

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

All board members signed the approved minutes.

The minutes of the special called meeting held February 13, 2015 were approved as written without objection. All board members signed the approved minutes.

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

Joshua Goodman - Elementary School
Ty'Quan Keller - Middle School
Rai'Gene Perkins - High School

Dr. Sojourner recognized Teacher of the Month, Avila Hildegardo, representing the high school.

Ruth Sanders and Judith Holmes, representing the Bamberg County Retired Teachers' Association, presented school supplies for distribution at the elementary school.

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 moved, without objection, that the regular board meeting time be changed to 7:00 p.m. April through June 2015. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Bias also provided information received at the SC School Boards Annual Convention held in February.

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

Steve Luoma, auditor with McGregor and Company, presented the 2014 FY audit findings. Mr. Luoma stated that the district received a clean audit, noted the district's decline in its fund balance due to decreased

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funding, and that the district would be retiring its long-term debt as of March 2015. The report was received as information.

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

Mrs. Goodman moved that attorney fees for February 2015 in the amount of \$1,699.90 be paid. The motion was seconded by Bishop Holman and unanimously passed.

Dr. Sojourner provided the Legislative Update and stated that the state budget was still being developed and that per pupil funding rates were still being studied. The report was received as information.

The proposed 2015-2016 school year calendar received first reading approval on a motion by Mrs. Goodman, seconded by Mrs. Thompson and passed unanimously.

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

- Concern for student safety while loading buses in the dark in the mornings since the time change;
- Drug dogs at the high school on February 27 with no drugs detected. She stated that the next search would be conducted at the middle school.
- An application for a delayed high school diploma;
- Mr. Pringle's appointment as president of the SC High School League for 2015-2016;
- Request for approval of senior trip to Orlando, FL, April 30-May 3, 2015. Mrs. Goodman moved that the request be approved, with proper chaperones. Mrs. Thompson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
- Request from Denmark Youth Soccer League for use of the football field on Fridays and Saturdays, April through June. Mrs. Goodman moved that the request be approved. Bishop Holman seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
- Reminder sent to high school students and parents outlining expectations for the remainder of the school year;
- Successful Career Day held at the high school;
- Black History Month program held at the middle school;
- Read Across America Program at the elementary school;
- Elementary school fundraiser for the Leukemia Foundation reaching \$1,100;
- Art show winners and honorable mentions;
- Prayer for district schools being conducted by the Ministerial Alliance during Lenten services;
- Invitation to attend a teacher recruitment meeting in Allendale, sponsored by the Department of Education.

The report was received as information.

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Mrs. Thompson commended the elementary school on its initiatives. Mr. Maynor stated that he was pleased that no drugs were found during the high school search and that he preferred the district to be proactive. Mr. Maynor also stated that, at the SC School Board's Convention, he was the recipient of two prizes, an agriculture set and a certificate for online policy set-up, which he had presented to the superintendent.

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.

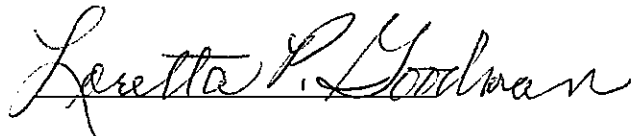
Dr. Sojourner requested that the Lake Murray Cavaliers basketball team be allowed to operate a camp March 10-April 2, 2015 from 4:45 p.m.-7:30 p.m., with district coaches being responsible for securing the facilities at the end of the camp. Mrs. Thompson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Mrs. Goodman moved that the recommendation for the 2015-2016 employment of soccer and track coaches and the discussion regarding CL (initials) be accepted. Mrs. Thompson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

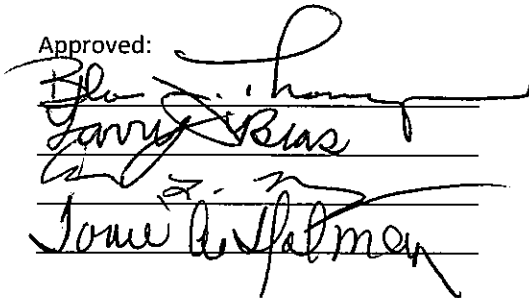
Mr. Maynor moved that the 2015-2016 employment recommendations presented by the superintendent be approved. Mrs. Thompson seconded the motion. During debate, Mrs. Goodman stated that she was in favor of the recommendations with the exception of employee (initials SS) because she feels the employee should be given an opportunity to continue. The motion 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 MARCH 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 February 9, 2015
- Special Called Meeting Held February 13, 2015

STUDENT SERVICES

- Students of the Month

PRESENTATIONS

- Teacher of the Month
- Presentation by Retired Teachers' Association

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
- 2014 FY Audit Report Steve Luoma, McGregor & Co.

SECTION 2 - CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION Dr. Ruby J. Johnson

SECTION 3 - ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION *(Action if Needed)*

- Attorney Fees
- Legislative Update
- 2015-2016 School Year Calendar Draft

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