

MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
Denmark-Olar Board Room
Bamberg County, South Carolina
March 13, 2017 - 7:00 p.m.

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

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 February 13, 2017 were unanimously approved as written without objection. All board members signed the approved minutes.

STUDENT SERVICES

Students of the Month

The following Students of the Month were presented certificates and plaques by Bishop Holman and Dr. Sojourner:

- Zykel Davis, Elementary School
- Bre'Niyah Gilbert, Middle School
- Therese Lapierre, High School

PRESENTATIONS

- **Teacher of the Month**
SGM Barry Leveretter, representing the high school, was recognized as the Teacher of the Month. SGM Leveretter received a certificate from the district and a gift card, courtesy of South State Bank of Denmark.
- **Architectural Update**
Tim Williams, architect with Stevens and Wilkinson, provided an updated schematic of the building project incorporating the information received during a recent meeting with district staff and community members. Mr. Williams requested the board's approval to proceed with further development based on

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the updated schematics. Mrs. Goodman asked that the board discuss the matter in Executive Session prior to making a decision to move forward. The board thanked Mr. Williams for the presentation and stated that Dr. Sojourner would contact him regarding the board's action on the schematic presentation.

- **Denmark-Olar Middle School**

Mr. Brockington shared the middle school's successes and current initiatives and interventions. The report was received as information.

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 information was provided.

SECTION 1 - FINANCE

- **Finance Report**

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

- **Proposed Resolution for General Obligation Bond Issuance**

Bob Damron of Compass Municipal Advisors provided information regarding a proposed bond issuance. Mrs. Goodman read the following into record.

A RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF A NOT EXCEEDING \$1,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND, SERIES 2017, OF DENMARK-OLAR SCHOOL DISTRICT NUMBER TWO OF BAMBERG COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA; AUTHORIZING THE SOUTH CAROLINA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS TO FACILITATE THE SALE OF THE BOND UNDER ITS GENERAL OBLIGATION DEBT PROGRAM; PRESCRIBING THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH THE BOND MAY BE ISSUED; AUTHORIZING THE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT TO DETERMINE CERTAIN MATTERS RELATING TO THE BOND; PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE BOND AND THE DISPOSITION OF THE PROCEEDS THEREOF; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO.

Mrs. Goodman moved that the resolution be approved. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Thompson and passed unanimously.

Mr. Damron also stated that, as the schematic design process and construction progresses, he would provide an analysis to assist the board in determining whether it would be more cost effective to use the General Obligation Bond funds or to draw on the USDA loan funds, comparing interest costs, to cover project costs.

SECTION 2 - CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

Dr. Johnson provided information on the following:

- AdvancEd progress monitoring review scheduled for May 31, 2017;

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- Special services state tests in science, social studies, ELA, and a new field test beginning during the week of March 13 and continuing through April;
- Administration of the ACT Work Keys test to Juniors on March 22;
- District Spelling Bee rescheduled for April 20 at 5:00 p.m. at the middle school;
- Consultants would be assisting through April in preparation for the ELA and science spring assessments.

The report was received as information.

SECTION 3 - ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION

- **Attorney Fees**

Bishop Holman moved that the attorney fees for February 2017 for \$4,509.62 be paid. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Goodman and passed unanimously.

- **Legislative Update**

Dr. Sojourner provided information regarding the following:

- Bill to increase student funding by \$50;
- Bills to cover one percent of the two percent retirement fund cost increase and health insurance increase;
- Department of Education team sent to look at the district's schools (copy of findings provided to board for their review);
- Lottery funds for school buses (district has received four buses this school year);
- Teacher supply money for next school year;
- Decrease in funding for teacher recruitment and retention.

The report was received as information.

- **Second Reading of Policy Update – GCB-Professional Staff Contracts and Compensation**

Mrs. Goodman moved to approve second reading update to policy GCB. Mrs. Thompson seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

- **First Reading of Policy Update – ADC-Tobacco-free Schools**

Mrs. Goodman moved to approve first reading update to policy ADC. Bishop Holman seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

SECTION 4 - SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Sojourner presented the following:

- A total of six days had been missed during the school year due to weather conditions necessitating that the school calendar be revised. Requests had been received from parents to change the graduation date on the revised calendar from Wednesday, June 7, to Friday June 9. Dr. Sojourner recommended that the date be changed. Mrs. Goodman moved that the graduation date be changed to June 9, 2017. Mrs. Thompson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
- Peer Educators had recently participated in their 17th annual retreat which was held on the Isle of Palms. During the retreat the students developed an album chronicling their activities during the retreat which Dr. Sojourner shared with the board.
- Copies of the high school's *Viking Chronicle*;
- Grace Johnson, high school student had been selected to play in the SCBCA Hall of Fame Basketball Game and will also participate in the CSRA All-star game in Augusta;
- Active shooter safety training was being scheduled for all key personnel, law enforcement, rescue and emergency personnel.

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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 Mrs. Thompson and was 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 approval of 2017-2018 employment recommendations as presented during Executive Session. Mrs. Goodman moved that the request be granted. Mrs. Thompson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

- **Student Personnel Matters**

Mrs. Goodman moved that the request for release of student (initials AW) be granted. Mrs. Goodman amended the motion to correctly identify the students being released (initials MW, EW, LW, CW). The amended motion was seconded by Mrs. Thompson and passed unanimously.

Dr. Sojourner recommended that a student (initials DD) be served in the after school program for a period of four weeks. Mrs. Goodman moved that the recommendation be approved. Mrs. Thompson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

- **Contractual Matters**

Dr. Sojourner recommended that the board approve the schematic architectural updates presented earlier in the meeting by Tim Williams. Mrs. Goodman moved that the recommendation be approved. Mrs. Thompson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

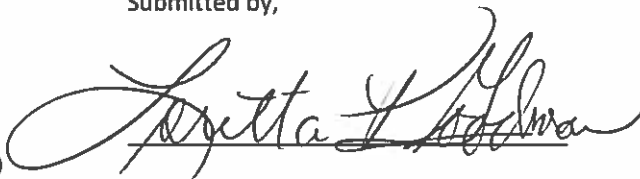
- **Legal Matters/Counsel**

No action taken.

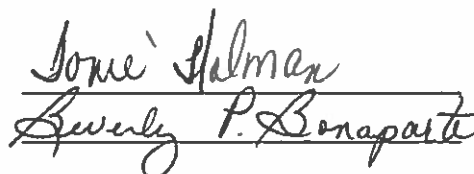
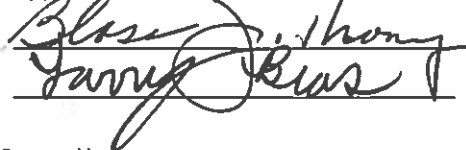
ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned without objection at 9:21 p.m.

Submitted by,



Approved:



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 February 13, 2017

STUDENT SERVICES

- Students of the Month

PRESENTATIONS

- Teacher of the Month
- Architect's Update Tim Williams, Stevens and Wilkinson
- Denmark-Olar Middle School Daryl Brockington, Principal

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 Resolution for General Obligation Bond Issuance Bob Damron, Compass Municipal Advisors

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

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

- Attorney Fees
- Legislative Update
- Second Reading of Policy Update - GCB-Professional Staff Contracts and Compensation
- First Reading of Policy Update - ADC-Tobacco-Free Schools

SECTION 4 - SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT *(Action if Needed)* Dr. Thelma Sojourner

SECTION 5 - EXECUTIVE SESSION

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RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS

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ADJOURNMENT