

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
Denmark-Olar Board Room
Bamberg County, South Carolina
February 9, 2015 -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 Advertizer-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 regular meeting held January 12, 2015 were approved as written without objection.

All board members present signed the approved minutes.

The minutes of the special called meeting held January 29, 2015 were approved as written without objection. All board members present signed the approved minutes.

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

Tamareeyai Nelson - Elementary School
Julia Avesta - Middle School
Candace Davis - High School

Dr. Sojourner recognized Teacher of the Month, Claudia Fletcher, representing the elementary school.

Dr. Sojourner recognized members of the middle school robotics team who participated in the First Lego Regional Competition in January 2015. The students received certificates and pins. Members of the robotics team are:

Isha Patel	Christopher Priester	Harold Johnson	Julia Avesta
Robert Rhodes	Talance Holman	Zynea Williams	Peaches Patterson

Yolanda Ray, Denmark-Olar High School Class of 1989 and graduate of the US Naval Academy, served in the US Marine Corp. She is employed by LMI and recently spent a year in Kabul, Afghanistan. During her stay in Afghanistan, she requested that three US flags be officially flown. Ms. Ray gifted one of the flags to each of the school principals in appreciation for the education she received in the district. Ms. Ray's mother, Ms. Anna Chappelle, was present for the presentations.

Mr. Pringle presented information regarding the high school's progress, plan for improvement, and other school initiatives. The presentation was received as information.

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No one signed to address the board during Public Participation.

During Unfinished Business, Mr. Maynor requested an update on his recommendation of utilizing a K-9 in the schools. Dr. Sojourner responded that she had spoken with the police department and that it would be done.

During New Business Dr. Sojourner presented for the board's information, a draft of Orangeburg District Four's 2015-2016 calendar. She stated that, because we have students attending classes in Orangeburg Four, Bamberg Two's calendar would closely resemble Orangeburg Four's calendar with the possible exception of a few dates. A draft of Bamberg Two's proposed 2014-2015 school year calendar is to be provided at the next board meeting.

No information was provided during the Chairman's Report.

Mr. Anderson presented the Finance Report. The report was received as information.

Dr. Johnson provided updates during the Curriculum and Instruction report which was received as information.

Mr. Maynor moved that attorney fees for January 2015 in the amount of \$577.35 be paid. The motion was seconded by Bishop Holman and unanimously passed.

Dr. Sojourner provided the Legislative Update and stated that a task force is studying education in South Carolina in regard to funding, consolidation and standards. She also stated that a proposal to increase student base costs was being studied. The report was received as information.

Dr. Sojourner provided the Superintendent's Report including information regarding

- Parent Portal training which would give parents access to their children's grades, attendance and assignments
- Updating board members' contact information to be certain they are included in the schools' weekly telephone updates
- A foundation which will provide all special needs students with adaptive voice laptops for use during the school year. A news conference was scheduled for February 12 at the elementary school.
- A request received for high school students to participate in Career and Sports Day in Charlotte, NC on March 6, 2015. The cost per student is \$25. Mrs. Goodman moved that the request be granted. Mrs. Thompson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
- AAU Grass Roots Program, with additional information to be provided at the next meeting
- Approaching deadline to update board members' ethics report
- Photographer contacted to update board members' portraits
- State quarterly fuel cost adjustment to \$1.67 per gallon.

The report was received as information.

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.

The board voted unanimously to return to Open Session.

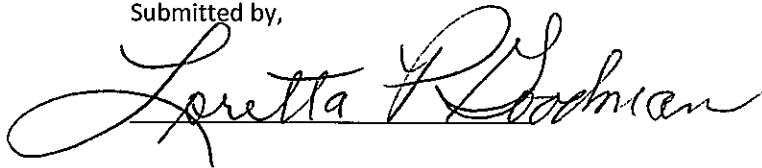
Mrs. Goodman moved that the board hold a special meeting on Friday, February 13, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. to include discussion of student personnel matters. Mrs. Thompson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Mrs. Goodman moved that the superintendent's request to schedule a meeting with area ministers, police and board members to discuss student activities be approved. Mrs. Thompson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

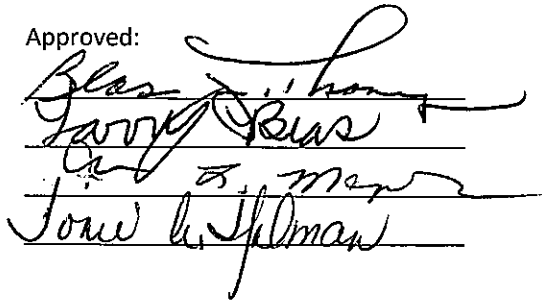
Mrs. Goodman moved that the employment recommendations and green card process presented by the superintendent be approved. Mrs. Thompson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned without objection at 7:00 p.m.

Submitted by,



Approved:



Prepared by:
Deborah M. Anderson

BAMBERG SCHOOL DISTRICT TWO

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING FEBRUARY 9, 2015 – 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 January 12, 2015
- Special Called Meeting Held January 29, 2015

STUDENT SERVICES

- Students of the Month

PRESENTATIONS

- Teacher of the Month
- Special Presentations Retired Teachers' Association
- Denmark-Olar High School Mickey Pringle

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