

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
Denmark-Olar Board Room
Bamberg County, South Carolina
December 8, 2014 -5:00 p.m.

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

Member Absent: Alvin Maynor, Vice Chairman

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:

-Regular meeting held December 8, 2014

-Special called meeting held November 19, 2014

All board members present signed the approved minutes.

Dr. Sojourner and Mr. Bias presented certificates and awards to the following Students of the Month:

Erin Williams – Elementary School

Zynea Williams – Middle School

Willie Rowe – High School

Dr. Sojourner recognized November Teacher of the Month, Yusuf English, representing the high school.

Dr. Peeples presented information regarding the elementary school's test scores, plans for improvement, and other school initiatives. Dr. Peeples invited the board members to attend The Polar Express event scheduled for December 11, 2014 at the elementary school. The presentation was received as information.

During Public Participation, Rev. Rufus Jamison addressed the board regarding the placement of public participation on the meeting agenda; the Rosenwald School building; and his hope that sidewalks would be included in the plans for the new school building.

There was no Unfinished Business.

There was no New Business for discussion.

During the Chairman's Report board members shared information received at the SCSBA Legislative Conference held December 5-8, 2014.

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Dr. Sojourner presented the Finance Report in Mr. Anderson's absence and stated that she would relay any concerns to Mr. Anderson for response. The report was received as information.

During Curriculum and Instruction, Dr. Johnson presented the district's state report card ratings and test scores. The report was received as information.

Mrs. Goodman moved that attorney fees for November 2014 in the amount of \$1,950.84 be paid. The motion was seconded by Bishop Holman and unanimously passed.

Dr. Sojourner provided the Legislative Update, stating that the SC Supreme Court had ruled in favor of rural schools involved in an equity funding lawsuit and that districts were waiting to hear how the state would respond to the court's ruling. She also stated that legislators were planning to restructure education funding and, if passed, the district would gain additional, more equitable funding. The report was received as information.

During the Superintendent's Report, Dr. Sojourner:

- Provided copies of the middle and high schools' athletic schedules
- Stated that the district had made continuous growth in all tested areas, although growth was not as great in math
- Stated that students were being prepared for the new student assessment tests to be used later in the year
- Stated that the Choice Bus had visited the middle and high schools, giving students opportunities to examine career choices
- Reminded the board that the district would close December 19 for the holidays, reopening on January 5. She requested the board's authorization for early dismissal on December 19. Mrs. Goodman moved that the request be approved. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Thompson and passed unanimously.
- Invited the board members to the faculty drop-in on December 19 from 10:30 a.m. -12:00 noon at the district office
- Reported that the SRO had completed his training and was on duty
- Informed the board that the Bamberg County Ministerial Alliance held a banquet November 15 for the purpose of raising funds for student scholarships
- Informed the board that the Bamberg County Chamber of Commerce held a banquet on November 6 at the high school, which was well attended
- Informed the board that high school student, Moses Washington, made a presentation regarding healthy snacks to the State Board of Education on November 12
- Informed the board that she would be attending the Superintendents' Roundtable on December 10 and that State Superintendent-elect Molly Spearman would be present.

The report was received as information.

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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

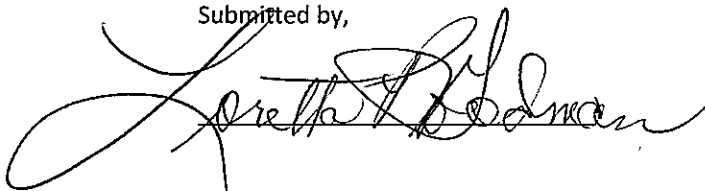
The motion was seconded by Mrs. Thompson and unanimously approved.

The board voted unanimously to return to Open Session.

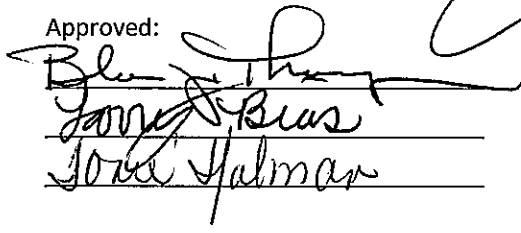
Mrs. Goodman moved that the recommendation presented by the superintendent for the employment of a pregnancy prevention coordinator (initials YJS) be approved. Mrs. Thompson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned without objection at 6:50 p.m.

Submitted by,



Approved:



Prepared by:
Deborah M. Anderson

BAMBERG SCHOOL DISTRICT TWO

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING DECEMBER 8, 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 November 10, 2014
- Special Called Meeting Held November 19, 2014

STUDENT SERVICES

- Students of the Month

PRESENTATIONS

- Teacher of the Month
- Presentation from Denmark-Olar Elementary School Dr. Lorraine Peoples

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
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RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS

- Employment/Personnel Recommendations/Matters
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- Contractual Matters
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ADJOURNMENT