

**MINUTES**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**  
**Denmark-Olar Board Room**  
**Bamberg County, South Carolina**  
**April 1, 2019 - 5:00 p.m.**

**Members Present:** Larry Bias, Chairman  
Blossom Thompson, Vice Chairman  
Loretta P. Goodman, Secretary  
Tonie Holman  
Beverly Bonaparte (*participated by phone*)

**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 regular meeting held March 4, 2019 were unanimously approved as written and signed by all board members present.

The minutes of the special called meeting held March 28, 2019 were unanimously approved as written and signed by all board members present.

**STUDENT SERVICES**

**Students of the Month**

Mr. Bias and Dr. Sojourner presented certificates and plaques prepared for the following Students of the Month:

- Reginae' Youmans, Elementary School
- Marcus Wheeler, Middle School
- Aaliyah Warren, High School

**PRESENTATIONS**

**Teacher of the Month**

- Mr. Walter Baker, representing the middle school, was recognized as Teacher of the Month and was presented a certificate and \$25 award.

**Construction Update**

- Paul Willis and Todd McElveen of Thompson Turner presented updates on the construction of the school building project.

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**DOHS School Report**

- Dr. Deonia Simmons, principal, presented a report which highlighted the high school's initiatives, accomplishments, student assessments, enrollment and program offerings. Dr. Simmons was commended on the school's improvements and progress and the report was 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 presented the monthly finance report which was received as information.
- **Proposed 2019-2020 Budget Preparation Calendar**  
Mrs. Goodman moved that the proposed budget preparation calendar be approved with the change of the date of the board work session from April 8 to April 25, 2019 at 3:30 p.m. Bishop Holman seconded the motion which passed unanimously. (Attachment 1)

**SECTION 2 - CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION**

In Dr. Johnson's absence, Dr. Sojourner provided information regarding science fair award recipients; summer schedule; and testing schedule beginning May 13. The report was received as information.

**SECTION 3 - ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION**

- **Attorney Fees**  
No attorney fees were presented for action.
- **Legislative Update**  
Dr. Sojourner stated that the education bill was still not finalized and that teacher pay raises and Tier 4 districts were still being discussed. The report was received as information.

**SECTION 4 - SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Sojourner provided the following:

- JROTC has been invited to present the colors on May 14 at 1:00 p.m. at the State Board meeting
  - Dr. Teresa Haigler was the recipient of the College Board's Female Diversity Award
  - STEAM and report card pick-up was scheduled for April 4 at the high school
  - Jennifer Sanders, high school math teacher, and Deon Branch, high school science teacher, would be presenting at a national conference
  - School menus
  - Copy of proposed 2019-2020 school year calendar for consideration at the next board meeting.
- The report was received as information.

**SECTION 5 - EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mrs. Goodman moved that the board enter Executive Session to discuss the following:

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- 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.

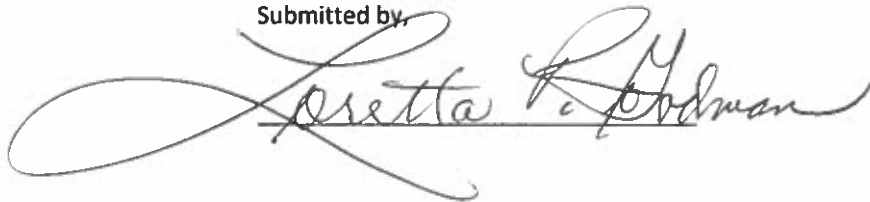
**ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS**

- **Employment/Personnel Recommendations/Matters**  
No action was taken.
  
- **Student Personnel Matters**  
The request for transfer of a student, GG, Jr., was ratified on a motion by Mrs. Goodman, seconded by Mrs. Thompson and unanimously passed.
  
- **Contractual Matters**  
No action was taken.
  
- **Legal Matters/Counsel**  
No action was taken.

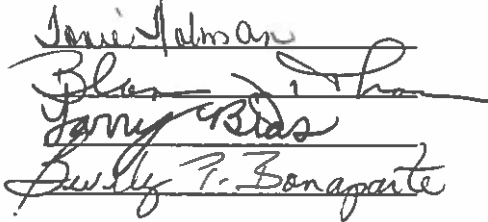
**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned without objection at 6:30 p.m.

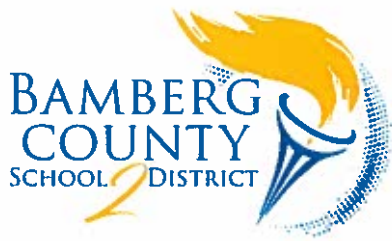
Submitted by,



Approved:



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 March 4, 2019
- Special Called Meeting Held March 28, 2019

**STUDENT SERVICES**

- Students of the Month

**PRESENTATIONS (Action if Needed)**

- Teacher of the Month
- Construction Update
- DOHS School Report ..... Dr. Deonia Simmons, Principal

**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 2019-2020 Budget Preparation Calendar

**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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**RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

**ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS**

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**ADJOURNMENT**