

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
Denmark-Olar Board Room
Bamberg County, South Carolina
June 8, 2015 -7:00 p.m.**

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

Also Present: Thelma Sojourner, Superintendent

Mr. Bias called the meeting to order at 7:00 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 May 11, 2015, were approved as written without objection. All board members present signed the approved minutes.

The minutes of the special called meeting held May 18, 2015, were approved as written without objection. All board members present signed the approved minutes.

There were no presentations. Dr. Sojourner distributed to board members copies of the 2015 high school annual.

No one signed to address the board during Public Participation.

There was no Unfinished Business for discussion.

During New Business, Mrs. Thompson reported that an accident occurred at North High School's graduation, that a student fell and broke her hip due to her shoe style and that she is suing the school district. Mrs. Thompson asked if the district had a policy in place in the event of similar occurrences in the district. By consensus, the board requested that superintendent check our policy and insurance coverage.

No information was provided during Chairman's Report.

Mr. Anderson presented the Finance Report. Mr. Maynor noted:

- The elementary school's disbursement for textbooks and asked if the school is being reimbursed by parents for lost books. Dr. Sojourner responded that recovery attempts will be made in August when school opens.
- High school athletic booster club expenditures made since the previous report. Dr. Sojourner responded that the booster club used the funds for the athletic banquet and awards for the athletes.
- No additional funds had been raised by the band booster club.

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The report was received as information.

During the Curriculum and Instruction Report, Dr. Johnson

- Reported that the two-day Summer Institute had been completed and that it was well attended,
- Distributed copies of the Institute handbook to board members,
- Provided corrected labels for the AdvancEd notebooks previously provided to board members.

Mrs. Goodman moved that attorney fees for May 2015 in the amount of \$8,570.88 be paid. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Thompson and unanimously passed.

During the Legislative Update, Dr. Sojourner stated

- The legislature was in adjournment, scheduled to reconvene on June 16. Budget discussions were incomplete and, unless the budget is finalized by June 30, districts would be funded at the current rate.
- Incorporation of a proposed citizenship class was still being debated.

The update was received as information.

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

- Request from Mt. Calvary Baptist Association's Women's Auxiliary for use of the high school gym on August 1, 2015, from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. for a Youth Empowerment Expo. Mr. Maynor advised that the district needed to be mindful of its liability; that prevailing rental fees should apply; and that a paid district employee needed to be present during use, including set-up and use.

The request was approved on a motion by Mrs. Goodman, seconded by Mrs. Thompson and unanimously passed.

- Request for 12 members of the varsity basketball team to travel to Liberty University in Lynchburg, VA, June 25-27, 2015, at a cost per student of \$216 plus rental of a van for an approximate total cost of \$3000. The team plans to raise the funds for the trip. The board agreed by consensus that the funds raised will be to benefit the team members' travel to the conference and that, should a player who has participated in the fund raising efforts decide not to take the trip, it should be understood that funds raised will be nonrefundable to individual team members. Mrs. Goodman moved that the request be approved. Mrs. Thompson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
- Board training hours report was received from SC School Boards Association. Dr. Sojourner stated she would provide the board members' individual training hours to them.
- District summer school and a summer program being sponsored by Denmark Technical College began June 8
- Middle school student, Julia Avesta, would be attending the Governor's School for the Arts in July
- Two middle school students would be traveling to California through a program sponsored by Voorhees College

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- Presentation made at the elementary school commencement program by a parent to elementary teacher, Deloris Davis, for the positive role she played in the student's success
- Fuel cost was currently at \$1.46 for school buses but will probably increase
- Middle school would have a football team beginning in August.

Mr. Maynor reminded Dr. Sojourner that hurricane season had begun and that preparedness procedures should be reviewed.

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.

Dr. Sojourner recommended that the requests for the release of students, (initials) PB, PB and CB, to attend school in other districts be granted. Bishop Holman moved that the request be approved. Mrs. Thompson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Dr. Sojourner requested that approval of the recommendations for employment and in-district transfers for the 2015-2016 school year be granted. Bishop Holman moved that the recommendations be approved. Mr. Maynor seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned without objection at 10:00 p.m.

Submitted by,

Sonie Fulman

Approved:

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Prepared by:
Deborah M. Anderson

BAMBERG SCHOOL DISTRICT TWO

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JUNE 8, 2015 – 7:00 p.m.

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

MOMENT OF SILENCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA/ADDENDUM *(Action)*

APPROVAL OF MINUTES *(Action)*

- Regular Meeting Held May 11, 2015
- Special Meeting Held May 18, 2015

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
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RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS

- Employment/Personnel Recommendations/Matters
- Student Personnel Matters
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ADJOURNMENT