

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
Denmark-Olar Board Room
Bamberg County, South Carolina
November 10, 2014 -5:00 p.m.

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

Also Present: Thelma Sojourner, Superintendent

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 was conducted with attendance as recorded above.

A moment of silence was observed.

The agenda was unanimously approved as written without objection.

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

-Special Called Meeting Held October 13, 2014 at 4:00 p.m.

-Regular Meeting Held October 13, 2014 at 5:00 p.m.

All board members signed the approved minutes.

Dr. Sojourner and Mrs. Goodman presented certificates and awards to the following Students of the Month:

Treveon Hinton – Elementary School
Caylor Moody – Middle School
KeOndre Gilbert – High School

Dr. Sojourner recognized November Teacher of the Month, Morgan Hoffstetler, representing the elementary school.

Dr. Sojourner presented a plaque to retiring employee, Bobbie Davis, and thanked her for her service to the district and recognized retiring employee Emma Gallagher for her service to the district. Mrs. Gallagher was unable to attend the meeting.

Cathy Self, on behalf of Feed My Sheep Ministries, which include the Denmark-Olar Class of 1983 and area churches, presented the winners of the Thanksgiving art poster contest.

-First Place – Nyanna Sherman
-Second Place – Euretha Taylor
-Third Place – Brighton Rogers
-Fourth Place – Sheila Serrano
-Honorable Mention – Shericca Sapp and Jonathan Dowling

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Mrs. Self stated that the Thanksgiving Day luncheon would be held at the high school again this year, and that more than 1,000 people were fed last year. She thanked the board for providing the school facilities for the event.

No one signed to address the board during Public Participation.

During Unfinished Business Mr. Maynor asked where tickets could be purchased for the Bamberg County Ministerial Alliance banquet. Dr. Sojourner stated that they were available at the schools and from Dr. Danny Singleton.

There was no New Business for discussion.

During the Chairman's Report Mr. Bias and Mr. Maynor shared information obtained at the Risky Business Conference held October 15-17.

Dr. Sojourner presented the Finance Report in Mr. Anderson's absence and stated that she would relay any concerns to Mr. Anderson for response. Following questions and responses regarding entries on the elementary and high schools' activities reports, band booster club financial status, and purchase of boys' basketball uniforms, the report was received as information.

Mr. Maynor moved that the attorney fees for October 2014 in the amount of \$6,131.52 be paid. The motion was properly seconded and unanimously approved.

Dr. Sojourner provided the Legislative Update and stated that she had met state superintendent-elect Molly Spearman during a school administrators' meeting held during the past week. She also reported that during the meeting the following items were addressed:

- Modification of the evaluation system for teachers
- How states adopt tests for students to allow for additional preparation time
- Communication issues with the SC Department of Education
- SCASA's initiative to urge the General Assembly to provide adequate funding for all students

The report was received as information.

During the Superintendent's Report, Dr. Sojourner:

- Provided information on the Ministerial Alliance luncheon tickets being hosted in the district
- Provided information regarding the middle school's Veterans Day program scheduled for November 11
- Stated that student, Dustin Dunbar, would be participating in the Georgia/Carolina Border Bash in Augusta, GA
- Stated that student, Moses Washington, would be making a presentation on why healthy snacks are important in schools at the Department of Education
- Stated that the Bamberg County Council would be meeting November 10 and that the district's proposed K-12 school facilities would be an agenda topic

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- Reported that the Bamberg County Beautification Project had planted trees in front of the schools and at the district office.

The report was received as information.

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.

The board voted unanimously to return to Open Session.

Mrs. Goodman read into record the resolution approved during the emergency board meeting held September 29, 2014.

RESOLUTION

AFFIRMING THE INTENT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF DENMARK-OLAR SCHOOL DISTRICT NUMBER 2 OF BAMBERG COUNTY TO PROVIDE CERTAIN TAX SUPPORTED FUNDING OF TO ASSIST IN LEASE PAYMENTS RELATING TO A PLAN FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF ALL EXISTING SCHOOLS IN THE DISTRICT.

