

MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
Denmark-Olar Board Room
Bamberg County, South Carolina
May 13, 2019 - 5:00 p.m.

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

Also Present: Thelma Sojourner, Superintendent

CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. Bonaparte 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 regular meeting held April 1, 2019 were unanimously approved as written and signed by all board members.

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

STUDENT SERVICES

Students of the Month

Mrs. Bonaparte and Dr. Sojourner presented certificates and plaques prepared for the following Students of the Month:

- James Isaac, Elementary School
- Katlyn Cramer, Middle School
- Raj Patel, High School

PRESENTATIONS

Teacher of the Month

- Mrs. Shelby Berry, representing the elementary school, was recognized as Teacher of the Month and was presented a certificate and \$25 award.

Construction Update

- No information was presented.

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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 presented the monthly finance report which was received as information.

- **First Reading of Proposed 2019-2020 FY Budget**

Mr. Anderson presented a proposed estimated 2019-2020 FY budget although some information still had not been provided from the state legislature. The board reviewed the proposed budget and directed Mr. Anderson to revisit the budget only including increases to \$10 per hour for the 21 employees currently being paid less than \$10 per hour and teachers' salary increases. Mrs. Goodman moved that action on the proposed budget be tabled until a called meeting could be held to review the revised proposed budget. Mrs. Thompson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

SECTION 2 - CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

Dr. Johnson presented information on the recently held spelling bee, student testing progression, and the after school program which would be ending on May 23. The report was received as information.

SECTION 3 - ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION

- **Attorney Fees**

Mrs. Goodman moved that the attorney fees for March and April 2019 totaling \$5,446.78 be approved for payment. Mrs. Thompson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

- **Legislative Update**

Dr. Sojourner stated that the legislators still had not finalized discussions on teacher pay raises concerns following the teacher protest. The report was received as information.

- **Second Reading of Proposed 2019-2020 Calendar**

Mrs. Goodman moved that the proposed 2019-2020 calendar be approved on second reading. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Thompson and passed unanimously.

SECTION 4 - SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Sojourner provided the following:

-Request from JROTC to travel to Patriot's Point in Mt. Pleasant, SC, May 16-17, 2019. Mrs. Goodman moved that the request be approved. Mr. Bias seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

-Request from JROTC to travel to Ft. Jackson for summer camp June 9-15, 2019. Mrs. Goodman moved that the request be approved. Mr. Bias seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

-Mr. Brockington had recently completed the requirements for a doctoral degree

-Mrs. Deon Branch, high school science teacher and district Teacher of the Year, was recognized recently during the state Teacher of the Year awards banquet in Columbia and had also recently presented at the National Science Conference in St. Louis, MO

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- Ms. Jennifer Sanders, high school math teacher, had recently presented at the STEAM conference in San Diego, CA
 - JROTC was to post the colors at the State Board of Education meeting on May 14
 - School menus for May
 - An ariel view of the construction site
 - That the high school administrative staff would have to be relocated during the summer to allow for renovations to the office area
 - High school graduation is scheduled for June 7 at Voorhees College
 - The Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority had established a closet at the elementary school with clothing and school supplies for students.
- The report was received as information.

Following the Superintendent’s Report, Mrs. Bonaparte thanked Mr. Bias for his service as chairman of the board of trustees.

SECTION 5 - EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Bias 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.

Mrs. Goodman moved that the board hold a special called meeting to review the revised proposed budget on May 23, and that the budget information be provided to the board on May 22. Bishop Holman seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Mr. Anderson stated that he would not be at work on May 23. After discussion, Mrs. Goodman moved to adhere the following schedule:

May 17, 2019	Provide Proposed Budget to Board
May 20, 2019	Board Meeting/First Reading of Proposed Budget @ 9:30 a.m.
May 30, 2019	Publish Public Budget Hearing Notice
June 17, 2019	Public Hearing @ 9:30 a.m. and Second Reading of Proposed Budget

Mrs. Thompson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS

- **Employment/Personnel Recommendations/Matters**
Dr. Sojourner recommended the approval of employees who are not returning to the district and employee resignations, including Coach P. Mrs. Goodman moved that the recommendation be approved. Mrs. Thompson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
- **Student Personnel Matters**
No action was taken.
- **Contractual Matters**
No action was taken.

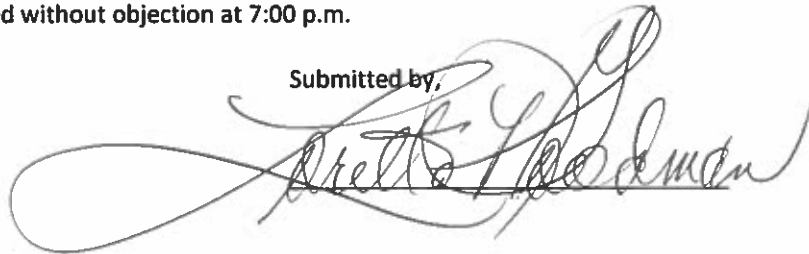
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- Legal Matters/Counsel
No action was taken.

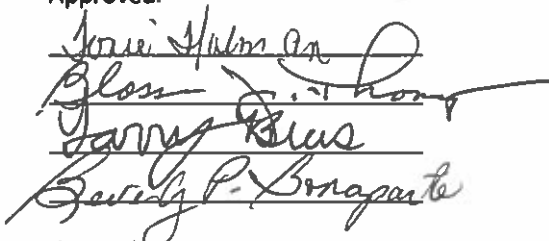
ADJOURNMENT

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

Submitted by,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brett Goldman", written over a horizontal line.

Approved:

Four handwritten signatures in black ink, stacked vertically over horizontal lines. The signatures appear to be: "Jorie Hulon on", "Bloss", "Gary Bus", and "Sandy P. Bonaparte".

Prepared by
Deborah Anderson



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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 April 1, 2019
- Special Called Meeting Held April 25, 2019

STUDENT SERVICES

- Students of the Month

PRESENTATIONS (Action if Needed)

- Teacher of the Month
- 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
- First Reading of Proposed 2019-2020 FY Budget

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

SECTION 3 - ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION (Action if Needed)

- Attorney Fees
- Legislative Update
- Second Reading of Proposed 2019-2020 Calendar

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

SECTION 5 - EXECUTIVE SESSION

- Employment/Personnel Recommendations/Matters
- Student Personnel Matters
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RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS

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ADJOURNMENT