

**MINUTES**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**  
**Denmark-Olar Board Room**  
**Bamberg County, South Carolina**  
**July 8, 2019 – 11:00 a.m.**

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

**Member Absent:** Larry Bias

**Also Present:** Thelma Sojourner, Superintendent

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mrs. Bonaparte called the regular meeting to order at 11:00 a.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**

The meeting agenda was unanimously approved as written without objection.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the regular meeting held June 10, 2019 were unanimously approved as written and signed by all members present.

The minutes of the special called meeting held June 17, 2019 were unanimously approved as written and signed by all members present.

The minutes of the special called meeting held June 25, 2019 were unanimously approved as written and signed by all members present.

**STUDENT SERVICES**

**Students of the Month**

No presentations were made.

**PRESENTATIONS**

**Construction Update**

-Tim Williams of Stevens and Wilkinson Architects presented the following proposed signage options for the schools under construction and renovation:

**Building Signs:**

PreK-8 - Option 3

High School Front – Option 2

Stadium Building – Option 3 (which would require additional funds to include a Viking mascot sign). This signage requires the most immediate determination in order to be in place for the first home game at the end of August 2019.

**Monument Signs:**

Pre-K-8 Site - Denmark-Olar Pre-K-8 School with placement at the Church Street entrance

High School Site – There is not sufficient district-owned property to place a monument sign at the actual entrance and placing a monument sign at the current signage site would not properly direct visitors to the correct road for entrance to

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the high school. If the use of the monument sign at the entry road is eliminated, the savings could fund the Viking mascot signage.

Mr. Williams stated that the stadium and restrooms would be ready for the first home football game in late August, however, the teams' changing rooms will not be ready at that time.

James Hall of Thompson Turner Construction provided updates on the construction/renovations since March.

Both presentations were 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**

No information was provided.

**SECTION 1 - FINANCE**

- **Finance Report**  
Mr. Anderson provided the finance report which was received as information.
- **Proposed General Obligation Bond Resolution**  
Action was postponed until the regular August board meeting.

**SECTION 2 - CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION**

- Dr. Johnson provided information regarding changes in student assessment administration; completed summer enrichment programs; preliminary federal projects budgets; and Upstart, a program which will provide laptops for PK-4 students at no cost to the student. The program will provide additional assistance to students in reading, math and science throughout the school year.  
The report was received as information.

**SECTION 3 - ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION**

- **Attorney Fees**  
Mrs. Goodman moved that the attorney fees in the amount of \$1,144.25 for June be paid. Bishop Holman seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
- **Legislative Update**  
Dr. Sojourner reminded board members of the School Law Conference August 24-25 in Charleston.
- **Second Reading of Proposed Revision of Policy ADC - Tobacco Free School District**
- **Second Reading of Proposed Revision of Policy GED - Tobacco Free Workplace**
- **Second Reading of Proposed Revision of Policy JICG - Tobacco Use by Students**  
Mrs. Goodman moved that the above policies be given second reading approval. Mrs. Thompson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

**SECTION 4 - SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Sojourner provided the following:

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- All district schools and the district office had received "All Clear" status from the state accreditation office.
  - Request from Feed My Sheep Ministries to use the high school cafeteria for the annual Thanksgiving Day community dinner. Mrs. Goodman moved that the request be granted. Mrs. Thompson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
  - Recommendation that, if feasible, the district look into completing the installation of the softball/baseball field at the high school.
  - Recognition of high school student, Ta'Najya Holman, who had attended the Congress of the National Academy of Future Physicians and Medical Scientists at the University of Lowell in June.
  - Students involved in technology and cyber security classes being offered at Voorhees College
  - 14 students enrolled in Upward Bound program at Denmark Technical College
  - JROTC students recently returned from boot camp
  - High school student, Jayla Tyler, attending Girls' State.
- 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 of AE, SA, KG, and EG be approved for the 2019-2020 school year. Mrs. Thompson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

- **Student Personnel Matters**

No action was taken.

- **Contractual Matters**

No action was taken.

- **Legal Matters/Counsel**

No action was taken.

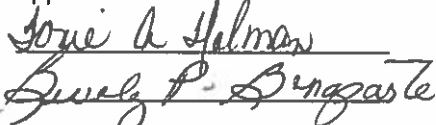
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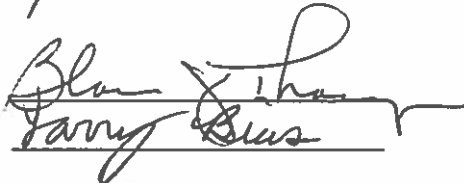
The meeting was adjourned without objection at 1:15 p.m.

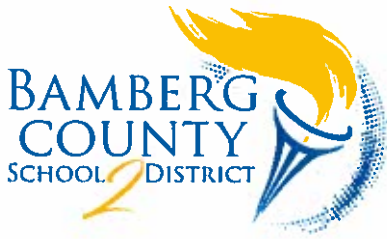
Submitted by,



Approved:







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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 June 10, 2019
- Special Called Meeting Held June 17, 2019
- Special Called Meeting Held June 25, 2019

**STUDENT SERVICES**

**PRESENTATIONS (Action if Needed)**

- Construction Update

**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
- Proposed General Obligation Bond Resolution

**SECTION 2 - CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION ..... Dr. Ruby J. Johnson**

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

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- Legislative Update
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**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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**ADJOURNMENT**