

**MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
Denmark-Olar Board Room
Bamberg County, South Carolina
November 14, 2016 - 5:00 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 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 at 4:00 p.m. on October 10, 2016 were unanimously approved as written without objection. All board members present signed the approved minutes.

The minutes of the regular meeting held at 5:00 p.m. on October 10, 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 Mr. Bias and Dr. Sojourner:

- Brayden Ward, Elementary School
- Anthony Rivers, Middle School
- Jada Ashley, High School

PRESENTATIONS

- **Teacher of the Month**

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

**MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
NOVEMBER 14, 2016**

- Dr. Sojourner presented to Bishop Holman a pin and certificate for having reached Level Four in the South Carolina School Boards Association (SCSBA) Boardmanship Institute.
- Dr. Sojourner introduced to the board School Resource Officer Woodrow Jones.
- Mrs. Cathy Self, on behalf of Feed My Sheep Ministries, presented the Thanksgiving Art Contest winners:

Middle School

First Place: Corissa Jamison
Second Place: Zynea Williams
Third Place: Ty'Angela Peace

High School

First Place: Julia Avesta & Jesse Collins
Second Place: Candace Davis
Third Place: Nyuannia Sherman
Fourth Place: Bellrica Williams

Others selected for exhibition: Lola Dunbar, Zorria Greggs, Jailyn Jones, Breya Ladun, Carmen Major, Da'Veon Nelson, Kijuana Moore, Sheila Serrano, Alizeya Wilson

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Dr. Anna Martin commended the board for its collaboration with the community and schools in passing the November 8, 2016 bond referendum.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no Unfinished Business for discussion.

NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Goodman requested that the board renew its effort to begin use of computers for board meetings and requested that board members schedule a date for a refresher training at the beginning of the year.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Mr. Bias thanked the voters for supporting the bond referendum and expressed special thanks to Congressman Jim Clyburn and his colleagues for their help in securing funding.

SECTION 1 - FINANCE

Finance Report

Mr. Anderson presented the monthly finance report. Mrs. Goodman asked what the schools used the school activities funds for. Dr. Sojourner responded that the check registers included with the monthly report listed the schools' expenditures. Mrs. Goodman asked if the high school's funds could be used to purchase students' athletic uniforms and shoes. Dr. Sojourner responded that all teams have new uniforms this year and that students only needed to purchase their shoes. The report was received as information.

SECTION 2 - CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

Dr. Johnson stated that she had attended an AdvancED conference on November 11 and that the district had met all criteria for accreditation, valid through June 2021. Dr. Johnson presented the framed certificate received at the AdvancED meeting. She also stated that 2015-2016 state report cards would be released to the public on November 15. The report was received as information.

SECTION 3 - ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION

Attorney Fees

**MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
NOVEMBER 14, 2016**

Mrs. Goodman moved that the attorney fees for October 2016 for \$2,390.48 be paid. The motion was seconded by Bishop Holman and passed unanimously.

- Legislative Update

Dr. Sojourner stated that copies of the policy updates and delegate assembly manual for the December delegate assembly received from SC School Boards Association had been provided to board members

SECTION 4 - SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Sojourner provided the following:

- Proposed revised 2016-2017 calendar reflecting make-up days missed due to hurricane Matthew and noted that it was still likely that additional weather related days may be missed further into the winter season.

Mrs. Goodman stated that since the state is allowing the district to determine whether to make-up days, that the district should not be forced to do so. A poll was taken to determine the board's feeling. The remaining board members agreed to approve the calendar as presented, including the make-up days. Bishop Holman moved that the amended calendar be approved as presented, including the weather related make-up days. Mrs. Thompson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

- Information regarding student Jessie Collins' art displayed at the SC State Fair
- Veteran's Day program held at the high school on November 11
- Request from Denmark Recreation Center for use of the elementary school gymnasium November 2016 through March 2017. Mrs. Goodman moved that the request be granted. Mrs. Bonaparte seconded the motion. During debate, Mr. Bias reiterated that the group maintain proper housekeeping and that Dr. Peebles be provided a schedule of practices and games. The motion passed unanimously.
- Appreciation to board members who attended the schools' awards programs
- USC-Aiken STEM program had been funded for the next two years
- Invitation to attend the Bamberg County Courthouse ribbon cutting on November 18, 2016
- Provided athletic schedules.

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.

Mrs. Thompson left the meeting and was not present during Executive Session.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

The board voted unanimously to return to Open Session.

MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
NOVEMBER 14, 2016

ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS

- **Employment/Personnel Recommendations/Matters**

Dr. Sojourner requested that the board accept the resignation of employee SG and approve as volunteers MP and GP at the high school for the remainder of the 2016-2017 school year. The request was approved on a motion by Goodman, seconded by Bishop Holman and passed unanimously.

Dr. Sojourner presented a request to allow the district's School Resource Officer to serve as a volunteer for the varsity and junior varsity girls' basketball teams. The request was approved on a motion by Mrs. Goodman, seconded by Bishop Holman and unanimously passed.

Mr. Bias stated that a letter had been delivered to the superintendent regarding her evaluation. He requested that, if any rebuttal was needed, she could address the board at a later time.

- **Student Personnel Matters**

No action taken.

- **Contractual Matters**

No action taken.

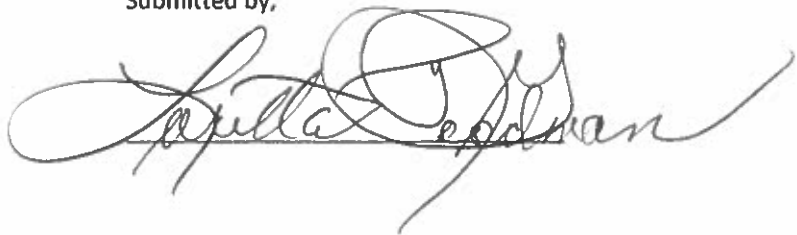
- **Legal Matters/Counsel**

No action taken.

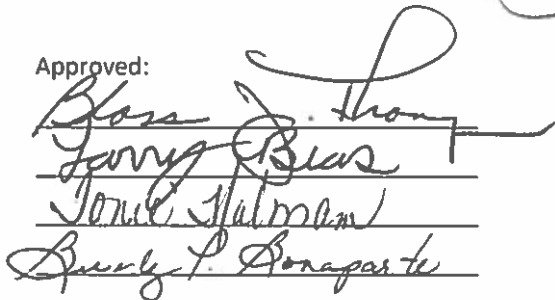
ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned without objection at 7:00 p.m.

Submitted by,



Approved:



Prepared by:

Deborah M. Anderson

BAMBERG SCHOOL DISTRICT TWO

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
DISTRICT OFFICE BOARD ROOM
NOVEMBER 14, 2016 - 5:00 p.m.

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

MOMENT OF SILENCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA/ADDENDUM *(Action)*

APPROVAL OF MINUTES *(Action)*

- Special Called Meeting Held October 10, 2016 - 4:00 p.m.
- Regular Meeting Held October 10, 2016 - 5:00 p.m.

STUDENT SERVICES

- Students of the Month

PRESENTATIONS

- Teacher of the Month
- School Resource Officer
- Thanksgiving Art Contest—Feed My Sheep Ministry

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
- Resolution Declaring Results of Bond Referendum

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