recognized as Teacher of the Month. Ms. Slater received a certificate from the District and a gift card courtesy of the Denmark branch of South State Bank.

- **Recognition of High School's School Improvement Council**
- The high school's School Improvement Council members were recognized and awarded certificates. The Council placed tenth in the state and is a candidate for the Tunky Riley Award for excellence in School Improvement Councils.

- **Recognition of Middle School's Robotics Team**
- Mr. Brockington presented information regarding the middle school's initiatives and improvements. The report was received as information.

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

- Mr. Bias moved that the March, April and May 2016 regular board meetings be held at 7:00 p.m., returning to the 5:00 p.m. start time in June 2016. There was no objection and the motion passed unanimously.

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 review 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.
- The request for approval of the Black History Course currently being taught at the high school was granted without objection and passed unanimously.
The report was received as information.

SECTION 3 - ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION

- **Attorney Fees**
Mrs. Goodman moved that attorney fees for January 2016 in the amount of \$3,712.00 be paid. The motion was seconded by Bishop Holman and passed unanimously.

- **Legislative Update**
Dr. Sojourner reminded the board that the annual 2DAC conferences were scheduled for March 16 and May 11 and requested that members wanting to attend notify the district.
The update was received as information.

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SECTION 4 - SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Sojourner provided information regarding the following:

- Request for senior class to travel to Orlando and Tampa, FL, April 28-May 1, 2016. Twenty-three (23) students would be participating with two chaperones, SGM Robinson and Dr. Haigler. The request was approved on a motion by Mrs. Goodman, seconded by Mrs. Thompson and unanimously passed.
 - Request for Peer Educators to travel to Isle of Palms March 10-13, 2016, with proper chaperones. The request was approved on a motion by Mrs. Goodman, seconded by Bishop Holman and unanimously passed.
 - Request for JROTC students to travel to Beaufort Marine Corp Station at Paris Island, March 2-4, 2016. Students would be traveling by chartered bus paid for by the military, chaperoned by SGM Robinson, SGM Leveretter, Mrs. Robinson, and Ms. Atterberry. The request was approved on a motion by Mrs. Goodman, seconded by Mrs. Thompson and passed unanimously.
 - Request for authorization to allow DHEC to administer Tdap vaccinations to sixth graders, with parental permission, on March 10, 2016. The request was approved on a motion by Mrs. Goodman, seconded by Mrs. Thompson and passed unanimously.
 - Governor's visit on January 25, 2016 during which she discussed the district's needs and offered assistance with the afterschool and recreation programs.
 - Distributed copies of the high school's "Guidance Gazette"
 - 35 seniors had been accepted to colleges.
 - Students had been recognized for their skills in technology.
 - Of the two students asked to present their science papers recently at USC, one had been selected to serve on a science panel.
 - Attempts to initiate a backpack program which provides nutritious weekend snacks for students beginning February 12. Mrs. Sandra Isaac is assisting with the program.
- 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/personnel recommendations presented by the superintendent be approved. Mrs. Thompson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
- **Student Personnel Matters**
No action taken.
- **Contractual Matters**
No action taken.
- **Legal Matters/Counsel**
No action taken.

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ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned without objection at 6:30 p.m.

Submitted by,

Joan Spelman

Approved:

Tyler Thompson
Jerry Bus
Lesetta Goodman

Prepared by:
Deborah M. Anderson

BAMBERG SCHOOL DISTRICT TWO

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DISTRICT OFFICE BOARD ROOM
FEBRUARY 8, 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 January 11, 2016
- Special Called Meeting Held January 22, 2016

STUDENT SERVICES

- Students of the Month
- Recognition of Middle School's Robotics Teams

PRESENTATIONS

- Teacher of the Month
- Recognition of High School's School Improvement Council
- Presentation from Denmark-Olar Middle School Daryl Brockington, 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

- 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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