

TRUSTEES MEETING
Denmark-Olar Board Room
Bamberg County, South Carolina
July 7, 2014 – 7:00 p.m.

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

Present: Dr. Thelma Sojourner, Superintendent

Mr. Bias called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.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 was conducted with attendance as recorded above.

A moment of silence was observed.

The meeting agenda was unanimously approved as written without objection.

The minutes of the following meetings were approved as written without objection.

-Regular meeting held June 9, 2014

-Special called meeting held June 18, 2014

-Special called meeting held June 24, 2014

All members present at the meeting signed the approved minutes.

There were no Presentations.

No one signed to address the board during Public Participation.

There was no Unfinished Business for discussion.

There was no New Business for discussion.

During the Chairman's Report, Mr. Bias stated that a ruling had been made by the courts that public bodies may amend a regular meeting agenda and that a regular meeting agenda was not necessary. Mr. Bias stated, with the consensus of the board that it was his opinion that, for the sake of transparency, the board meeting agenda should continue to be published and that the board should continue to conduct meetings according to the published agenda without additions.

Mr. Maynor provided an overview of the Southern Region Board Conference held in Savannah, GA, in June. He stated that it was stressed that it is important to help community members understand the role of a board member and that teamwork was very important for the growth of the school district. The conference was also attended by Bishop Holman and Mrs. Goodman.

Mr. Anderson presented the Finance Report, which was received as information.

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During Curriculum and Instruction, in Dr. Johnson's absence, Dr. Sojourner stated that preliminary End of Course and PASS test scores had been received and were being evaluated. She stated that an official report would be provided upon the Department of Education's approval to release the information. The report was received as information.

Mr. Maynor moved that the attorney fees for June 2014 in the amount of \$707.92 be paid. Mrs. Thompson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

During the Legislative Update, Dr. Sojourner stated that notice had been received regarding funding of approximately \$60,000 for the Read to Success program, which would fund a position for an elementary school reading coach, utilizing a current teacher. She stated that since the initial notice of the funding, the amount due to be received had been reduced and that she would provide the final funding amount when that information is received. The report was received as information.

During the Superintendent's Report, Dr. Sojourner:

- Reported that a former student, Travis Bryant, had passed away in a military training accident and that the funeral service would be held July 10, 2014 in the high school gymnasium. Mr. Bias asked that Dr. Sojourner be certain that all district personnel on duty are compensated for their time. Mr. Maynor asked if the school had sufficient chairs for the service. Dr. Sojourner responded that was hopeful that there would be.
- Reported that the Denmark Recreation Center had requested use of the district's football field, baseball field, and transportation. Dr. Sojourner stated that she had met with Henry Odom from the Recreation Center and suggested that the Center schedule their games during daylight hours; that restroom supplies be provided by the Center for use during their activities; and that the facilities be left clean following their use. She stated that the district has one activity bus and she was not certain that the district would be able to provide transportation for the Center. Mrs. Thompson moved that the Denmark Recreation Center be allowed to use the requested facilities. Bishop Holman seconded the motion. During debate, Mr. Maynor requested that, as a stipulation, the Center be notified that if district staff had to clean the facilities following the Center's use, the Center would be billed for the cost involved. The motion passed unanimously with the inclusion of the debate discussion.
- Reported that the State Accountability Office had notified the district that the elementary school's status was upgraded to "All Clear" and that the principal was duly certified. She stated that the middle school and district office were still listed as "Advised."
- Commended the board members for the number of training hours achieved during the 2013-2014 school year.

The report was received as information.

Bishop Holman moved that the board enter Executive Session for the discussion of the following:

- Employment/Personnel Recommendations/Matters
- Student Personnel Matters
- Contractual Matters

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- Legal Matters/Counsel

Mrs. Thompson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The board voted unanimously to return to Open Session.

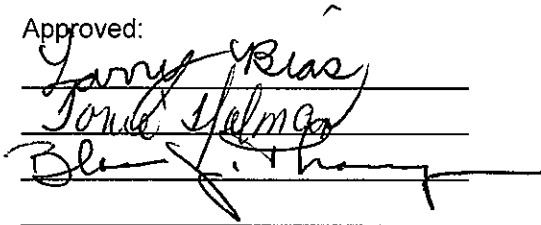
Mr. Maynor moved that the requests for the release of students (initials DTJ, PB, IJM, NM) to attend school in other districts for the 2014-2015 school year be granted. Mrs. Thompson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mrs. Thompson moved that the recommendations for employment (initials SK and NB) for 2014-2015, as presented by the superintendent, be approved. Bishop Holman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Without objection, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Submitted by,

Approved:



Prepared by:
Deborah M. Anderson

BAMBERG SCHOOL DISTRICT TWO

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING JULY 7, 2014 – 7:00 p.m. AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

MOMENT OF SILENCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA/ADDENDUM *(Action)*

APPROVAL OF MINUTES *(Action)*

- Regular Meeting Held June 9, 2014
- Special Called Meeting Held June 18, 2014
- Special Called Meeting Held June 24, 2014

PRESENTATIONS

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

SECTION 5 - EXECUTIVE SESSION

- Employment/Personnel Recommendations/Matters
- Student Personnel Matters
- Contractual Matters
- Legal Matters/Counsel

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS

- Employment/Personnel Recommendations/Matters
- Student Personnel Matters
- Contractual Matters
- Legal Matters/Counsel

ADJOURNMENT