

MINUTES
FLORENCE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT FIVE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
March 27, 2017

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

Mr. John M. Nesmith
Mrs. Faith L. Truesdale
Mrs. Holly H. Wall

STAFF PRESENT:

Mr. Randy Smiley, Superintendent
Mrs. Lacinda Burrows
Mrs. Brittany Carter
Mrs. Dayne Coker
Mrs. Vickie Squires

Mrs. Beth Snowden
Mr. Sam Tuten
Mr. Randy Willis
Mrs. Tina Williams, Recorder

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. Richard D. Sanders

OTHERS PRESENT:

Ms. Shamira McCray, *The Weekly Observer*
Ms. Diane Welsh and Ms. Ally Walker, Help4Kids

The Board of Trustees of Florence County School District Five met in regular session on Monday, March 27, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. in the Johnsonville Elementary School Media Center. Prior to the meeting at 6:00 p.m. Johnsonville Elementary School provided a meal for the Board of Trustees in the cafeteria.

1. **Welcome and Call to Order** – Chairman Lee welcomed those present and called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.
2. **Confirmation of Notice to Media** – Chairman Lee stated that in accordance with the South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976, Section 30-4-80(e) as amended, the following were notified of this meeting: *Morning News, The Weekly Observer, WMBF-TV, and www.flo5.k12.sc.us*.
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** – Chairman Lee reviewed the items of the Consent Agenda which included Board Minutes for February 27, 2017, regular session; the Monthly Financial Statement for February 2017; and School Food Service Statement for February 2017. All items passed by general consent of the Board.

6. Special Presentation

A. Ms. Diane Welsh and Ms. Ally Walker, representatives from Help4Kids, addressed the board concerning services the agency provides to students across Florence County. Help4Kids is a nonprofit organization, and the mission is to fill the weekend hunger gap for children receiving free or reduced lunch and who are identified as being food insecure on the weekend. Approximately 2,000 elementary students receive weekend bags in Florence County. Of that number, 141 are delivered at Johnsonville Elementary School and 31 at Headstart. During the summer months, the goal is to assist with bags for the summer reading programs and Boys and Girls Clubs.

7. Regular Agenda

A. Staff Report

1. Johnsonville Elementary School Presentation – The following agenda was presented on behalf of Johnsonville Elementary School: Mrs. Dayne Coker, welcome, student life, and SC Ready test data; Mrs. Lacinda Burrows, good behavior incentives; Mrs. Brittany Carter, Jr. Beta Club; and Mrs. Vickie Squires, testing data and Read to Succeed learning strategies.

B. Superintendent Report:

- 1. 2017-18 Budget Update** – Mr. Smiley told Board members the House version of the budget includes a \$50 increase in Base Student Cost with cuts in other vital areas. He said the Senate version should be more favorable with some of the cuts replaced. Mr. Smiley said that Mrs. Wanda Willis should have a preliminary budget for the April meeting.
- 2. 2017-18 Proposed School Calendar** – Mr. Smiley also reviewed a draft of the 2017-18 school calendar. The calendar allows for an early start date of August 17 because of the solar eclipse on August 21, which will be a half day of school for students. This version of the calendar gives a full week for Thanksgiving.

8. For Action Agenda

A. **First Reading of 2017-18 Proposed School Calendar** – Mrs. Wall moved, seconded by Mr. Haselden, that the Board give first reading to the proposed 2017-18 school calendar as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

B. **Overnight Field Trip Request(s)** – Mrs. Truesdale moved, seconded by Mr. Haselden, that the Board approve a request as presented for the JES fourth grade students to participate in an overnight field trip to Camp Bob Cooper in Summerton on May 10-12, 2017. The motion carried unanimously.

9. Executive Session Agenda – Mr. Haselden moved, seconded by Mr. Nesmith, that the Board enter Executive Session to discuss Certified Contract Recommendations, Personnel Recommendations for Hire and Resignations, and Administrative Contracts. The motion carried unanimously, and the Board entered Executive Session at 8:30 p.m.

10. Reconvene in Open Session with Action if Necessary from Executive Session – Following Executive Session, Chairman Lee called the meeting to order in Open Session at 9:07 p.m.

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11. Open Session - As a result of discussions held in Executive Session, Mrs. Truesdale moved, seconded by Mrs. Wall, that the certified staff lists (Exhibits A-C), as presented by the principals, be approved for reemployment for the 2017-18 school year. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Nesmith moved, seconded by Mr. Haselden, that the Personnel Recommendations for Hire (Candidates A-G) be approved as presented by the Superintendent. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Haselden moved, seconded by Mrs. Haselden, that the Board regretfully accept the Resignation of three certified employees (Resignations A-C) as presented by the Superintendent. The motion carried unanimously.

12. Adjournment – There being no further business, Mr. Nesmith moved, seconded by Mrs. Haselden, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Chairman

Member

Vice Chairman

Member

Secretary

Member

Member