

MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
Denmark-Olar Board Room
Bamberg County, South Carolina
Tuesday, September 4, 2018 - 5:00 p.m.

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

Also Present: Thelma Sojourner, Superintendent

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Bias called the regular 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 special called meeting held August 6, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. were approved as written and signed by all board members.

The minutes of the regular meeting held August 6, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. were unanimously approved as written and signed by all board members.

STUDENT SERVICES

Students of the Month

Mr. Bias and Dr. Sojourner presented certificates and plaques prepared for the following students:

- Jakaila Banda, Elementary School
- Tyliyah Folk, Middle School
- Peaches Patterson, High School

PRESENTATIONS

Teacher of the Month

Mrs. Deon Branch, representing the high school, was recognized as Teacher of the Month and was presented a certificate and \$25 award.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No one signed to address the board.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business for discussion.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business for discussion.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

There was no information provided.

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 information regarding the following:

- Planning for implementation of grants
- Dissemination of curriculum guides
- Class observations/evaluations
- Professional learning labs to be established in each media center
- Staff development activities
- District spelling bee
- Parenting centers
- Summer programs for 2019.

The report was received as information.

SECTION 3 - ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION

- **Attorney Fees**

Mrs. Goodman moved to pay the attorney invoice for August 2018 for \$3,281.56, which included an unpaid balance of \$1,433.66 for July. Bishop Holman seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

- **Legislative Update**

Dr. Sojourner reminded board members about the Risky Business Conference scheduled for October 17-19, 2018 and the upcoming 2018 policy update webinar. The report was received as information.

SECTION 4 - SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Sojourner provided the following:

- Condolences to the families of two students who lost their father and grandmother, respectively;
- That an employee was currently in the hospital;
- Request from the high school for 40 students to travel to Augusta, GA on September 13, 2018 to participate in College Night. Mrs. Goodman moved that the request be granted. Bishop Holman seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
- The required letter submitted to the SC Department of Education addressing the district's financial status was approved;
- Thirteen districts participated in a conference call with the State Superintendent of Education during which the superintendents of the 13 school districts were asked to collaborate on how to share services with other districts. The districts are collaborating with the Salkehatchie Consortium to develop a plan due within 30 days of the conference call.
- District received \$15,300 for professional development
- Ron Jones from the Department of School Food Services had visited the middle school cafeteria and was pleased with the corrections made;
- Meet the Viking Night was successful and well attended;
- The groundbreaking for the new school facilities was held August 24 and was well attended.

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- The Sprint tower construction project is currently on hold until the company's status is determined
 - Dr. Anna Martin attended the art association conference in Charleston during July
 - The district has applied for a state-paid School Resource Officer for the middle school, to be provided by the City of Denmark, with the City acting as the fiscal agent. The officer must be trained prior to service.
 - Twitter message had been received from Congressman Clyburn regarding the recent groundbreaking
 - Distributed football schedules
 - Test embargo was lifted on September 4 and findings project the 2017 high school graduation rate at 97.3%.
 - Persons interested in employment opportunities during the school construction process could apply at the construction site.
- 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. Bonaparte 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**

Mr. Bias stated that he had recused himself from discussions on the employment recommendation on Listing #2 (initials AB). Mrs. Goodman stated that she would recuse herself from voting on employment recommendations Listings #2 and #8.

Bishop Holman moved that the recommendation for employment of substitute AB be approved. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Bonaparte and passed by majority vote. (Vote: In favor of the motion: Holman, Bonaparte, Thompson; Recused: Bias, Goodman)

Bishop Holman moved that the recommendations for substitutes be approved, with the exclusion of Listing #8 (initials AM). Mrs. Bonaparte seconded the motion which passed by majority vote. (Vote: In favor of the motion: Holman, Bonaparte, Thompson, Bias; Recused: Goodman)

By consensus, the board agreed to meet on Tuesday, September 11, at 9:00 a.m. to conduct the superintendent's evaluation.

- **Student Personnel Matters**

Mrs. Goodman moved that the requests for the release of students be granted. (Initials SJG, SAM, CR)
Mrs. Bonaparte seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

- **Contractual Matters**

No action was taken.

- **Legal Matters/Counsel**

No action was taken.

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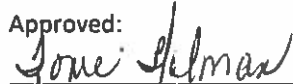

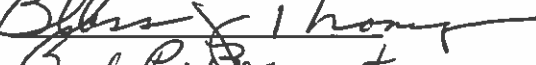

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned without objection at 6:25 p.m.

Submitted by,



Approved:

Prepared by
Deborah Anderson

BAMBERG SCHOOL DISTRICT TWO

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
DISTRICT OFFICE BOARD ROOM
OCTOBER 1, 2018
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 September 4, 2018

STUDENT SERVICES

- Students of the Month

PRESENTATIONS *(Action if Needed)*

- Teacher of the Month

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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
- First Reading of Proposed Policy Revision - CC-E - Organizational Chart
- First Reading of Proposed Policy Revision - DGA - Authorized Signatures

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

SECTION 5 - EXECUTIVE SESSION

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RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

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