

MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
Denmark-Olar Board Room
Bamberg County, South Carolina
April 12, 2021 – 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
Deonia Simmons, Interim 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, 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 without objection.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the regular meeting held March 1, 2021, and special meetings held March 5, 2021, March 15, 2021 and March 25, 2021 were approved as written without objection. The minutes were signed by all board members.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business for discussion.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business for discussion.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Mrs. Bonaparte reported that the Cheese and Crackerbox had donated books to the elementary school and that additional books would be coming.

SECTION 1 - FINANCE

- **Finance Report**

Mrs. Oggretta Tyler presented the finance report which was received as information. She also reported that she and Devon Blume, in accordance with the shared services agreement between the Bamberg 1 and Bamberg 2 districts, had begun gathering information for preparation of the 2021-2022 FY budget.

SECTION 2 - CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

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Dr. Johnson shared that:

- MAP testing had begun for grades K-11
- Strategic and School Renewal Plans were being completed for submission to the Department of Education before April 30
- SC-Alt testing for grades 4, 6, 7 and 8 were in process.
The report was received as information.

SECTION 3 - ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION

- **Attorney Fees**

Mrs. Goodman moved that the attorney fees for February 2021 totaling \$4,718.45 be approved for payment. Bishop Holman seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

- **Legislative Update**

Dr. Sojourner reported that the House and Senate were in session -

-The Senate voted for five-day face-to-face instruction to begin on April 12, 2021 and that the district had complied; however, April 16 would be a virtual instruction day in order for teachers to complete their second administration of COVID vaccinations

-A problem was encountered with Smartbox, the company scheduled to deliver meals to students remaining on virtual instruction following students' return to in-person instruction. Our buses would continue to deliver meals to virtual students April 13-16 and Smartbox will resume deliveries on April 19, after delivery issues are resolved.

-Attendance on April 12, first day of face-to-face instruction was: ES – 171 students; MS – 80 students; and HS – 66 students. Principals feel that additional students will continue to return to face-to-face instruction.

The report was received as information.

- **First Reading of Proposed 2021-2022 School Year Calendar**

Mrs. Goodman moved that first reading approval be given to the proposed 2021-2022 school year calendar. The motion was seconded by Bishop Holman and unanimously passed.

- **Second Reading of Policies**

-DGD – Credit Card Use (Update)

Mrs. Goodman moved that second reading approval be given to policy DGD. Mrs. Thompson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

-DJD – Expense Authorization/Reimbursement (Update)

Dr. Sojourner requested that action on policy DJD be tabled until after Executive Session discussion.

SECTION 4 - SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Sojourner provided the following information:

-Senior class events flyers were provided to board members

-Seniors were applying for scholarships and that she had forwarded information received regarding a SCSU scholarship availability to the high school guidance counselor

-High school custodian, Jasper Jennings, lost his sister in a car accident during the spring break; Mrs. Bonaparte reported that Mr. Jennings had also experienced fire damage to his home during the break.

-A high school student passed away just before the spring break.

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

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The motion was seconded by Bishop Holman and unanimously approved.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

The board returned to Open Session on a motion by Mrs. Goodman, seconded by Mr. Bias and unanimously passed. Dr. Sojourner shared the annexation ordinance received from the City of Denmark for the new school facility that was approved effective September 21, 2020. (Attachment 1)

By unanimous consensus of the board, action on policy DJD – Expense Authorization/Reimbursement, was placed on hold for further clarification.

ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS

- **Employment/Personnel Recommendations/Matters**
Mrs. Goodman moved that the 16 employment recommendations presented in Executive Session be approved. Mrs. Thompson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

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

- **Contractual Matters**
No action was taken.

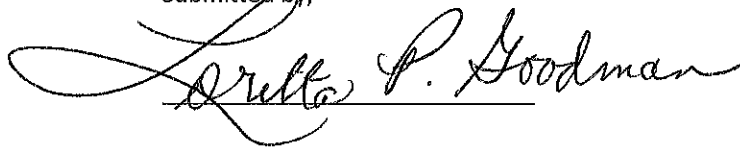
- **Legal Matters/Counsel**
No action was taken.

Mrs. Bonaparte announced that the board will hold a special called meeting on April 15, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

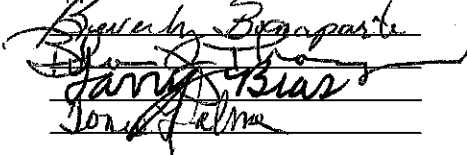
ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned without objection at 6:27 p.m.

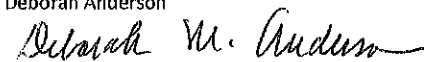
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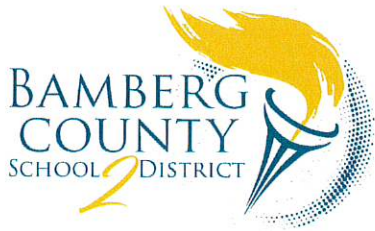

Loretta P. Goodman

Approved:


Beverly Bonaparte
David Bias
Tom Holman

Prepared by
Deborah Anderson


Deborah M. Anderson



**Board of Trustees Meeting
District Office Board Room**

APRIL 12, 2021 - 5:00 P.M.

