

**MINUTES**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**  
**Denmark-Olar Board Room**  
**Bamberg County, South Carolina**  
**October 12, 2015 -5:00 p.m.**

**Members Present:** Larry Bias, Chairman  
Alvin Maynor, Vice Chairman (*via telephone*)  
Tonie Holman, Secretary  
Loretta P. Goodman  
Blossom Thompson (*arrived at 5:04 p.m.*)

**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 regular meeting held September 14, 2015 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 Bishop Holman and Dr. Sojourner:

- Donte Galloway - Elementary School
- Zynea Williams - Middle School (*not present at meeting*)
- Julia Avesta - High School (*not present at meeting*)

**PRESENTATIONS**

- **Teacher of the Month**

Mrs. Brenda Funchess, representing Denmark-Olar Middle School, was recognized as Teacher of the Month. Mrs. Funchess was not present for the presentation but will receive a certificate from the District and a gift card courtesy of the Denmark branch of South State Bank.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

No one signed to address the board during Public Participation.

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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**

No information was provided.

**SECTION 1 - FINANCE**

- **Finance Report**

Mr. Anderson presented the monthly finance report which was received as information.

Mr. Maynor requested information on procurement procedures relative to expenditure of funds for use of a chartered bus to transport high school students to an event held in Augusta, GA. Dr. Sojourner stated that because the district's activity bus is not operational, the charter bus was engaged and that generally, the district would use a company with the most economical pricing.

**SECTION 2 - CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION**

- Dr. Johnson provided information regarding:

- Pre-test assessments at the elementary school
- PSAT for tenth grade students on October 14
- Gifted and Talented evaluation for second grade students in November
- MAP testing to be completed within the week
- Afterschool program on Wednesdays and Thursdays, Oct 28 – April 28
- SDE Medicaid audits on October 23
- State Board of Education desk audit to be conducted by October 30 and possible on-site visit
- Title I on-site visit on November 19
- CATE monitoring visit – Date to be determined
- Student learning objectives currently being developed by teachers

The report was received as information.

**SECTION 3 - ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION**

- **Attorney Fees**

Mrs. Goodman moved that attorney fees for September 2015 in the amount of \$10,760.98 be paid. The motion was seconded by Bishop Holman and passed unanimously.

- **Legislative Update**

Dr. Sojourner stated that state regulations on student attendance are being reviewed relative to recent weather conditions. The district had missed two days, October 5 and 6, 2015 due to weather and she proposed to use two staff development days, October 19, 2015 and January 11, 2016, as make-up days, which would be two of three built-in make-up days as mandated by state legislation.

The update was received as information.

**SECTION 4 - SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Sojourner provided information regarding the following:

- Request by AKA sorority for use of the middle school gym on January 16, 2016 for Golden Harvest food distribution site. Mrs. Goodman moved that the request be approved, that the facilities be left clean following use and that they be responsible for the cost of the custodian on site. Bishop Holman seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

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- Request from Mr. Capehart, agriculture teacher at the high school, to transport four students with two chaperones, including himself, to Louisville, KY, October 28, 31, 2015. He proposes to rent the proper van to transport the group but still needed to raise an additional \$1000 by October 28. Students have agreed to self-pay \$125. If adequate funds are not raised, he will attend the conference without the students. Mrs. Goodman moved that the trip be approved if Mr. Capehart can raise the remaining \$1000 needed. Mrs. Thompson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
- The elementary school is sponsoring a "Pack the Bus" campaign to provide assistance for the midlands disaster relief. Mr. Harold Johnson has volunteered use of his bus at no charge to deliver items collected on Thursday or Friday of the current week. Dr. Sojourner encouraged persons wanting to contribute to contact the elementary school.
- The passing of attorney Charles Boykin's mother during the past week. As requested by the family, the district would make a \$75 contribution to the Sallie Boykin Scholarship Fund at Morris College in lieu of flowers.
- Information regarding some accomplishments of recent graduates of the district.
- Update on the JROTC battalion.

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 to return to Open Session on a motion by Mrs. Goodman, seconded by Mrs. Thompson and unanimously passed.

**ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS**

- **Employment/Personnel Recommendations/Matters**  
By consensus, the board agreed to hold a special called meeting October 19, 2015 at 4:00 p.m. to continue the superintendent's evaluation.
- **Student Personnel Matters**  
No action taken.
- **Contractual Matters**  
By consensus, the board agreed to also discuss contractual matters during the October 19, 2015 special called meeting.
- **Legal Matters/Counsel**  
No action taken.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned without objection at 6:15 p.m.

Submitted by,

Joan Helman

Approved:

Blossie Thompson  
Jerry Blue  
Joan Helman

Prepared by:  
Deborah M. Anderson

# BAMBERG SCHOOL DISTRICT TWO

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
DISTRICT OFFICE BOARD ROOM  
OCTOBER 12, 2015 – 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 14, 2015

**STUDENT SERVICES**

- Students of the Month

**PRESENTATIONS**

- Teacher of the Month

**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

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

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**ADJOURNMENT**