

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**  
**Denmark-Olar Board Room**  
**Bamberg County, South Carolina**  
**July 13, 2015 -5:00 p.m.**

Members Present:           Larry Bias, Chairman  
                                  Alvin Maynor, Vice Chairman (*left at 6:20 p.m.*)  
                                  Tonie Holman, Secretary  
                                  Loretta P. Goodman  
                                  Blossom Thompson (*arrived at 6:00 p.m.*)

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 meeting agenda was unanimously approved as written without objection.

The minutes of the regular meeting held June 8, 2015, were approved as written without objection. All board members signed the approved minutes.

The minutes of the special called meeting held June 15, 2015, were approved as written without objection. All board members signed the approved minutes.

There were no presentations.

No one signed to address the board during Public Participation.

There was no Unfinished Business for discussion.

During New Business, Mr. Maynor requested clarification on the June 15, 2015 meeting minutes regarding board compensation for special called meetings. Following discussion, Mrs. Goodman moved that the June 15, 2015 meeting minutes be revised to more correctly state the intent of the board - . . . "Mr. Maynor asked for a review of policy BID-Board Compensation-and requested that funds remaining in the board members' travel allocations be used to pay board members \$50 per special called meeting for the **2015-2016** school year, requiring no change to the budget. Mrs. Goodman moved that the request be granted but questioned why the payments would be limited to the **2015-2016** school year. Mr. Maynor responded that the funding may not be available for subsequent years but that the funds were available within the **2015-2016 FY** budget. Mrs. Goodman amended her motion to state that board members will be compensated \$50 for special called board meetings from the travel funds allocated to each board member for the **2015-2016** school year, to be continued in subsequent years, if feasible." The motion was seconded by Bishop Holman and passed unanimously.

No information was provided during Chairman's Report.

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Mr. Anderson presented the Finance Report. Mr. Maynor asked about progress with the band booster club. Dr. Sojourner responded that the booster club was scheduled to conduct an organizational meeting during the current week and that she had spoken with the band director regarding the establishment of an effective booster club. The finance report was received as information.

During the Curriculum and Instruction Report, Dr. Johnson provided information regarding

- Clemson Upstate Writing Project for 2015-2016 and an initiative for professional development for English teachers of grades 7-10;
- completion of summer school on July 6;
- Lead evaluator appointed for AdvancEd
- Proviso on state-wide readiness assessment for PreK and 5 year olds;
- PreK-12 teachers will write students' learning objectives for the school year; and
- 2015-2016 grants being constructed.

Mrs. Goodman asked if the Clemson program would help with writing on standardized tests. Dr. Johnson responded that it would. Mrs. Goodman asked if cursive writing would be included in the 2015-2016 curriculum. Dr. Johnson responded that implementation is planned. Bishop Holman asked how many students participated in the summer school session. Dr. Johnson responded that she would determine an accurate number and provide the information to him. Mr. Maynor asked if the principals will be responsible for determining that appropriate goals and strategies are in place in the students' learning objectives. Dr. Johnson stated that they would. The report was received as information.

Mr. Maynor moved that attorney fees for June 2015 in the amount of \$5,800.86 be paid. The motion was seconded by Bishop Holman and passed unanimously.

During the Legislative Update, Dr. Sojourner stated that the legislature's time had been devoted to the confederate flag debate and that she did not have updates to report. Dr. Sojourner reminded board members of the SCSBA School Law Conference scheduled for August 2015. The update was received as information.

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

- All district schools have received South Carolina Department of Education accreditation for 2015-2016. All sites had received *All Clear* status, with the exception of the district office, which had received a *Warned* status due to a certification matter, but the matter had been rectified and the district was cleared as of July 1, 2015. Mr. Maynor asked if certification approval had been received on the guidance counselor who will be serving the elementary and middle schools. Dr. Sojourner responded that she thought the counselor was properly certified for both schools but she would check to be certain.
- In reference to questions raised at the previous meeting regarding a person who was injured in a fall in another school district because of her shoe style, no district policy exists regarding the community's attire

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at school functions; however, the district does have liability insurance coverage in the event of an accident.

- Meeting on Promise Zones, a county-wide designation, which would provide funding for
  - Crime reduction
  - Economic development
  - Public Health concerns
  - County-wide internet access

Additional information will be provided as received.

- Request for use of facilities from Feed My Sheep Ministries for the annual Thanksgiving Dinner, as in the past. Mrs. Goodman moved that the request for facilities use be granted. The motion was seconded by Bishop Holman. During debate, Mr. Maynor cautioned that appropriate district staff should be present and be properly compensated. The motion passed unanimously.
- Denmark Technical College Summer Initiative had gone well. A culminating program was scheduled for July 14, 2015 at 11 a.m. at the high school gym.
- Administrative retreat for 2015-2016 scheduled for July 27-28, 2015, 7:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. at City of Refuge Conference Center. Board members were invited to lunch on those days.
- Regular summer school session ended July 6.
- \$3,000 donation received from a couple who read about the district in *The New York Times*. They requested that the funds be used for roofs, materials and supplies.
- Principals Brockington and Peoples were absent due to their attendance at the TAP conference. Mr. Pringle was on vacation leave.

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 Bishop Holman and unanimously approved.

*(Note: Mrs. Thompson was present during Executive Session; Mr. Maynor left prior to return to Open Session.)*

The board voted unanimously to return to Open Session.

Dr. Sojourner recommended that the requests for the release of six students to attend school in other districts for the 2015-2016 school year be granted. Mrs. Goodman moved that NW, AW, MW, SW, NM and IM be released to attend school in other districts for 2015-2016. Mrs. Thompson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

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Dr. Sojourner requested board approval for the 2015-2016 employment of KS and ME and for authorization to issue an employment contract for a chemistry/physics teacher, with ratification by the board at its next meeting. Mrs. Goodman moved that the request be approved. Mrs. Thompson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned without objection at 8:00p.m.

Submitted by,

Joan's Holman

Approved:

Blaine Thompson  
Fanny Bus  
Ms. Sojourner  
Melita Goodman

Prepared by:  
Deborah M. Anderson

# BAMBERG SCHOOL DISTRICT TWO

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## AGENDA

### CALL TO ORDER

### ROLL CALL

### MOMENT OF SILENCE

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA/ADDENDUM *(Action)*

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES *(Action)*

- Regular Meeting Held June 8, 2015
- Special Meeting Held June 15, 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
- First Reading of Revision of Policy BID - Board Member Compensation and Expenses

### 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
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### ADJOURNMENT