

MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
Denmark-Olar Board Room
Bamberg County, South Carolina
November 11, 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 note of record for a training session held October 14, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. was unanimously approved as written without objection and signed by all members present.

The minutes of the regular meeting held October 14, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. were unanimously approved as written and signed by all members present.

The minutes of a special called meeting held October 28, 2019 were unanimously approved as written and signed by all members present.

STUDENT SERVICES

Dr. Sojourner and Bishop Holman presented certificates and plaques prepared for the following Students of the Month:

- Chyna James - ES
- Aleyiah Ray - MS
- Lindsey Walker - HS

PRESENTATIONS

Teacher of the Month

A certificate and award was presented to Mrs. Camille Benjamin-Davis, representing the elementary school.

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Thanksgiving Poster Contest Awards

Mrs. Cathy Self presented awards to students who participated in the annual Thanksgiving poster contest. First Baptist Church and the Denmark-Olar High School Class of 1983 formed the collaborative partnership of Feed My Sheep Ministries, providing Thanksgiving dinners to the community.

High School

First Place Ernest Brown
Second Place Ilesha Patel
Third Place Malayia Mercer
Third Place Zenia Williams

Middle School

First Place Zeniah Green
Second Place Madison Meeks
Third Place Honesty Sanders
Honorable Mention Treasure Washington

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Basketball coach Hercules Davis presented a proposal to the board for the purchase of new men's and women's basketball uniforms and shoes and new warm-up suits for the men's team. He displayed the uniforms currently being used and presented one quote he obtained for the purchase of new uniforms. The board received his presentation as information.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business for discussion.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business for discussion.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Mrs. Bonaparte commended the principals for the work they are doing and for the conditions of the schools, but asked that doors be checked because some were unlocked.

SECTION 1 - FINANCE

- **Finance Report**

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

SECTION 2 - CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

- Dr. Johnson provided information regarding the following:

-Completion of beginning of the year assessments

-School instructional intervention models in place.

Mrs. Bonaparte asked when the report cards would be distributed. Dr. Johnson responded that she would check to see what the process is and provide a report to the board.

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 October 2019 totaling \$1,592.20 be paid. Bishop Holman seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

- **Legislative Update**

Dr. Sojourner stated the SCSBA Legislative Advocacy Conference is scheduled for December 6-8 and that additional information would be provided during the conference. The report was received as information.

SECTION 4 - SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Sojourner provided information on the following:

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-Request from Dr. Haigler for 20 high school students to travel to Charlotte, NC for the HBCU Career Fair on February 22, 2020. The group will travel by chartered bus, leaving at 8:30 a.m. and returning by 12:30 a.m. Mrs. Goodman moved that the request be granted. Bishop Holman seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

-Request from Dr. Haigler for 20 students and two chaperones to travel to Orlando, FL, April 23-26, 2020 for the senior class trip. Mrs. Goodman moved that the request be approved. Mrs. Thompson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

-Request from Denmark Youth Soccer League to use the middle school football field and lights from March-June 2020. Mrs. Goodman moved that the request be granted as in the past. Mrs. Thompson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

-Two requests for use of district facilities which she would need to address during Executive Session

-Mock interviews conducted at the high school by the Denmark Lions Club

-Professional ethics workshop available to board members at the February school board conference

-November school lunch and breakfast menus

-New mini bus parked in front of the office for the board's inspection. The large activity bus is scheduled for delivery around Thanksgiving.

The report was received as information.

SECTION 5 - EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

- Construction Update
- Employment/Personnel Recommendations/Matters
- Student Personnel Matters
- Contractual Matters
- Legal Matters/Counsel

The motion was seconded by Bishop Holman and unanimously approved.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

The board voted unanimously to return to Open Session.

ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS

- **Construction Update**

No action was taken.

- **Employment/Personnel Recommendations/Matters**

Mrs. Goodman moved that the employment recommendations for two part-time drivers 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. Goodman moved that, regarding the request made by Coach Davis earlier in the meeting, uniforms and warm-up suits be provided equally for the men's and women's basketball teams as soon as possible. Mrs. Thompson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

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ADJOURNMENT

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

Submitted by,

Loretta P. Godman

Approved:

Josie Hulman
By: G. Bonaparte
Blas & Thompson
Jerry Bias

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)*

- Note of Record of Training Session Held October 14, 2019 - 9:00 a.m.
- Regular Meeting Held October 14, 2019 - 5:00 p.m.
- Special Called Meeting Held October 28, 2019

STUDENT SERVICES

- Students of the Month

PRESENTATIONS *(Action if Needed)*

- Teacher of the Month
- Thanksgiving Poster Contest Awards Cathy Self

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

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

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