

MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
Denmark-Olar Board Room
Bamberg County, South Carolina
April 3, 2017 - 5:00 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 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 March 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:

- Breanna Eaddy, Elementary School
- Taliyah Moody, Middle School
- ZaTaveya Williams, High School

PRESENTATIONS

- **Teacher of the Month**
Mrs. Sumita Sinha, representing the middle school, was recognized as the Teacher of the Month. Mrs. Sinha received a certificate from the district and a gift card, courtesy of South State Bank of Denmark.
- **Denmark-Olar High School**
Mr. Pringle shared the high school's successes, student assessment scores, graduation rate, and current initiatives and interventions. The report was received as information.
- Dr. Sojourner also recognized the following accomplishments:

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High school's athletic department's Award of Excellence from the National High School League for exemplary display of sportsmanship, ethic and integrity. The school was one of fifteen award recipients statewide.

JROTC's designation as an Honor Unit with Distinction, having scored 95.3 on a recent unit review. Dr. Sojourner also commended Sergeants Leveretter and Robinson on the Commanders' Ball held March 31.

- **Understanding Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE's)**
Myrtis Williams and Deanna Berry, high school SIC Chair and Vice Chair, addressed the board regarding the impact of words in children's lives (positive/negative) and the everyday experiences that may have lasting effects on them. They requested that the administration consider offering ACE's training to be provided in time for the next school year.
- **Importance of School Improvement Councils**
Myrtis Williams stated the role of the SIC as an advocate to ensure students' success, address enrollment, health/wellness and literacy. She also suggested that the three individual schools' SIC's be combined into one group once the new school is built.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No one signed to address the board.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mrs. Goodman requested information, based on the high school's finance report, on why the senior class trip costs were so high (approximately \$9,000) and asked that a breakdown of costs be provided at the next meeting.

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 2017-2018 Budget Preparation Calendar**
Mrs. Goodman moved that the 2017-2018 FY budget preparation calendar be approved as discussed.
Mrs. Thompson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

SECTION 2 - CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

In Dr. Johnson's absence, Dr. Sojourner provided information on the following:

- Students will not attend school on August 21, 2017 due to the solar eclipse
- Spelling Bee to be held April 20 at the middle school (flyers provided to board members)

The report was received as information.

SECTION 3 - ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION

- **Attorney Fees**
Bishop Holman moved that the attorney fees for March 2017 for \$7,737.60 be paid. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Thompson. Mrs. Goodman requested that action on the motion be tabled until a

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personnel matter noted on the attorney invoice could be discussed during Executive Session. The board agreed by consensus.

- **Legislative Update**

Dr. Sojourner provided information regarding the following:

-The most recent information received had based student cost at \$2,035

-Ongoing discussions regarding increased funding for additional school buses

-Information received from Attorney Evert Comer requesting support the debate to stop the state pension plan increase

-\$100 million fund for Abbeville Schools had been reduced to less than \$54 million and was still waiting for legislative action

-State school report card ratings were still being debated

-Discussions regarding seat belts on school buses

The report was received as information.

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

Mrs. Goodman moved to approve second reading update to policy ADC. Bishop Holman seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

SECTION 4 - SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Sojourner presented the following:

-Request for students, in conjunction with dual enrollment at Denmark Technical College, to attend Engineering Day on May 5, 2017 at Carowinds. The students are to be chaperoned by Mr. Mason (from Denmark Tech), departing at 8:45 a.m. and returning at 10:00 p.m. Mrs. Goodman moved that the request be granted. The motion was seconded by Bishop Holman and passed unanimously.

-Request from Denmark Technical College to host its summer program at the high school June 12-July 27, 2017 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Juniors and seniors from surrounding school districts will be participating in the program and will earn up to six hours college credit. Mrs. Goodman moved that the request be granted. Mrs. Thompson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

-Request from a former high school student and Teen Life Center participant, Adrian Steward, to host Girl Talk May 19-20, 2017. Mrs. Goodman moved that the request be granted. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Thompson and passed unanimously.

