

MINUTES
SPECIAL CALLED BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
Denmark-Olar Board Room
Bamberg County, South Carolina
July 23, 2019 – 9:00 a.m.

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

Also Present: Thelma Sojourner, Superintendent

CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. Bonaparte called the special meeting to order. 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.

SCHOOL CONSOLIDATION PLAN RESOLUTION

Mrs. Goodman read into record the resolution regarding the submission by August 1, 2019 of a plan for proposed consolidation of Bamberg School Districts One and Two (Attachment 1). Mrs. Goodman moved that the resolution be adopted. Mrs. Thompson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Bamberg District One had approved a similar resolution (Attachment 2). A joint resolution for Bamberg Districts One and Two will be developed.

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 Mrs. Thompson 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**

Mrs. Goodman moved that the employment recommendations presented be approved. Mrs. Thompson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

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- **Student Personnel Matters**
Mrs. Goodman moved that transfer requests for students JT, Jr., JTS, JFJ and RI be approved. Mr. Bias seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
- **Contractual Matters**
No action was taken.
- **Legal Matters/Counsel**
No action was taken.

The board agreed by consensus to hold a special meeting on July 30, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. to approve the district's application for consolidation of the school districts.

A date for a public meeting to present information regarding the proposed consolidation will be determined.

The board announced that the regular board meeting will be held August 5, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.

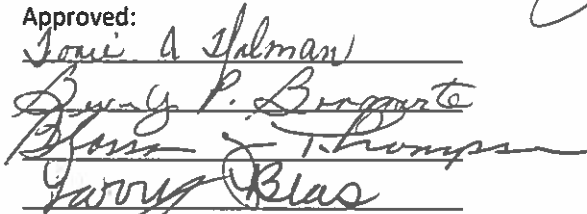
ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned without objection at 10:15 a.m.

Submitted by,



Approved:



Prepared by:

Deborah M. Anderson

RESOLUTION

DENMARK-OLAR SCHOOL DISTRICT TWO OF BAMBERG COUNTY

WHEREAS, legislation was proposed during the 2019 session of the South Carolina General Assembly to require consolidation of small school districts in rural counties, including Bamberg County;

WHEREAS, the South Carolina Superintendent of Education and the Legislative Delegation for Bamberg County have encouraged the voluntary consolidation of Denmark-Olar School District Two and Bamberg County School District One;

WHEREAS, it appears to the Board of Trustees of Denmark-Olar School District Two that mandated consolidation of school districts in Bamberg County within the next two to three years is inevitable;


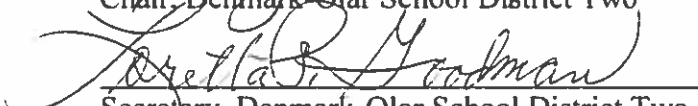
WHEREAS, Proviso 1.88 of the state budget for 2019-2020 sets aside significant incentive funds for certain school districts that choose to voluntarily consolidate under the guidance of the South Carolina Department of Education and their local legislative delegations. To be eligible for these funds, a preliminary plan and timeline for pursuing consolidation must be submitted to the South Carolina Department of Education by August 1, 2019;

WHEREAS, after careful study, deliberation, and consultation with the Bamberg County Legislative Delegation, the South Carolina Department of Education, the Board of Trustees and administration of Bamberg County School District One, and members of the community, the Denmark-Olar School District Two Board of Trustees desires to pursue consolidation with Bamberg County School District One and develop a preliminary plan and timeline for pursuing consolidation to submit to the South Carolina Department of Education by August 1, 2019.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY DENMARK-OLAR SCHOOL DISTRICT TWO OF BAMBERG COUNTY:

1. The Denmark-Olar School District Two Board of Trustees hereby finds and determines that it is in the best interests of students, employees, and citizens of Bamberg County for Denmark-Olar School District to consolidate with Bamberg County School District One to form a single school district for Bamberg County.
2. The Denmark-Olar School District Two Superintendent and Chair, in concert with designees of Bamberg County School District One, shall develop a preliminary plan and timeline for pursuing consolidation to submit to the South Carolina Department of Education by August 1, 2019, that will address any matters requested or suggested by the South Carolina Department of Education.

Adopted and approved July 23, 2019.


 Chair, Denmark-Olar School District Two

 Secretary, Denmark-Olar School District Two

*Received
7/16/19*

RESOLUTION – BAMBERG COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT ONE

WHEREAS, legislation was proposed during the 2019 session of the South Carolina General Assembly to require consolidation of small school districts in rural counties, including Bamberg County;

WHEREAS, the South Carolina Superintendent of Education and the Legislative Delegation for Bamberg County have encouraged the voluntary consolidation of Bamberg County School Districts One and Two;

WHEREAS, it appears to the Board of Trustees of Bamberg County School District One that mandated consolidation of school districts in Bamberg County within the next two to three years is inevitable;


WHEREAS, Proviso 1.88 of the state budget for 2019-2020 sets aside significant incentive funds for certain school districts that choose to voluntarily consolidate under the guidance of the South Carolina Department of Education and their local delegations. Those funds are capped and eligibility for the incentive funds requires prompt action;

WHEREAS, after careful study, deliberation, and consultation with the Bamberg County Legislative Delegation, the South Carolina Department of Education, the Board of Trustees of Bamberg County School District One, and others, the Bamberg County School District One Board of Trustees desires to pursue consolidation with Bamberg County School District Two and develop a consolidation plan to submit to the South Carolina Superintendent on or before August 1, 2019.

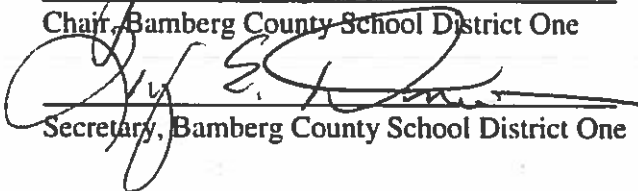
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY BAMBERG COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT ONE:

1. The Bamberg County School District One Board of Trustees hereby finds and determines that it is in the best interests of students, employees, and citizens of Bamberg County for Bamberg County School District One to consolidate with Bamberg County School District Two to form a single school district for Bamberg County.
2. The Bamberg County School District One Superintendent and Chair, in concert with designees of Bamberg County School District Two, shall develop a consolidation plan and preliminary timeline to submit to the South Carolina Department of Education by August 1, 2019, that will address any matters requested or suggested by the South Carolina Department of Education.

Adopted and approved July 15, 2019.



 Chair, Bamberg County School District One



 Secretary, Bamberg County School District One



**Board of Trustees Meeting
District Office Board Room
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TUESDAY, JULY 23, 2019 - 9:00 A.M.

AGENDA

CORRECTED

CALL TO ORDER OF SPECIAL CALLED MEETING

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA *(Action)*

SCHOOL CONSOLIDATION PLAN RESOLUTION *(Action)*

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