

**TRUSTEES MEETING**  
**Denmark-Olar Board Room**  
**Bamberg County, South Carolina**  
**August 11, 2014 – 5:00 p.m.**

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

Member Absent: Alvin Maynor, Vice Chairman

Present: Dr. Thelma Sojourner, Superintendent

Mr. Bias called the regular meeting to order at 5:00 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 regular meeting held July 7, 2014 were approved as written without objection.

All members present at the meeting signed the approved minutes.

During Presentations -

- Dr. Sojourner presented a certificate and pin to Bishop Holman for having reached Level 3 in the SC School Boards Association's Boardmanship Institute;
- Mr. Bias and members of the Denmark-Olar High School Class of 1984 presented school supplies for each of the three schools and a \$450 donation for the band booster club.

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 presented to the superintendent information regarding the CSRA College Night scheduled to be held in Augusta, GA, and asked that the information be distributed to the appropriate personnel.

In Mr. Anderson's absence, Dr. Sojourner presented the Finance Report, which was received as information.

During Curriculum and Instruction, Dr. Johnson presented information regarding

- the district's applications for Title 1, Title 2, Title 6 and CATE programs
- Federal priority funds
- Textbook distribution updates
- ADEPT training

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- End of Course results – Dr. Johnson stated that, although the EOC results had been received, the Department of Education had not lifted the embargo allowing the results to be publicized.
- Offered to give a presentation regarding Common Core at the regular September board meeting.

Dr. Johnson stated that eight students who previously failed the exit exam had completed paper work for the board's approval to request high school diplomas, based on the new legislation. The report was received as information.

Mrs. Goodman moved that the attorney fees for July 2014 for \$2,763.15 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:

- Informed the board of the Bamberg Police Department's request that the district participate in funding a K-9 unit for narcotics detection in the county;
- Informed the board that Mallory Biering was no longer a reporter for the Advertiser-Herald and is now employed by the Bamberg County Beautification Council. Ms. Biering is in the process of writing a county-wide beautification grant which, if funded, will provide some trees to be planted at each school site;
- Presented a request from the Thanksgiving Dinner Committee for use of the high school facilities for its annual dinner. The board unanimously approved the request with the provision that district employees who work during the use of the facilities are properly paid.
- Requested approval to continue the contract with Orangeburg District Four to provide alternative school services for the 2014-2015 school year. Mrs. Goodman moved that the contract be continued for the 2014-2015 school year. Mrs. Thompson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
- Provided information regarding the high school's success with the SC Farm Program. The high school was recognized by the state for its exemplary effort in four components of the program and was authorized to receive funding for the 2014-2015 school year.
- Stated that five students who previously failed the HSAP exam had applied for diplomas based on the new legislation.
- Stated that teachers would be returning on August 7 for the 2014-2015 school year; that Progressive Church would again be hosting breakfast on August 11; and that the district-wide luncheon would be held August 12, with trainings scheduled for the remainder of the week. Students would be returning August 18.

The report was received as information.

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

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

Mrs. Thompson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The board voted unanimously to return to Open Session.

Mrs. Goodman moved that the requests for the release of students (initials LTG, JTS, JTS, JTS, JTS, KJ, KJ, and KNM) to attend school in other districts for the 2014-2015 school year be granted. Mrs. Thompson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

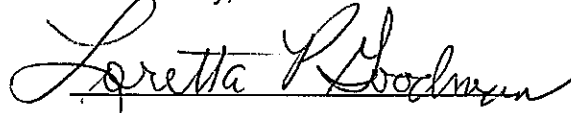
Mrs. Goodman moved that the recommendations for employment for 2014-2015, as presented by the superintendent, be approved. Mrs. Thompson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mrs. Goodman moved that the requests of five persons who had petitioned the board for approval to receive high school diplomas, based on recent legislation (Act 155) be approved. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Thompson and passed unanimously.

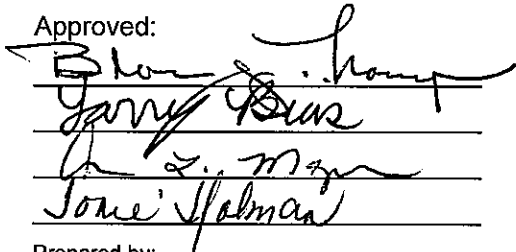
Dr. Sojourner reminded the board of the first football game scheduled for Friday, August 22, and thanked the Class of 1984 for the supplies and donation to the band booster club.

Without objection, the meeting was adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

Submitted by,



Approved:



Prepared by:  
Deborah M. Anderson

# BAMBERG SCHOOL DISTRICT TWO

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
AUGUST 11, 2014 – 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 July 7, 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
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**ADJOURNMENT**