

**MINUTES**  
**FLORENCE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT FIVE**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**January 22, 2018**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mr. Jerry A. Lee, Chairman  
Mrs. Marie B. Haselden  
Mr. Raymond A. Haselden  
Mr. John M. Nesmith

Mr. Richard D. Sanders  
Mrs. Faith L. Truesdale  
Mrs. Holly H. Wall

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Mr. Randy Smiley, Superintendent  
Mrs. Robyn Elliott  
Mrs. Jennifer Hunter  
Mrs. Sherise Jakell  
Mr. Adam Kennedy

Mrs. Jimmie Lynn Marlowe  
Mrs. Beth Snowden  
Mr. Sam Tuten  
Mrs. Tina Williams

The Board of Trustees of Florence County School District Five met in regular session on Monday, January 22, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. in the District Office.

1. **Welcome and Call to Order** – Chairman Lee welcomed those present and called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. **Confirmation of Notice to Media** – Chairman Lee 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, and **www.fsd5.org**.
3. **Approval of Agenda** – The Agenda was approved by general consent of the Board.
4. **Special Recognitions**
  - A. **Signing of SCSBA Ethical Principles Poster** - Mr. Smiley distributed a copy of the Ethical Principles Statements to the Board of Trustees. Each board member signed the document pledging to uphold the standards, and the document will be displayed in the Florence School District Five boardroom.
  - B. **Special Report** – Mrs. Sherise Jakell addressed the Board concerning memorializing Mrs. Paula Snow. The proposal included a memorial plaque and a bookshelf dedicated to Mrs. Snow, which will contain an array of sea turtle books. To honor her memory, the faculty also plans to plant a tree in the spring. The Board thanked Mrs. Jakell and showed support of the plans she presented.
5. **Public Forum** – No one was present to address the Board in Public Forum.
6. **Consent Agenda** – Chairman Lee reviewed the items of the Consent Agenda which included Board Minutes for November 27, 2017, regular session; the Monthly Financial Statements for November and December 2017; and School Food Service Statements for July through December 2017. A discussion ensued in regards to School Food Service Community Eligibility. All items passed by general consent of the Board.

**7. Regular Agenda**

**A. Staff Report:**

1. Special Olympics – Mrs. Robyn Elliott, accompanied by Mrs. Jennifer Hunter and Mrs. Jimmie Lynn Marlowe, addressed the Board in regards to the Project Unify Special Olympics that will be hosted at Johnsonville Track Field on Friday, March 23, 2018, beginning at 9:00 a.m. There will be a pep rally in the Johnsonville Elementary School gymnasium on Thursday, March 22, 2018, at 1:00 p.m. The teachers also distributed brochures for the event.

**B. Board Report:**

1. **SCSBA Delegate Assembly** – Mr. Richard Sanders gave a report on the SCSBA Delegate Assembly that he attended in December as a voting delegate on behalf of the Board of Trustees. He distributed a report, *Convergence*, which highlighted information from the conference. He encouraged the Board to visit the legislative advocacy conference website and view Mr. Mike Shealy’s presentation, “A Look at the Fiscal Year 2018-19 State Budget Report”. Mr. Sanders thanked the Board for allowing him the opportunity to attend, and the Board commended him on a job well done.

**C. Superintendent’s Report**

1. Statement of Economic Interest – Mr. Smiley reminded members to complete their Statement of Economic Interest by the March 30 deadline in order to avoid any penalty.
2. Update on Abbeville Grant Funds – The district has received \$915,000 for HVAC and lighting upgrades and \$247,000 for security upgrades from the Abbeville Grant Funds. The total cost of the HVAC and lighting project would exceed the appropriated amount, and Mr. Smiley suggested utilizing grant conservation funds through the South Carolina State Energy Office to secure the extra funding. Mr. Smiley said the new HVAC and lighting would be much more energy efficient. Mr. Adam Kennedy, Technology Director, is currently working with a vendor to implement a security system, which would include a new IP camera system, buzz-in front door systems, and phone systems creating a cost savings of \$800 a month. A discussion ensued.
3. School Observations and Trends – Mr. Smiley told the Board that during the months of December and January, the administrative staff completed 110 observations.
4. School Board Meeting Location Changes – Mr. Smiley informed members that the locations of Board meetings would change as follows: February – JHS, March – JMS, and April – JES.

**8. For Action Agenda**

Mrs. Beth Snowden, Pupil Services Director, presented information to the Board concerning the following policies:

- A. First Reading Board Policy KLGA (School Resource Officers)** – Mrs. Snowden informed the Board that the district presently does not have a policy regarding School Resource Officers and this is a model policy recommended by SCSBA. Mrs. Wall moved, seconded by Mr. Haselden, that the Board give first reading to Board Policy KLGA (School Resource Officers) as presented. The motion carried unanimously.
- B. Revision and Approval** – Board Policy IKA-R (Grading/Assessment System) – In regards to Board Policy IKA-R, the state’s uniform grading scale has changed the rounding computation to the third decimal. Mr. Sanders moved, seconded by Mrs. Haselden, that the Board give first reading to the revision of Board Policy IKA-R (Grading/Assessment System) as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

- C. Revision and Approval** – Board Policy IKE (Promotion and Retention) – Mrs. Snowden told the Board that verbiage has been added which includes state mandated third grade retention. Mrs. Truesdale moved, seconded by Mr. Sanders, that the Board give first reading to the revision of Board Policy IKE (Promotion and Retention) as presented. The motion carried unanimously.
- D. Overnight Field Trip Request(s)** – Mr. Sanders moved, seconded by Mr. Haselden, that the fourth grade students at JES participate in an overnight field trip to Camp Bob Cooper, Summerton, SC, on April 25-27, 2018, as presented by the Superintendent. The motion carried unanimously.
- E. Calendar Revisions** – Mr. Haselden moved, seconded by Mr. Nesmith, that the Board accept the calendar revisions for inclement weather on the 2017-18 school calendar as recommended by the Superintendent. The motion carried unanimously.

**9. Executive Session Agenda**

- A. Personnel Resignations** – Mrs. Wall moved, seconded by Mr. Nesmith, that the Board enter the Executive Session Agenda to discuss Personnel Resignations. The motion carried unanimously, and the Board entered Executive Session at 8:20 p.m.

**10. Reconvene in Open Session with Action if Necessary from Executive Session** – The Board reconvened into Open Session at 9:25 p.m. with action taking regarding Personnel Resignations.

**11. Open Session** – Mr. Sanders moved, seconded by Mr. Nesmith, that Resignation One be accepted as presented by the Superintendent. The motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Wall moved, seconded by Mrs. Truesdale, that Resignation Two be accepted as presented by the Superintendent. The motion carried unanimously.

**12. Adjournment** – There being no further business, Mr. Nesmith moved, seconded by Mrs. Wall, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

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