

**MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
Denmark-Olar Board Room
Bamberg County, South Carolina
May 9, 2016 -7:00 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 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

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 April 11, 2016 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 Bishop Holman and Dr. Sojourner:

- JaShaun Mathis - Elementary School
- Markesha Wise - Middle School
- Christopher Shepherd - High School

PRESENTATIONS

- **Teacher of the Month**

Ms. Wanda Jones, representing Denmark-Olar Elementary School, was recognized as Teacher of the Month. Ms. Jones received a certificate from the District and a gift card courtesy of the Denmark branch of South State Bank. Ms. Jones was not present at the meeting.

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- **JROTC**

The JROTC unit, under direction of MSG Robinson and MSG Leveretter, performed a routine and provided information regarding the unit's community service projects, competitions and elementary school mentoring project.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No one signed to address the board.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no Unfinished Business for discussion.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business for discussion.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

No report was given.

SECTION 1 - FINANCE

- **Finance Report**

Mr. Anderson presented the monthly finance report which was received as information.

- **Proposed 2016-2017 Budget Preparation Calendar**

Mrs. Goodman moved to adopt the proposed 2016-2017 budget preparation calendar with dates as provided. Bishop Holman seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

SECTION 2 - CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

Dr. Johnson provided information regarding upcoming student assessments beginning May 10. The report was received as information.

SECTION 3 - ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION

- **Attorney Fees**

Mrs. Goodman moved that attorney fees for April 2016 in the amount of \$1,764.99 be paid. The motion was seconded by Bishop Holman and passed unanimously.

- **Legislative Update**

Dr. Sojourner reported:

- A uniform grading scale bill had been passed by the legislature and a model policy had been received from SC School Boards Association which will be included in the June meeting packet for board consideration.

- Items being discussed in the legislature included:

- Teacher pay increases

- Student costs

- New busses

- Technology assistance

- Teacher retention

The report was received as information.

SECTION 4 - SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Sojourner provided the following information:

- Month of May had been designated as Teen Pregnancy Prevention Month

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- Request for initiation of a policy promoting open community use of district facilities to improve community health. It was the consensus of the board that only one facility, the high school's parking lot, could be used after school hours due to security concerns at other district sites.
 - End of year school events schedule
 - Request for district summer hours, May 31-August 5, Monday-Thursday, from 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., closed on Friday. Mrs. Goodman moved that the request be approved. Mrs. Thompson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
 - Request from Mt. Calvary Baptist Association for use of the high school gym for a Youth Expo on August 6, 2016, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Mrs. Goodman moved that the request be approved with the understanding that the group would be responsible for cleaning the facility after use. Bishop Holman seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
 - Request from Hercules Davis to use the high and elementary school gymnasiums on May 21, 2016, from 8 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. for Carolina CHAMPS Youth Basketball Camps. Mrs. Goodman moved that the request be granted, with the principals and custodians being notified of the request, and that the facilities be cleaned following use. Mrs. Thompson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
 - Request for JROTC to travel to the Yorktown in Mt. Pleasant, SC, May 12-13, 2016. The group of 20 students would be chaperoned by MSG Leveretter, MSG Robinson and Mrs. Robinson. Mrs. Goodman moved that the request be approved. Mrs. Thompson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
 - Request for JROTC to travel to Ft. Jackson in Columbia for summer camp June 5-11, 2016. Five males and five females would be traveling, at no cost to the students. Mrs. Goodman moved that the request be approved. Mrs. Thompson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
 - Ten high school students received laptops from the Rural Education Initiative (for the third year). The Initiative is composed a group that includes some high school alumni.
 - Bobby Harley, high school teacher, had been awarded a \$15,000 grant from the SC Arts Commission.
 - Bamberg County Ministerial Alliance awarded two scholarships to high school students
 - Two students, Julia Avesta and Christopher Priester, would be participating in the SC Governor's School Math and Science program during the summer
 - Ongoing bus driver training being conducted during the week of May 9
 - New truck purchased for the maintenance department
 - Upcoming visit from the Hagen Family benefactors on May 20.
- The report was received as information.

SECTION 5 - EXECUTIVE SESSION

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.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

The board voted unanimously to return to Open Session.

ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS

- **Employment/Personnel Recommendations/Matters**
Dr. Sojourner requested that the recommendations made for continued employment be approved as presented. Mrs. Goodman moved that the request be approved. Mrs. Thompson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

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- **Student Personnel Matters**

Dr. Sojourner recommended that the request for release of students (initials CB, PB and SW) to attend school in another district for 2016-2017 be granted. Mrs. Goodman moved that the recommendation be approved. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Thompson and passed unanimously.

- **Legal Matters/Counsel**

No action taken.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned without objection at 9:05 p.m.

Submitted by,

 Soni A Spelman

Approved:

 Bless Thompson
 Gary Bear

Prepared by:
Deborah M. Anderson

BAMBERG SCHOOL DISTRICT TWO

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
DISTRICT OFFICE BOARD ROOM
MAY 9, 2016 – 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 April 11, 2016

STUDENT SERVICES

- Students of the Month

PRESENTATIONS

- Teacher of the Month
- JROTC

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
- Proposed 2016-2017 Budget Preparation Schedule

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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