

MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
Denmark-Olar Board Room
Bamberg County, South Carolina
October 9, 2017 – 5:00 p.m.

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

Also Present: Thelma Sojourner, Superintendent

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Bias called the regular 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 special meeting held September 18, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. were unanimously approved as written and signed by all board members.

The minutes of the regular meeting held September 18, 2017 at 4:30 p.m. were unanimously approved as written and signed by all board members.

The minutes of the special meeting held September 21, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. were unanimously approved as written and signed by all board members.

The minutes of the special meeting held October 2, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. were unanimously approved as written and signed by all board members.

STUDENT SERVICES

- **Students of the Month**
Jaylah Moody, Elementary School
Mariam Lapierre, Middle School
Bernard Young, Jr., High School

PRESENTATIONS

- **Teacher of the Month**
Mrs. Melissa Judy, representing the middle school, was recognized as Teacher of the Month.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No one signed to address the board.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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There was no Unfinished Business for discussion.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business for discussion.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

No report was provided.

SECTION 1 - FINANCE

- **Finance Report**

Mr. Anderson provided the finance report. The board received the report as information.

Bob Damron with Compass Municipalities reported that the board-authorized \$2 million bond anticipation notes had been issued with an interest rate of 1.30% with BB&T to cover soft costs related to and up to actual construction of the new facilities in 2018. These funds will help the district to remain on schedule with the project. He reported that the funds had been deposited with the County for investment and would be available as bills for costs come in to the district, with the first bond payment due in June 2019. The report was received as information.

SECTION 2 - CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

Dr. Johnson provided updates on the following:

- State required tests beginning in October
- Professional development schedule
- Classroom observations and teacher evaluations
- Elementary and middle schools' afterschool programs.

The report was received as information.

SECTION 3 - ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION

- **Attorney Fees**

Mrs. Goodman moved that attorney fees for September 2017 in the amount of \$2,440.19 be approved for payment. The motion was seconded by Bishop Holman and passed unanimously.

- **Legislative Update**

Dr. Sojourner reported that the Department of Education had lifted the restriction on the use of school busses/fuel for extracurricular activities and that operations had returned to normal.

- **Second Reading of Revision of Policy ADC-Tobacco-Free Schools**

Mrs. Goodman moved that policy ADC be approved on second reading. Bishop Holman seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

SECTION 4 - SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Sojourner presented the following:

- High school guidance department newsletter
- High school blood drive held recently collected 21 pints
- High school student, Jesse Collins, received second and third place awards at the Orangeburg County Fair
- High school gym floor had been repaired but still needed varnish on some parts
- Denmark Technical College received an Upward Bound grant and wants to partner with the district to serve ninth grade students
- The district had collected funds to be donated to a mission to help storm victims in St. Thomas and St. Croix, Virgin Islands
- Elementary school student, Ashlyn Watkins, won an essay contest on the topic of drinking and driving
- Bamberg County's low statistics in teen pregnancy commendation
- STEM pilot program initiated by the Department of Education
- Model T's to Olar parade on October 21

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- Four administrators attending the Imagine Learning Program Conference in Utah
- Meeting with Jim Clyburn on October 6 where she had an opportunity to thank him for his assistance in securing the USDA loan for the district's building project.
The report was received as information.

SECTION 5 - EXECUTIVE SESSION

Bishop Holman 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.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

The board voted unanimously to return to Open Session.

ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS

- **Employment/Personnel Recommendations/Matters**

Bishop Holman moved that the request for employment of substitutes, volunteers and an instructional aide be approved.
Mrs. Boneparte seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

- **Student Personnel Matters**

No action was taken.

- **Contractual Matters**

No action was taken.

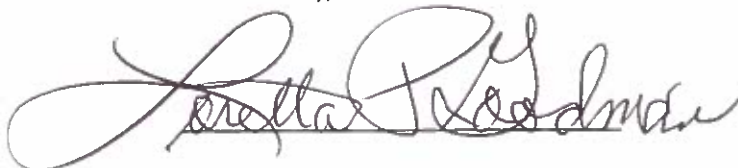
- **Legal Matters/Counsel**

No action was taken.

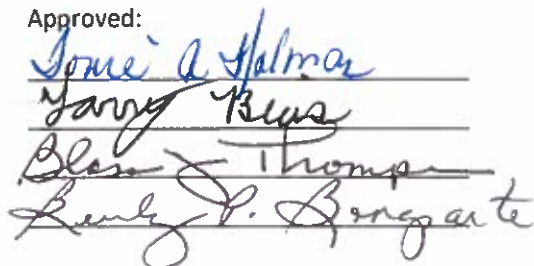
ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned without objection at 6:05 p.m.

Submitted by,



Approved:



Prepared by
Deborah Anderson

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AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

MOMENT OF SILENCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA/ADDENDUM *(Action)*

APPROVAL OF MINUTES *(Action)*

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STUDENT SERVICES

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PRESENTATIONS *(Action if Needed)*

- Teacher of the Month

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

UNFINISHED BUSINESS *(Action if Needed)*

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
- Second Reading of Revision of Policy ADC-Tobacco-Free Schools

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

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RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

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ADJOURNMENT