

MINUTES
FLORENCE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT FIVE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
April 29, 2019

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Richard D. Sanders, Vice Chairman
Mr. Andrew B. Gaster
Mr. Raymond A. Haselden

Mr. Jerry A. Lee
Mrs. Faith L. Truesdale

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. John M. Nesmith, Sr., Chairman

STAFF PRESENT:

Mr. Randy Smiley, Superintendent
Mrs. Kim Ard
Mrs. Ninita Brown
Mrs. Lacinda Burrows
Mrs. Wynde Clark
Mrs. Tonya Eaddy
Mrs. Elizabeth Ellison
Mrs. Gay Owens

Mrs. Marcia Pittman
Mrs. Allana Prosser
Mrs. Beth Snowden
Mrs. Donna Tanner
Mr. Sam Tuten
Mr. Randy Willis
Mrs. Wanda Willis
Mrs. Tina Williams, Recorder

OTHERS PRESENT:

JES Students and Parents

The Board of Trustees of Florence County School District Five met in regular session on Monday, April 29, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. in the media center at Johnsonville Elementary School.

1. **Welcome and Call to Order** – In the absence of Chairman John Nesmith, Vice Chairman Sanders welcomed those present and called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.
2. **Confirmation of Notice to Media** – Vice Chairman Sanders stated that in accordance with the South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976, as amended, Section 30-4-80(e), the following were notified of this meeting: *Morning News*, *NPO News*, WMBF-TV, WPDE-TV, and www.fsd5.org.
3. **Approval of Agenda** – The Agenda was approved by general consent of the Board.
4. **Public Forum** – No one was present to address the Board in Public Forum.
5. **Consent Agenda (A-C)** – Vice Chairman Sanders reviewed the items of the Consent Agenda which included Board Minutes for March 25, 2019, regular session, Monthly Financial Statement for March 2019, and School Food Service Statement for March 2019. All items passed by general consent of the Board.
6. **Special Presentations:**
 - A. **Board Member Recognition** – Vice Chairman Sanders presented a plaque to Mrs. Holly Wall in recognition of her 14 years of service on the Board of Trustees. Mrs. Wall addressed the Board and expressed her gratitude for having served in this capacity.

7. Staff Report:

A. Johnsonville Elementary School – Mrs. Lacinda Burrows, Assistant Principal, welcomed and gave opening remarks to Board members and visitors. Four elementary school students performed an entertaining skit that described the school theme for this year, which is F. (Family Events) I. (Innovation) R. (Rigor) E. (Effort). In closing, Mrs. Allana Prosser, Principal, gave a data presentation that compared last year’s test scores to this year’s test scores and discussed next year’s test score projections.

8. Superintendent’s Report:

- A. Budget Update** – Mrs. Willis told members that the budget is a balanced budget of 10 million dollars, which is a tight budget. The budget highlights for 2019-20 include: (1) Utilized Base Student Cost of \$2,487; (2) Increased Tier 3 revenue of \$45,295; (3) Increased employer contributions for retirement by 1%; (4) Certified employees received a 4% raise; (5) Non-Certified employees received a 2% raise; and (6) Increased interest line item by \$26,000. Mrs. Willis said a more detailed version would be provided at next month’s meeting including any changes from the Legislature.
- B. JMS HVAC Project** – Mr. Smiley said the HVAC project started over spring break and six units were replaced with new energy efficient, quieter units. He said during the summer months, the project would be completed before next school year. The hot water heaters will also be replaced with more energy efficient units.
- C. School Observations and Trends** – Mr. Smiley told members that administration had completed 63 observations in March. He said teachers are using TE21 in preparation of state testing.

9. For Action Agenda

- A. Second Reading of Proposed 2019-20 Proposed School Calendar** – Mrs. Truesdale moved, seconded by Mr. Haselden, that the Board approve the Second Reading of the 2019-20 Proposed School Calendar as presented. The motion carried unanimously.
- B. First Reading of 2019-20 Proposed General Fund Budget** – Mr. Lee moved, seconded by Mr. Gaster, that the Board approve the First Reading of the 2019-20 Proposed General Fund Budget. The motion carried unanimously.
- C. Adult Education** – Mr. Smiley explained that Adult Education Services in Florence County would combine into one countywide program, which is a shared services initiative. He said the collaboration will not result in a change for Florence Five, and we would still host a satellite office in Johnsonville with Mrs. Brenda Hannah as on-site manager. Mr. Haselden moved, seconded by Mrs. Truesdale, that the Board approve the Memorandum of Agreement between Florence 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5. The motion carried unanimously.
- D. Overnight Field Trip Request(s)** – Mr. Gaster moved, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the JHS Golf Team attend an Overnight Field Trip to compete in the state golf tournament in North Augusta, S.C., on May 12-14. The motion carried unanimously.

10. Executive Session Agenda

After a brief recess, Vice Chairman Sanders moved, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Board enter the Executive Session Agenda to discuss (A) Recommendations for Hire and (B) Student Releases. The motion carried unanimously, and the Board entered Executive Session at 8:06 p.m.

11. Reconvene in Open Session with Action if Necessary from Executive Session – Following Executive Session, Vice Chairman Sanders called the meeting to order in Open Session at 8:55 p.m. with no action taken.

A. Recommendations for Hire - As a result of discussions held in Executive Session, Mr. Lee moved, seconded by Mr. Gaster, that the Recommendation for Hire for Candidate A be approved as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Truesdale moved, seconded by Mr. Haselden, that the Recommendation for Hire for Candidate B be approved as presented. The motion carried with Mr. Gaster abstaining.

B. Student Release(s) - Mr. Lee moved, seconded by Mr. Gaster, that the Board release Student A to attend school for the 2019-20 school year in Florence 3. The motion carried unanimously

Mr. Haselden moved, seconded by Mrs. Truesdale, that the Board release Student B to attend school for the 2019-20 school year in Florence 2. The motion carried unanimously.

12. Adjournment – There being no further business, Mr. Lee moved, seconded by Mr. Haselden, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

Chairman

Member

Vice Chairman

Member

Secretary

Member

Member