

Minutes
Board of Trustees Meeting
Denmark Olar High School Media Center
Denmark, South Carolina
August 9, 2021- 5:00 pm

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

Also Present: Dottie Brown, Superintendent
Deonia Simmons, Deputy Superintendent

CALLED TO ORDER

Ms. Bonaparte call the board meeting to order at 5:00 pm.
In accordance with the SC Code of Laws, 1976, section 30-4-80 (e) as amended, the following has been notified of the time, date, place and agenda of the meeting: WHZ Radio Station, Barnwell, and the Time 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

Ms. Goodman moved that the board accept the agenda.
Ms. Thompson seconded the motion. The agenda was unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the regular board meeting held on July 20, 2021 was approved as written without objection.
The minutes were signed by all board members.

SCHOOL – PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

- Denmark Olar Elementary School – Dr. Rhonda Ray informed the board of their projected enrollment of two hundred eighty-eight (288), with five (5) students having withdrawn. No vacancies and no confirmed COVID cases were reported. Dr. Ray informed that the Principal’s Meet and Greet was held on July 28, 2021 and she was happy to see two of the board members present, Ms. Beverly Bonaparte and Mr. Larry Bias. Dr. Ray stated that Opened House is scheduled for Tuesday, August 10, 2021 at 4:00-6:00 p.m. and this week is professional development week for the staff. She further stated that Title 1 Planning Meeting is scheduled for August 19, 2021.

- Denmark Olar Middle School – Mr. Walter Baker stated that two (2) students had withdrawn and there were no new enrollees. Mr. Baker stated Open House is scheduled for Thursday, August 12, 2021 at 4:30 -6:30 pm. He further stated there were no new or confirm COVID cases. Computers will be distributed the first week of school.
- Denmark Olar High School – Mr. Walter Baker stated that one (1) withdrawal, two (2) enrollees. Mr. Baker informed that Open House is scheduled for Thursday, August 12, 2021 at 4:30 -6:30 pm. He informed the board of a COVID matter that was brought to his attention, which Deputy Superintendent, Dr. Simmons may be able to address in further details. Mr. Baker further went on to state that Dr. Martin has been working on the year books this year and was in attendance to present each board member with a copy. Mr. Baker noted the school is currently in need of a PE teacher, Special Education teacher and an English teacher.

ATHLETIC REPORT

- Athletic Director, Mr. Littlejohn informed the board of this year's ticket selling process for athletic events and advised the stadium capacity will be 65%. There will be a maximum limit of 850 tickets available, at a cost of \$8.00 per ticket. Mr. Littlejohn stated pre-sale tickets would be available every Thursday and Friday 10:00 am until 2:00 pm. Tickets will also be available for sale online.
Mr. Littlejohn informed the board that a fifty- four passenger bus would be use for transporting players to and from games so that every player would have a seat to themselves and further advised that masks were not required, but highly recommended. Mr. Littlejohn further stated he was not aware of any COVID cases with regards to the players or coaches at this time. Masks are not required but highly recommended. Picture day for Football players, coaches and cheerleaders this year including pictures with families scheduled for Saturday, August 14, 2021.
Mr. Littlejohn noted upcoming Football Events to include a Scrimmage Tuesday, August 10, 2021 and a Jamboree on Friday, August 13, 2021. The first football game will be on Friday, August 20, 2021.
With regards to volleyball, Mr. Littlejohn stated the first game is scheduled for August 24, 2021 at Blackville Hilda. The tickets are available at the door for \$5.00.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Ms. Brown reiterated school guidance information set forth by DHEC pertaining to mask guidelines, as vaccinations and other COVID -19 Protocols for the 2021-2022 school year.
- Ms. Brown presented the board with back to school packets that were given to the staff/personnel.
- Ms. Brown stated that construction of the district office was well under way and there was some slight delay in floor covering due to the effect the virus has on shipping and availability.
- Ms. Brown recognized and congratulated Ms. Janeth Walker (Bamberg District 1 Chairman) on completing level 6 test in the SCSBA's Boardmanship Institute. She will receive special recognition for her accomplishment during the SCSBA's Annual Convention in February 17-20, 2022 in Hilton Head, South Carolina.

- Ms. Brown requested the board to participate in SCSBA's "welcome Back" activity and asked that the board take a picture to be posted on the website.

FINANCIAL REPORT

- Ms. Brown stated that Ms. Furr was not present, as she was taking care of some financial matters for the district that needed her immediate attention. Ms. Brown stated if any board member had questions regarding the financial report, they could contact the finance department directly.

BOARD CHAIRPERSON REPORT

- Ms. Bonaparte stated she appreciated and enjoyed the back to school breakfast.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ms. Goodman moved to leave open session and enter into Executive Session to discuss the following:

- Personnel Matters
- Student Matters
- Contractual Matters
- Legal Matters

The motion was seconded by Ms. Thompson and unanimously approved.

Return to Open Session

The board returned to Open Session, by a motion from Ms. Goodman, seconded by Ms. Thompson and unanimously passed to take necessary actions on executive session matters.

ACTION OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

Employment/Personnel Matters

-Ms. Goodman moved to accept the resignation of BB, SJ and TG. Seconded by Ms. Thompson and unanimously passed.

-Ms. Goodman moved for recommendation for hire of CJ as a business education teacher for Denmark Olar High School. Seconded Ms. Thompson and unanimously passed.

Student Personnel Matters

-Ms. Goodman moved to grant consent for SG and AB to continue at their present school or transfer school to attend school of their parent's choice. Seconded by Ms. Thompson and unanimously passed.

Contractual Matters

-Ms. Goodman moved to give approval of superintendent's recommendation to go with LSG Heating and Air for units to be installed at the district office. Seconded by Ms. Thompson and unanimously passed.

Legal Matters

-No Action Needed

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:38 pm.

Submitted by,

Shirley P. Lockman

Approved:

Blair Thompson
Jerry Bass
Janie Palmer
Buddy Bongarte

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