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

MOMENT OF SILENCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA/ADDENDUM (Action)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Action)

- Regular Meeting Held March 1, 2021
- Special Called Meeting Held March 5, 2021
- Special Called Meeting Held March 15, 2021
- Special Called Meeting Held March 25, 2021

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (Action if Needed)

NEW BUSINESS (Action if Needed)

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT (Action if Needed)

SECTION 1 - FINANCE (Action if Needed)

- Finance Report Oggretta Tyler

SECTION 2 - CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION Dr. Ruby J. Johnson

SECTION 3 - ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION (Action)

- Attorney Fees
- Legislative Update
- First Reading of Proposed 2021-2022 School Year Calendar
- Second Reading of Policies
 - DGD - Credit Card Use (Update)
 - DJD - Expense Authorization/Reimbursement (Update)

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

SECTION 5 - EXECUTIVE SESSION

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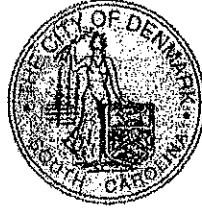
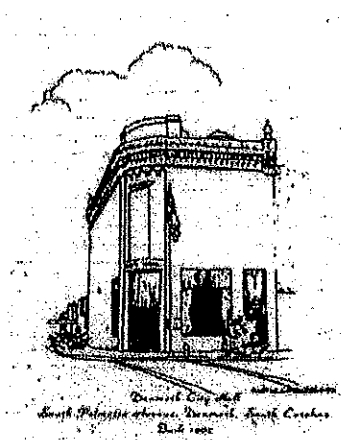
RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS

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ADJOURNMENT

The City of Denmark



Mayor
Dr. Gerald E. Wright

Mayor Pro Tem
Jake N. Bookard

Council Members
Bervay L. Carter
Bonnie Love
Hope Long Weldon
James J. Robinson
Calvin Odom

Annexation Ordinance Denmark-Olar School District Two

Whereas, S.C. Code of Laws Section 5-3-130 states, "If the area proposed to be annexed belongs to a school district, it may be annexed upon the petition of the board of trustee of the school district to the city or town council. Upon agreement of the city or town council to accept the petition and the passage of an ordinance to the effect, the annexation is complete".

And Whereas, The City of Denmark has received from the Denmark – Olar School District Two a petition to annex

All of that certain parcel of land containing 39.588 acres, more or less, situate inside and outside of the City of Denmark, Denmark-Olar School District Two of Bamberg County, County of Bamberg, State of South Carolina which is particularly shown on plat thereof prepared by R.J. Parler, RLS, on November 20, 1992, which said plat was recorded in the office of the Clerk of Court for Bamberg County on February 4, 1993, in Plat Book 26, Page 45, and which said plat is incorporated herein by reference. The said parcel measures more or less and is bounded, now or formerly, as follows: On the Northeast 1041.03 feet by center line of a dirt road; on the Southeast 1604.90 feet by property of Sarah. G. Barton; on the Southwest 209.27 feet by of Mercer Funeral Home, Inc.; on the Southwest 50.57 feet by a street ;on the Southeast 102.02 feet by a street; on the Southwest 209.97 feet by property of Carter; on the Northwest 115.76 feet by a street; on the southwest 50.38 feet by a street;

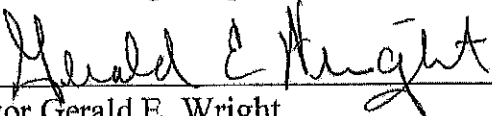
On the southwest 380.18 feet by property of Mercer Funeral Home, Inc.; on the Southwest 50.57 feet by a street; on the southeast 102.02 feet by a street; on the southwest 209.97 feet by property of Rigby and Kieffer; on the Northwest 214.88 feet of property of Rigby and Kieffer; on the Southwest 403.88 feet by property of Rigby and Kieffer; and on the Northwest 1358.09 feet by North Church Street. This is a portion conveyed to James B. Guess 111, by Deed J.B. Guess, Jr. dated February 29, 1952, which said deed was recorded in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Bamberg County on April 4, 1952, in Deed Book 8, page 306.

And whereas, the Denmark City Council agrees that annexation would be in the best interest of the property owner and the City of Denmark;

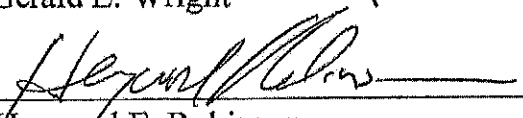
Now, Therefore, Be it Ordained by the Mayor and City Council of Denmark, South Carolina that on this day September 21, 2020 the property previously describe is hereby annexed and becomes part of the corporate limits of the City of Denmark, South Carolina.

First Reading - August 17, 2020

Second Reading - September 21, 2020



Mayor Gerald E. Wright

Attest: 

Heyward E. Robinson
City Administrator