-Request from teacher Dianna Richburg to declare May 17 Lupus Awareness Day in the district. Mrs. Goodman moved that the request be granted. Bishop Holman seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

-Request from Voorhees College coach, Brandon Roberts, to hold a football camp at the football field June 10, 2017 for students aged 7-17. The cost is \$45 per student or \$30 per student with a 3.5 or above GPA. Mrs. Goodman moved that the request be granted. Bishop Holman seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

-Middle school honors and awards program scheduled for April 6 at 8:30 a.m.

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- High school STEM night scheduled for April 4 at 5:00 p.m.
- Student Julia Avesta was accepted into the S.C. Governor's School for the Arts and Humanities
- Julia Avesta received first place in the Denmark Dogwood Festival "Fresh Air" Art show. The District was also represented by Jessie Collins (2nd place, painting/drawing), Sheila Serrano (3rd place painting), Candace Davis, 1st place, photography, Nuyannia Sherman, 2nd place, Photography, and Corrisa Jamison.

- Department of Education's Teacher of the Year celebration on May 3 from 6-9 p.m. at the Columbia Metro Center. Denmark-Olar High School alumni/astronaut, Dr. Robert Satcher, will be the speaker.

- School board election on April 11, 2017 for board members, Mr. Bias and Bishop Holman. Election should be certified by April 14 with the oath of office to be administered on April 21

- Denmark Technical College offer of free tuition for students with a 2.0 average, beginning August 2017

- SIC members participated in a state-wide meeting with Governor Dick Riley

- Possibility of \$15,000 arts grant for students

- Update on Read to Succeed funding

- Recent CATE audit with one citing listed

- High school teacher, Deon Branch, to attend Roper Mountain Science Institute

- MoDam grant awarded to high school to establish Wi-Fi connections on a bus and at students' homes for a three-year period, with a possibility of providing some laptops for students. Educational program access only would be granted.

- 21st Century grant application was submitted April 3 for \$200,000.

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 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 recommendations for coaching positions for the 2017-2018 school year. Mrs. Goodman moved that the recommendations be approved. Mrs. Thompson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

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Dr. Sojourner requested authorization to offer contracts to qualified prospective employees through August 31, 2017, with employment to be ratified by the board at the next duly called meeting. Mrs. Goodman moved that the authorization be granted. Bishop Holman seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

- **Student Personnel Matters**
No action was taken.

- **Contractual Matters**

- **Legal Matters/Counsel**
Bishop Holman moved that the attorney fees for March 2017 for \$7,737.60, which was tabled earlier in the meeting, be paid. Mrs. Thompson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

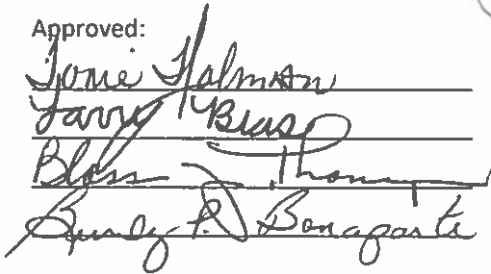
ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned without objection at 7:14 p.m.

Submitted by,



Approved:



Prepared by:
Deborah M. Anderson

BAMBERG SCHOOL DISTRICT TWO

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DISTRICT OFFICE BOARD ROOM
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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 March 13, 2017

STUDENT SERVICES

- Students of the Month

PRESENTATIONS

- Teacher of the Month
- Denmark-Olar High School Mickey Pringle, Principal
- Understanding Adverse Childhood Experiences Betty Wilson and Deanna Berry
- Importance of School Improvement Councils Myrtis Williams

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 Budget Preparation Calendar - 2017-2018

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 - ADC-Tobacco-Free Schools
- First Reading of Proposed 2017-2018 School Year Calendar

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

SECTION 5 - EXECUTIVE SESSION

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RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

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ADJOURNMENT