

**MINUTES**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**  
**Denmark-Olar Board Room**  
**Bamberg County, South Carolina**  
**November 9, 2015 -5:00 p.m.**

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

**Member Absent:** Alvin Maynor, Vice Chairman

**Also Present:** Thelma Sojourner, Superintendent

**CALL TO ORDER**

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**

Roll Call was conducted with attendance as recorded above.

**MOMENT OF SILENCE**

A moment of silence was observed.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The meeting agenda was unanimously approved as written without objection.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the regular meeting held October 12, 2015 were unanimously approved as written without objection. All board members present signed the approved minutes.

The minutes of the special called meeting held October 19, 2015 were unanimously approved as written without objection. All board members present signed the approved minutes.

**STUDENT SERVICES**

- **Students of the Month**

The following Students of the Month were presented with certificates and plaques by Mrs. Goodman and Dr. Sojourner:

- Ma'Terius Rumph - Elementary School
- Raj Patel - Middle School (*not present at meeting*)
- ZaTaveya Williams- High School

**PRESENTATIONS**

- **Teacher of the Month**

Ms. Ashley Thurman, representing Denmark-Olar Elementary School, was recognized as Teacher of the Month. Ms. Thurman was not present for the presentation but will receive a certificate from the District and a gift card courtesy of the Denmark branch of South State Bank.

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**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

No one signed to address the board during Public Participation.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no Unfinished Business for discussion.

**NEW BUSINESS**

There was no New Business for discussion.

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

No information was provided.

**SECTION 1 - FINANCE**

- **Finance Report**
  - Mr. Anderson presented the monthly finance report which was received as information.

**SECTION 2 - CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION**

- Dr. Johnson provided information regarding:
    - Agriculture department's recent trip to Louisville, KY
    - Afterschool program at the elementary and middle schools which began November 4.
- The report was received as information.

**SECTION 3 - ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION**

- **Attorney Fees**

Bishop Holman moved that attorney fees for October 2015 in the amount of \$3,282.15 be paid. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Thompson and passed unanimously.
- **Legislative Update**

Dr. Sojourner stated that the Supreme Court had extended the legislature's deadline to June 2016 to determine action on the equity lawsuit.

The update was received as information.

**SECTION 4 - SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

- Dr. Sojourner provided information regarding the following:
- Veteran's Day program scheduled for November 11 at the high school
  - Competition awards received by the JROTC Drill Team
  - Updates on high school students and alumni, including:
    - Sarah Johnson, model appearing in *Carolina Bride* magazine (2015 graduate)
    - Jessica Davis, Recipient of Wendy's Heisman Award for athletic ability (current senior)
    - Lisa Williams, recognition for mathematics ability (2015 graduate)
  - Three elementary grade students who achieved maximum scores on ASPIRE, the recently implemented student achievement assessment
  - Middle and high school students who had articles published recently in the Advertiser-Herald newspaper
  - Nine teachers participating in the STEM program at USC-Aiken
  - Regional Medical Center's appreciation to Dorothea Roberts and Michelle Nimmons for the manner in which the recent health screenings were conducted in the district
- The report was received as information.

**SECTION 5 - EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mrs. Goodman moved that the board enter Executive Session to discuss the following:

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- Employment/Personnel Recommendations/Matters
- Student Personnel Matters
- Contractual Matters
- Legal Matters/Counsel

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

**RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

The board voted unanimously to return to Open Session.

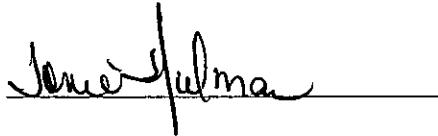
**ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS**

- **Employment/Personnel Recommendations/Matters**  
Mrs. Goodman moved that the employment of substitute teacher (initials EW) be approved. Mrs. Thompson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
- **Student Personnel Matters**  
No action taken.
- **Contractual Matters**  
No action taken.
- **Legal Matters/Counsel**  
No action taken.

**ADJOURNMENT**

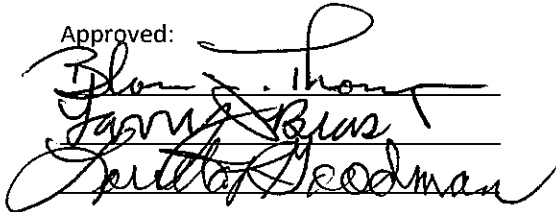
The meeting was adjourned without objection at 5:49 p.m.

Submitted by,



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Approved:



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Prepared by:  
Deborah M. Anderson

# BAMBERG SCHOOL DISTRICT TWO

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
DISTRICT OFFICE BOARD ROOM  
NOVEMBER 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 October 12, 2015
- Special Called Meeting Held October 19, 2015

### STUDENT SERVICES

- Students of the Month

### PRESENTATIONS

- Teacher of the Month

### 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

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### RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

### ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS

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### ADJOURNMENT