

MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
Denmark-Olar Board Room
Bamberg County, South Carolina
April 6, 2020 – 7:30 p.m.

Members Present: Beverly Bonaparte, Chairman
Blossom Thompson, Vice Chairman
Loretta P. Goodman, Secretary
Tonie Holman
Larry Bias (*participated by phone*)

Also Present: Thelma Sojourner, Superintendent

CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. Bonaparte called the regular meeting to order at 7:39 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

By consensus, the meeting agenda amended to eliminate Student Services, Presentations, Unfinished Business, New Business and Chairman's Report.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the regular meeting held March 2, 2020 were unanimously approved as written on a motion by Mrs. Thompson, seconded by Mrs. Goodman, and signed by all members present.

The minutes of the special called meeting held March 24, 2020 were unanimously approved as written on a motion by Thompson, seconded by Mrs. Goodman, and signed by all members present.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mrs. Goodman moved that Public Participation, board policy BEDH, be temporarily suspended until the COVID19 threat has ended. Mrs. Thompson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

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

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- **Finance Report**

Mr. Anderson provided the finance report which was received as information.

SECTION 2 - CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

In Dr. Johnson's absence, Dr. Sojourner stated that students were participating well in returning the learning packets provided by the schools; WIFI had been installed on five buses and, beginning April 8, buses would be stationed at various locations. No WIFI and lunches would be provided during the week of April 13, spring break.

SECTION 3 - ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION

- **Attorney Fees**

Mrs. Goodman moved that the attorney invoice for March 2020 from Boykin and Davis for \$1,932.50 be tabled until clarification could be obtained. Mrs. Thompson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Mrs. Thompson moved that the attorney invoice for March 2020 from Boykin and Davis for \$360.00 be paid. Bishop Holman seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

- **Legislative Update**

Dr. Sojourner stated information was provided in a packet for board members.

- The report was received as information.

SECTION 4 - SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Sojourner provided information on the following:

- Most recent information received regarding COVID 19
- Federal funds should be coming into the district due to COVID 19
- Student's home was destroyed by fire.

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 Bishop Holman 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 employee RS's last day of employment be April 8, 2020. Mrs. Thompson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

- **Student Personnel Matters**

Mrs. Goodman moved that students GG, Jr. and CB be released to attend school in other school districts for the 2020-2021 school year. Mrs. Thompson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

- **Contractual Matters**

No action was taken.

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- **Legal Matters/Counsel**
No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned without objection at 8:25 p.m.

Submitted by,



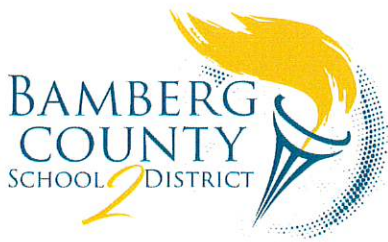
Loretta R. Godman

Approved:



David C. Bonagante
David J. Brown
Jonni A. Helms

Prepared by
Deborah Anderson



**Board of Trustees Meeting
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)*

- Regular Meeting Held March 2, 2020
- Special Meeting Held March 24, 2020

PRESENTATIONS

- Denmark-Olar Elementary School Dr. Lorraine Peoples
- Denmark-Olar High School Dr. Deonia Simmons

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION *(Action if Needed)*

UNFINISHED BUSINESS *(Action if Needed)*

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

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

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RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

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ADJOURNMENT