

MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
Denmark-Olar Board Room
Bamberg County, South Carolina
January 7, 2019 - 5:00 p.m.

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

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 December 10, 2018 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:

- Ashton Sanders, Elementary School
- Treasure Washington, Middle School
- Phanisha Williams, High School

PRESENTATIONS

Teachers of the Month

- Ms. Deidre Fisher, representing the middle school, was recognized as Teacher of the Month and was presented a certificate and \$25 award.

School Board Recognition

- Dr. Sojourner recognized the board members in observance of School Board Appreciation month by presenting a resolution and gift cards. The board members signed a document of ethical practices which they observe.
- Dr. Sojourner also presented a certificate and pin from the SC School Board Association to Mrs. Thompson in recognition of her 20 years' service on the board.

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Construction Team Update

- Representatives from the architectural and construction companies provided progress reports on the ongoing school building project. The board received the reports 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

- Mr. Bias provided information regarding the date changes of the regular January – April board meetings.
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SECTION 1 - FINANCE

- **Finance Report**
In Mr. Anderson's absence, Dr. Sojourner presented the monthly finance report which was received as information.
- **FY18 Audit Report**
Steve Luoma, auditor with McGregor and Company, presented the results of the FY18 audit. The report was received as information.

SECTION 2 - CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

Dr. Johnson was not present at the meeting.

SECTION 3 - ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION

- **Attorney Fees**
No action was taken.
- **Legislative Update**
Dr. Sojourner stated that
-Legislature will be discussing a potential five percent teacher pay raise and property tax reconfiguration.
The report was received as information.

SECTION 4 - SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Sojourner provided the following:

- Request for 20 high school students to travel to Charlotte, NC, February 1, 2019 for STEM with costs to be paid by students. Mrs. Goodman moved that the request be approved. Bishop Holman seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
 - Atlantic Institute of Art recognized several students for their artwork
 - Drone photos of the construction site, provided by Dr. Anna Martin
 - Active Shooter Training scheduled for 9:00 a.m. on January 22 at the high school
 - The middle and high school gym floors had been redone
- 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

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- 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**

Dr. Sojourner stated that the media would be notified of an employee grievance hearing scheduled for January 11.

- **Student Personnel Matters**

No action was taken.

- **Contractual Matters**

Dr. Sojourner recommended that the board hold a financial workshop with Mr. Luoma, the auditor, on January 24 if he is available on that date. Mrs. Goodman moved that the recommendation be approved. Bishop Holman seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Mrs. Goodman moved that the superintendent intervene with Mr. Boland, the owner of the laundromat, regarding the purchase of the property. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Boneparte and passed unanimously.

- **Legal Matters/Counsel**

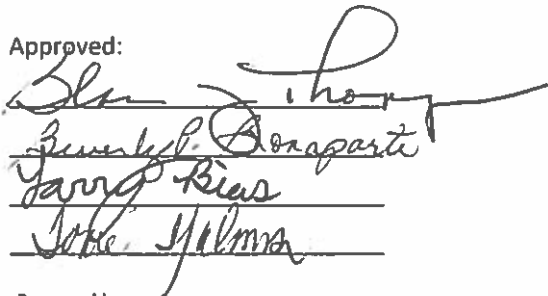
No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned without objection at 6:56 p.m.

Submitted by,

Approved:



Prepared by
Deborah Anderson

BAMBERG SCHOOL DISTRICT TWO

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
DISTRICT OFFICE BOARD ROOM
JANUARY 7, 2019
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 December 10, 2018

STUDENT SERVICES

- Students of the Month

PRESENTATIONS (Action if Needed)

- Teacher of the Month
- School Board Recognition
- Construction Team 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
- FY18 Audit Report Steve Luoma, Auditor, McGregor & Company

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

SECTION 5 - EXECUTIVE SESSION

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RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS

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ADJOURNMENT