

MINUTES
FLORENCE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT FIVE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
March 25, 2019

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mrs. Faith L. Truesdale, Secretary
Mr. Andrew B. Gaster
Mr. Jerry A. Lee
Mr. Richard D Sanders (via audio conference)

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. John M. Nesmith, Chairman
Mr. Raymond A. Haselden
Mrs. Holly H. Wall

STAFF PRESENT:

Mr. Randy Smiley, Superintendent
Mrs. Brittany Carter
Mr. Adam Kennedy
Mrs. Allana Prosser
Mrs. Melody Smith
Mrs. Beth Snowden

Mrs. Janet Stuckey
Mrs. Mirandi Squires
Mr. Sam Tuten
Mr. Randy Willis
Mrs. Tina Williams, Recorder

OTHERS PRESENT:

Ms. Shamira McCray, *NPO News/Observer*
JMS 5th & 6th Grade Chorus and Parents
Special Presentation Award Recipients and Parents

The Board of Trustees of Florence County School District Five met in regular session on Monday, March 25, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. in the media center at Johnsonville Middle School.

- 1. Welcome and Call to Order** – In the absence of Chairman John Nesmith, Secretary Faith Truesdale acted as Chairman for the meeting. Secretary Truesdale welcomed those present and called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
- 2. Confirmation of Notice to Media** – Secretary Truesdale 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. Secretary Truesdale stated that Mr. Sanders would be participating in the meeting via audio conference. Mr. Sanders' Sanders's participation 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)** – Secretary Truesdale reviewed the items of the Consent Agenda which included Board Minutes for February 25, 2019, regular session, Monthly Financial Statement for February 2019, and School Food Service Statement for February 2019. All items passed by general consent of the Board.

6. Special Presentations:

A. Johnsonville Middle School Award Recipients - Carly Chastain, Kayley Douglas, Janson Hartfield, and Bailey Owens were recognized as Jr. Scholars. Alycesaundra Lyerly was recognized for receiving the John W. Harris Leadership Award through the National Beta Club. She was also recognized as a first place winner in Fiber Art at the State Beta Club Convention. All the students were given a certificate on behalf of the Board of Trustees.

The following JMS teachers were recognized for their accomplishments: Mrs. Brittany Carter - National Board Certification; Mrs. Melody Smith- DHEC recycling grant, and Mrs. Janet Stuckey – Santee Electric Bright Ideas grant. The Board commended all of the teachers for their hard work and dedication.

B. Johnsonville Middle School 5th & 6th Grade Concert Choir – The Johnsonville Middle School 5th & 6th Grade Concert Choir gave a musical performance directed by Mrs. Brittany Carter, JMS Choral Teacher.

C. The Continuum – Mrs. Jeannette Altman presented information on educational opportunities for Johnsonville High School at the Continuum in Lake City. She said the Continuum is a partnership between the Darla Moore Foundation, Francis Marion University, and Florence-Darlington Technical College. Courses will be offered that can lead to two and four-year college degrees as well as workforce development certificate programs. Mrs. Ann Todd, Associate Director of Admissions from Francis Marion University, discussed the wide variety of dual credit opportunities for students at the Continuum. A discussion ensued concerning the Continuum.

7. Staff Report:

A. Johnsonville Middle School – Secretary Truesdale stated that The Johnsonville Middle School presentation is postponed until the May Board meeting so the Board can be better represented for the presentation.

B. Technology Grant Update – Mr. Adam Kennedy said the district had received a second mini-grant from Title I. He said Mrs. Allana Prosser was using the funding for 12 collaborative classrooms and an additional 70 laptops. He said other upgrades are also being made to enhance technology at JES. Mr. Kennedy discussed two E-Rate grant categories for which the district has applied.

8. Superintendent's Report:

A. 2019-20 Proposed School Calendar – Mr. Smiley told Board members that the proposed calendar is a joint calendar with Florence District 2 and 3 because of the Continuum schedule for next year.

B. Budget Update – Mr. Smiley said there is very little information to give concerning the budget at this date. He said the proposed Base Student Cost includes an \$18 per student cut. He said the state plans to fund a 4% pay raise for teachers with nothing proposed for Classified employees. Mr. Smiley said the district would learn more when the Senate's budget version is introduced. A discussion ensued concerning next year's budget.

C. School Observations and Trends – Mr. Smiley told members that administration had completed 73 observations in March. He said teachers are using TE21 in preparation of state testing.

D. Annual Risk Assessment - The State Department of Education Office of Finance ranks each district based on audit status. Our district received a “Low Risk Assessment”, which is the best possible ranking.

9. For Action Agenda

A. First Reading of Proposed 2019-20 Proposed School Calendar – Mr. Lee moved, seconded by Mr. Gaster, that the Board approve the First Reading of the 2019-20 Proposed School Calendar as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Textbook Adoptions – Mr. Gaster moved, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Board approve the textbook adoption as presented by Mrs. Snowden. (Exhibit A) The motion carried unanimously.

C. Board Member Resignation – Because of the tenure of Mrs. Wall and Mr. Sanders’ time serving together on the Board, Mr. Sanders moved, seconded by Mr. Gaster, that the Board REGRETFULLY accept the resignation of Mrs. Holly Wall as a member of the Board of Trustees for Florence County School District Five. The motion carried unanimously.

10. Executive Session Agenda

After a brief recess, Secretary Truesdale moved, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Board enter the Executive Session Agenda to discuss (A) Certified Contract Recommendations, (B) Personnel for Hire, and (C) Resignations. 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, Secretary Truesdale called the meeting to order in Open Session at 10:03 p.m. with no action taken.

A. Certified Contract Recommendations - As a result of discussions held in Executive Session, Mr. Lee moved, seconded by Mr. Gaster, that the certified staff lists (Exhibits B-D), as presented by the principals, be approved for reemployment for the 2019-20 school year. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Personnel for Hire - Mr. Sanders moved, seconded by Mr. Gaster, that the Personnel for Hire (Candidates A-D) be approved as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

C. Resignations - Mr. Gaster moved, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Board regrettably accept the Resignation of one certified employee (Resignation A) as presented by the Superintendent. The motion carried unanimously.

12. Adjournment – There being no further business, Mr. Sanders moved, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 10:06 p.m.

Chairman

Member

Vice Chairman

Member

Secretary

Member

Member