WHEREAS, Denmark-Olar School District No. 2 of Bamberg County (the "School District") desires to have certain K-12 school facilities (the "New School Facilities") designed, developed, owned and operated by the private sector and leased to the School District; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the School District (the "Board of Trustee") is obligated and empowered to provide suitable schoolhouses under S.C. Code Section 59-19-90 and under other applicable laws to enter into leases of school buildings and school facilities; and

WHEREAS, the School District wishes to maintain full control of and responsibility for all matters pertaining to students and academic staff in the schools, including (i) academic, athletic and recreational activities, (ii) disciplinary matters, (iii) use of school facilities, and (iv) control of all goods and services (other than the school facilities themselves) to be provided to students or staff in each school, and

WHEREAS, the School District has engaged FirstFloor K-12 Solutions, LLC (the "Developer") to design and develop the New School Facilities and have entered into a predevelopment agreement with the Developer; and

WHEREAS, in furtherance of the plan, the School District has caused the creation of Denmark-Olar School Foundation, as a South Carolina nonprofit corporation (the "Foundation ") to facilitate the implementation of the plan; and

WHEREAS, the Developer has devised a plan providing a for a lease of the site of the New School Facilities to the Foundation (the "Ground Lease") and, in turn lease from the Foundation under a build-to-suit Lease Agreement under which the Developer will construct the New School Facilities which will be leased to the School District (the "Lease Agreement"); and

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WHEREAS the Developer has arranged for the application of certain loans (the "Loans") either directly from the USDA or guaranteed by the USDA and, in connection therewith, the USDA has requested the School District to provide support for the lease payments for fiscal year 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees has concluded that the USDA Loans are in the best interests of the School District;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees in meeting duly assembled:

Upon completion of the New School Facilities, the Board of Trustees will take advantage of the non-referendum 8% bond limit to assess annual debt service millage at appropriate levels to provide additional funds to assist in the payment of the lease obligation in FY 2019.

ADOPTED this 29th day of September, 2014.
DENMARK-OLAR SCHOOL DISTRICT NO 2 OF BAMBERG COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA

Attest:


Secretary, Board of Trustees


Chairman, Board of Trustees

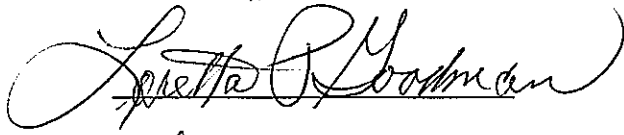
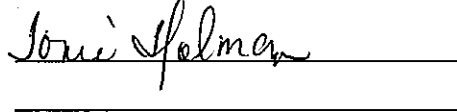
Mrs. Goodman moved that the above resolution of September 29, 2014 be accepted by the board of trustees. The motion was seconded by Mr. Maynor and passed unanimously.

Dr. Sojourner stated that three persons were eligible to receive high school diplomas under recent legislation extending diplomas to persons who had met all requirements with the exception of achieving mandated HSAP scores at the time of completion. Without reservation, the board unanimously approved the submission of the request to the SC Department of Education.

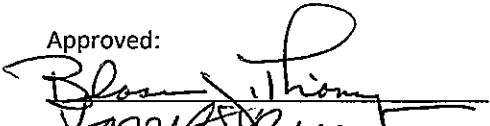
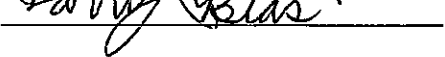
Dr. Sojourner requested that the board accept the resignations of LW, effective October 31, 2014, and ER, effective November 11, 2014. Mr. Maynor moved that the request be granted. The motion was seconded by Bishop Holman and passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned without objection at 7:33 p.m.

Submitted by,

Approved:

Prepared by:
Deborah M. Anderson

BAMBERG SCHOOL DISTRICT TWO

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING NOVEMBER 10, 2014 – 5:00 p.m. AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

MOMENT OF SILENCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA/ADDENDUM *(Action)*

APPROVAL OF MINUTES *(Action)*

- Special Called Meeting Held October 13, 2014 - 4 p.m.
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STUDENT SERVICES

- Students of the Month

PRESENTATIONS

- Teacher of the Month
- Recognition of Retirees
- Thanksgiving Poster Contest-Mrs. Cathy Self

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