

**MINUTES**  
**FLORENCE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT FIVE**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**August 22, 2016**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mr. Richard D. Sanders, Chairman  
Mrs. Marie B. Haselden  
Mr. Raymond A. Haselden

Mr. Louis B. Hooks  
Mr. Jerry A. Lee  
Mr. John M. Nesmith

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Mr. Randy Smiley, Superintendent  
Mrs. Dayne Coker  
Mrs. Renee Sanders

Mr. Randy Willis  
Mrs. Tina Williams, Recorder

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Mrs. Holly H. Wall

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Ms. Shamira McCray, *Morning News*

The Board of Trustees of Florence County School District Five met in regular session on Monday, August 22, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. in the District Office.

1. **Welcome and Call to Order** – Chairman Sanders welcomed those present and called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.
2. **Confirmation of Notice to Media** – Chairman Sanders 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](http://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 Sanders reviewed the items of the Consent Agenda which included Board Minutes for June 27, 2016, regular session; Monthly Financial Statement for June 2016; School Food Service Statement for June 2016. All items passed by general consent of the Board.
6. **Regular Agenda**
  - A. **Staff Report:**
    - 1-3. In school updates, Mrs. Coker, Mr. Willis, and Mrs. Sanders shared with the Board their school themes for the year. They gave an update on professional development, technology, athletics, and building improvements. All expressed positive comments concerning the districtwide in-service day and the new teacher hires.
  - B. **Superintendent's Report:**
    1. **Preliminary Enrollment Figures** – Mr. Smiley informed the Board that our enrollment is 45 students less on the ten-day enrollment, which negatively impacts the budget. For 2015-16, the district was negative 60 students plus a state cut of \$90,000. Under the new nonresident policy, we gained twelve new students with nine non-landowners.

2. **Trustee Election (November 8, 2016)** – Mr. Smiley reminded members of the Board of Trustee election. He told members that two seats (Seat 2, and Seat 5 at-large) are to be filled in the election on November 8, 2016. In Seat 5, Mr. Sanders will run, and in Seat 2, Faith Lawrimore Truesdale signed as a candidate. Florence County Voter's Registration will be handling the election.
3. **Sound System Quotes**– Per board member's request at the June meeting, Mr. Smiley told the Board that the total cost to update the sound systems at all three schools is \$72,013. The total cost to finish the JMS sound system is \$13,353, which he feels is important because of the array of plays and musicals lined up for this year. By consensus, the Board agreed to bring the JMS quote For Action in September.
4. **Technology Update** – During school updates, the principals provided a technology update. However, Mr. Smiley told members that over 300 new computers have been installed using grant money, which was an enormous effort over the summer. He said Mrs. Wendy Calcutt and Mr. Silvernail are planning a series of technology courses to be offered to teachers. Mr. Smiley said one more computer lab will be replaced at the high school using technology funds.
5. **JHS Gym Roof Update** – The gym roof at the high school will be finished in approximately two weeks. The process of working with the insurance company has slowed down the progress.
6. **JMS Damaged Roof Update** – Because of the noise involved in putting new metal on the roof at JMS, it will be completed during the week of Thanksgiving. During the summer months, the roof coating will be applied. He commended Southern Roofing for their expedient repair work to the roof.
7. **Tennis Courts Update** – Mr. Smiley said the tennis courts and bathrooms should both be finished within the next week. He commended the Bruce Lee Foundation and Florence County for helping to fund this project as well as Mr. Jerry Lee for helping the district to coordinate funding.
8. **8% Bond Money**– In a financial update, Mr. Smiley reminded the Board that our middle school bonds will be paid off in April, and the 8% bonds will be paid off in November. He asked the Board to consider issuing a new 8% bond to make needed repairs and purchases. Attorney Ben Zeigler can assist with this process, and Mr. Smiley suggested a three-year repayment plan.
9. **Facilities Plan** – Mr. Lee requested Mr. Smiley provide a facility plan ranked by importance with cost by the September meeting. Mr. Smiley told members that Duke Energy prepared an energy assessment in an effort to help save energy costs for the district.
10. **DHHS Appeal Progress** – Mr. Smiley updated the Board on the RBHS appeal. After meeting with DHHS, the district will resubmit five years of cost reports, and he thinks a resolution will be reached soon.
11. **Florence-Darlington Technical College Partnership Programs** – Mr. Smiley reiterated Mrs. Sanders' discussion concerning dual credit in conjunction with Florence-Darlington Technical College. He said the college is interested in starting a CNA dual credit course using the Campus Health Center, distance learning courses funded through a grant from the college, and possibly a culinary arts class. With one week into the dual credit courses, Mr. Smiley is positive that problems are resolved, and it is going well. He commended Mrs. Paulette Owens, credit recovery instructional assistant, for her assistance. In the spring, Mr. Smiley would like to expand the opportunities for dual credit. He said that dual credit courses carry an extra .3 weighting which would generate funding to cover cost for extra course offerings.

- 12. **District Office Telephone System**– The district office telephone system has been struck by lightning. Bids for phones have been accepted and will be covered through insurance less the deductible.
- 13. **District Website Software Update** – Mr. Smiley said the district has received Teacher Recruitment and Retention funds. With these funds, plans are being made to update the district website and add the School Board Policy manual to the site.
- 14. **Mobile Classroom Removal from JHS**– Mr. Smiley has recommended removing the old mobile classrooms behind JHS. The mobile units can be sold through the government surplus website.
- 15. **New Headstart Class** – After the closing of RBHS from new policy mandates, Headstart has started an additional classroom in that building with 17 new children. They are also providing their own bus transportation. In the future, Headstart is interested in starting a two-year-old program and implementing a young mother’s program in the area.

7. **For Action Agenda**

A. **Requests for Student Release from Florence Five** – Mr. Lee moved, seconded by Mr. Haselden, that the Board approve the request for three student releases from Florence Five as presented by the Superintendent. The motion carried unanimously.

B. **Recommended Additional Textbook Adoption for 2016-17** – Mr. Nesmith moved, seconded by Mr. Hooks, that the Board approve an additional Personal Finance textbook for JHS. The motion carried unanimously. (Exhibit A)

C. **Overnight Field Trip Request(s)**

Mr. Haselden moved, seconded by Mr. Nesmith, that the JMS PACE trip to St. Augustine, Florida, on March 1-4, 2017, and the JMS Junior Beta Club trip to Myrtle Beach, on January 12-13, 2017, be approved as presented by the Superintendent. The motion carried unanimously.

8. **Executive Session Agenda** – Mr. Lee moved, seconded by Mr. Hooks, that the Board enter the Executive Session Agenda to discuss a Personnel Recommendation for Hire and the Superintendent’s Goals. The motion carried unanimously, and the Board entered Executive Session at 8:30 p.m.

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

A. Mr. Hooks moved, seconded by Mrs. Haselden, that the Personnel Recommendations for Hire (Candidate A) be approved as presented by the Superintendent. The motion carried unanimously.

10. **Adjournment** – There being no further business, Mr. Haselden moved, seconded by Mr. Nesmith, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

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