

MINUTES
SPECIAL CALLED BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
Denmark-Olar Board Room
Bamberg County, South Carolina
Thursday, January 24, 2019 – 9:00 a.m.

Members Present: Larry Bias, Chairman
Blossom Thompson, Vice Chairman *(arrived at 9:05 a.m.)*
Loretta Goodman, Secretary
Tonie Holman
Beverly Bonaparte *(arrived at 9:15 a.m.)*

Also Present: Dr. Thelma Sojourner, Superintendent
Steve Luoma, Auditor, McGregor Company
Rodney Anderson, Director of Business Operations
Oggretta Tyler, Financial Assistant

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Bias called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.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.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The meeting agenda was unanimously approved as written without objection.

FINANCE WORKSHOP

By consensus, the board members present agreed to delay the start of the finance workshop until Mrs. Boneparte and Mrs. Thompson, who were on the way to the meeting, to arrive.

During the Finance Workshop discussions were held regarding the following:

- Increasing the hourly rate of pay to \$10 per hour for approximately 20 classified staff who are currently paid less than \$10 per hour, including lunch room staff, custodians, teacher aides, and bus drivers.

Mrs. Goodman moved that the hourly rate of pay for staff earning less than \$10 per hour be increased to \$10 per hour effective July 1, 2019 and that other classified salaries be reviewed at a later date. Bishop Holman seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

- Complaints of limited copies available at the schools to be resolved by the superintendent.
- Purchase of the laundromat property near the high school to be pursued, upon determination of the final cost, to be paid from the construction contingency fund.
- Resolutions of FY19 material weaknesses and deficiencies noted in the audit findings were reviewed by Mr. Luoma and it was determined that procedures and practices had been put in place to eliminate those issues in future audits.

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- Additional costs incurred in the building/construction project which have caused a decrease in the construction fund balance because it was discovered some items had not been included in the final drawings. Some of the items included an additional lighting cost (\$90,000) for the surroundings of the property which will be paid from the contingency fund, and the repaving of the parking lot following completion of construction. Dr. Sojourner also stated that they are still unclear as to the location of the maintenance and bus offices in the construction.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

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

The motion was seconded by Bishop Holman and passed unanimously.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

The board voted unanimously to return to Open Session.

ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS



- **Employment/Personnel Recommendation Matters**
No action was taken.
- **Student Personnel Matters**
The board agreed to hold a student hearing on January 29, 2019, when the matter is finalized.
- **Contractual Matters**
No action was taken.
- **Legal Matters/Counsel**
No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned without objection at 12:00 p.m.

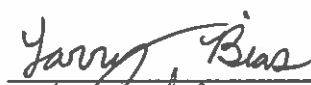

Submitted by,

Approved:

Prepared by:

Deborah M. Anderson

BAMBERG SCHOOL DISTRICT TWO

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9:00 A.M.**

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

MOMENT OF SILENCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA/ADDENDUM (ACTION)

FINANCE WORKSHOP

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- EMPLOYMENT/PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS/MATTERS
- STUDENT PERSONNEL MATTERS
- CONTRACTUAL MATTERS
- LEGAL MATTERS/COUNSEL

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

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