

**MINUTES
FLORENCE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT FIVE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
May 21, 2018**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. John M. Nesmith

STAFF PRESENT:

Mr. Randy Smiley, Superintendent
Mrs. Dayne Coker
Mr. Adam Kennedy
Mrs. Mirandi Squires

Mr. Sam Tuten
Mr. Randy Willis
Mrs. Wanda Willis
Mrs. Tina Williams, Recorder

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mrs. Allana Prosser
Parent of Student Appeal

The Board of Trustees of Florence County School District Five met in regular session on Monday, May 21, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. in the Johnsonville Middle School Media Center.

1. **Approval of Agenda** – The Agenda was approved by general consent of the Board.
2. **Welcome and Call to Order** – Chairman Lee welcomed those present and called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.
3. **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, WPDE-TV, and www.fsd5.org.
4. **Public Forum** – There was no one present to address the Board in Public Forum.
5. **Consent Agenda** – Chairman Lee reviewed the items of the Consent Agenda, which included Board Minutes for April 23, 2018, regular session; the Monthly Financial Statements for March and April 2018; and the Food Services Financial Statements for March and April 2018. A discussion ensued concerning Community Eligibility at JHS. All items passed by general consent of the Board.
6. **Staff Reports:**
 - A. **Summer Reading Camp** – Mrs. Snowden told Board Members that Summer Reading Camp would be June 4-28. She discussed preliminary reading scores in relation to the third-grade retention law.
 - B. **State Testing** – In regards to State Testing, Mrs. Snowden informed the Board that testing was going very well and on schedule.

- C. Teacher Evaluation Changes** – Mrs. Snowden said the new expanded Teaching Evaluation Module includes more teacher engagement, planning, instruction, and professionalism for high student achievement. She said mentor and mentee training for the new process would be held in the near future.
- D. JHS Ranking in US News & World Report** – Mr. Tuten addressed the Board in regards to the JHS Ranking in US News & World Report. He said that the high school was ranked 30 out of 228 high schools in South Carolina. Many of the 228 schools vary in general makeup from our school and many are charter schools.

7. Superintendent's Report

- A. Budget Information** – Mrs. Willis told members that there was no new information from the Legislature since the first budget reading. Presently, she said the budget is at 9.4 million dollars, which is lower than the 2017-18 budget because of next year personnel changes and declining enrollment. She said changes on the third reading would be contingent upon the Legislature's decision regarding Base Student Cost. Mrs. Willis gave the board a SCASBO *Week in Review* handout that recaps the House and Senate's version of the Provisos affecting schools. She also said that Senator Hugh Leatherman and Representative Brian White issued a joint statement that enables operations to continue in school districts under the prior year's budget if they fail to reach an agreement by July 1.
- B. Update on JMS HVAC and Lighting Projects** – Mr. Smiley said that the Office of School Facilities and Duke Energy has given approval for the lighting and HVAC projects funded through the Abbeville Grant to begin taking bids, which are due by June 5. Mr. Kennedy said the security project had been a lengthy project and is set to go in the new school year, which gives time for teachers to adapt to the new procedures as well as parents to be made aware of the security changes.
- C. Community Eligibility** – During the Consent Agenda, Mr. Smiley explained to Board Members that the high school would not be eligible for Community Eligibility next year because they did not meet the necessary percentage to qualify.

8. For Action Agenda

- A. Second Reading of 2018-19 Proposed General Fund Budget** – Mr. Sanders moved, seconded by Mrs. Wall, that the Board approve Second Reading of the 2018-19 Proposed General Fund Budget. The motion carried unanimously.
- B. Board Award Recipient Criteria** – Mrs. Wall moved, seconded by Mrs. Truesdale, that the Board Award Recipient Criteria be changed to a student meeting one of the two following: Principal's Honor Roll all three nine weeks or a student scoring Gold or Platinum on ACT or SAT (27 or above ACT or 1200 SAT). The motion carried unanimously.
- C. Request(s) for Student Release from Florence Five** – Mr. Haselden moved, seconded by Mrs. Wall that a request for a student release to another district be approved as presented by the superintendent. The motion carried unanimously.

- D. **Board Policy Revision BD & BE** – Mrs. Truesdale moved, seconded by Mr. Sanders that Board Policy BD change the Board’s organizational meeting from September to November and Board Policy BE change the date of their Annual Meeting from September to November. Both of these changes correlate with the change in Board of Trustees’ Election from September to the General Election in November. The motion carried unanimously.
- E. **Overnight Field Trip Request(s)** – Mr. Haselden moved, seconded by Mrs. Haselden that the JHS Varsity Football Team and their sponsors attend an Overnight Field Trip to FCA Passing League in Spartanburg on July 19 – 21, which is funded through fundraising activities and scholarship opportunities donated from various businesses and churches in the local area. The motion carried unanimously.

9. Executive Session Agenda

After a brief recess, Mr. Sanders moved, seconded by Mr. Haselden, that the Board enter the Executive Session Agenda to discuss (A) Personnel for Hire (B) Resignations, and (C) Student Appeal. The motion carried unanimously, and the Board entered Executive Session at 7:45 p.m.

10. Open Session with Action if Necessary from Executive Session – The Board reconvened into Open Session at 9:00 p.m. with no action taken in Executive Session.

A. Personnel for Hire – As a result of discussions held in Executive Session, Mr. Haselden moved, seconded by Mrs. Haselden, that Candidate A be approved for hire for the 2018-19 school year. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Sanders moved, seconded by Mrs. Wall, that Candidate B be approved for hire for the 2018-19 school year. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Resignations – Mrs. Wall moved, seconded by Mrs. Truesdale, that the resignation of an employee be accepted as presented by the Superintendent. The motion carried unanimously.

C. Student Appeal - Mr. Haselden moved, seconded by Mrs. Haselden, that the Board uphold the decision of administration in regards to a Student Appeal. The vote was 5-1-0, with Mrs. Truesdale abstaining due to a conflict of interest.

11. Adjournment – There being no further business, Mr. Haselden moved, seconded by Mr. Sanders, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Chairman

Member

Vice Chairman

Member

Secretary

Member

Member