

MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
Denmark-Olar Board Room
Bamberg County, South Carolina
October 14, 2019 – 5:00 p.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 regular meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. In accordance with the SC Code of Laws, 1976, section 30-4-80(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 September 9, 2019 were unanimously approved as written and signed by all members present.

STUDENT SERVICES

Certificates and plaques were prepared for the following Students of the Month:

- Kiayzia Rivers- ES
- Riyanna Carter - MS
- Markesha Wise - HS

PRESENTATIONS

Teacher of the Month

A certificate and award was presented to Ms. Regina Williams, representing the middle school.

Construction Update

James Hall of Thompson Turner Construction requested the board's selection of signage placement at the construction site. By consensus, the board selected Option 3 for the Pre-K-8 building and Option 2 for the high school option. The high school's signage had already been placed prior to the board's selection/approval and Mr. Hall stated there would be no additional cost to move the signage to the position selected by the board.

Mr. Bias asked what the project's contingency balance was. Mr. Hall responded that there was approximately 20% remaining, that the balance would depend on whether there are any unforeseen occurrences in the construction process. Board members expressed concern that a ticket booth was not included in the stadium construction; the

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concession stand had no exhaust fan and stove to allow for food preparation; gaps in the fencing surrounding the stadium; strips on the steps/bleachers were already lifting. Mr. Hall stated that he was looking at premanufactured options for a ticket booth which would have to come from contingency; the concession stand was not designed for cooking as that was not included in the scope of work and had not been approved by DHEC, but that an exhaust could be added at a later time; and that he would check for the gaps in the fencing and the loose strips on the bleachers.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No one signed to address the board during Public Participation.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business for discussion.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business for discussion.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

- **Selection of Delegate/Alternate Delegate for 2019 Delegate Assembly**
By consensus, Mrs. Goodman was selected as voting delegate for the Delegate Assembly with Bishop Holman serving as the alternate delegate.

SECTION 1 - FINANCE

- **Finance Report**
Mr. Anderson provided the finance report. Mrs. Bonaparte asked how the funds collected from the Wall of Fame efforts were dispensed. Mr. Anderson responded that funds received were set up to be expended and monitored by the high school. The report was received as information.

SECTION 2 - CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

- Dr. Johnson provided information regarding the following:
 - State level staff development for K-12 standards
 - State level staff development for K-5 ELA standards
 - After school programs in progress with 118 students enrolled at the elementary school and 65 students enrolled at the middle school
 - Dr. Martin had received a \$1,500 grant for art supplies
 - New mandates for SC MTSS – instructional equity program.The report was received as information.

SECTION 3 - ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION

- **Attorney Fees**
Mrs. Goodman moved that the attorney invoice from Boykin and Davis for September 2019 totaling \$460.00 be paid. Mrs. Thompson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
- **Legislative Update**
Dr. Sojourner stated that SC School Board Association was conducting a webinar on October 23 on current and pending legislation which include education reform; private school funding; bullying; and mental health concerns. The report was received as information.

SECTION 4 - SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Sojourner provided information on the following:

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- Request for JROTC to travel to Patriot’s Point in Mt Pleasant November 14-15, 2019. The group will consist of 30 students with 3 chaperones. Mrs. Goodman moved that the request be granted. Mrs. Thompson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
 - Request from Linda Keyton to rent the fitness center on Wednesdays from 10:30 a.m.-11:45 a.m. for fitness activities and 3:00 p.m. – 4:45 p.m. for dance instruction. Mrs. Goodman moved that the request be granted. Mrs. Thompson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
 - The school cafeterias had recently received the following DHEC ratings: Elementary – 100%; Middle – 99%; High – 100%
 - The elementary and middle schools’ robo calls were being successfully executed; the high school is experiencing some difficulties
 - Grandparents Day at the elementary school on September 19 was well attended
 - The high school’s Reality Day and College Day held September 27 were successful
 - High school student, Bernard Young, was recognized for athletics and scholarship by WJBF television station.
- The report was received as information.

The board requested that the high and middle school basketball schedules be provided to them.

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 unanimously approved.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

The board returned to Open Session on a motion by Mrs. Goodman, seconded by Mrs. Thompson and unanimously passed.

ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS

- **Employment/Personnel Recommendations/Matters**
Mrs. Goodman moved that the employment recommendations be approved as presented. Mrs. Thompson 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.

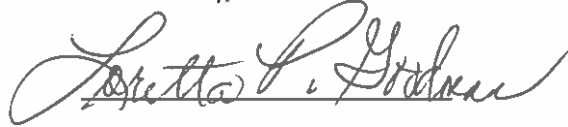
Mrs. Bonaparte stated that the board would hold a special meeting on October 28, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. to complete the superintendent’s evaluation.

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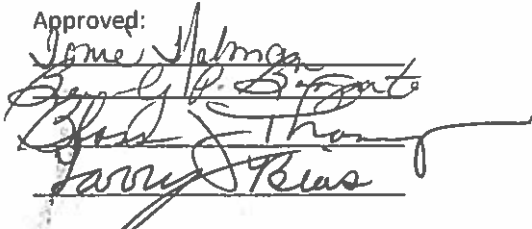
ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned without objection at 6:41 p.m.

Submitted by,



Approved:



Prepared by
Deborah Anderson



**Board of Trustees Meeting
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 September 9, 2019

STUDENT SERVICES

- Students of the Month

PRESENTATIONS (Action if Needed)

- Teacher of the Month
- Construction Update

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (Action if Needed)

NEW BUSINESS (Action if Needed)

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT (Action if Needed)

- Selection of Delegate/Alternate Delegate for 2019 Delegate Assembly

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

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

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ADJOURNMENT