

**FLORENCE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT FIVE  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
November 18, 2019**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mr. Andrew B. Gaster  
Mr. Raymond A. Haselden  
Mr. Jerry A. Lee  
Mr. Christopher G. Marsh

Mr. Ervin J. Richardson (Newly Seated)  
Mr. Joshua B. Timmons (Newly Seated)  
Mrs. Faith L. Truesdale

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Mr. Richard D. Sanders

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Mr. Randy Smiley, Superintendent  
Mr. Adam Kennedy  
Mrs. Beth Snowden  
Mrs. Mirandi Squires

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

The Board of Trustees of Florence County School District Five met in regular session on Monday, November 18, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. in the District Office.

1. **Welcome and Call to Order** – In the absence of Vice Chairman Sanders, Mrs. Truesdale, Board Secretary, acted as chairman and welcomed those present calling 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](http://www.fsd5.org).
3. **Approval of Agenda** – The Agenda was approved by general consent of the Board.
4. **Recognition of Re-elected, New Board Members, and Oath of Office** – Superintendent Smiley administered the Oath of Office to Mrs. Faith Truesdale for her re-election as a board member. He also administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Ervin J. Richardson and Mr. Joshua B. Timmons, and they were seated as new board members.
5. **Public Forum** – There was no one present to address the Board in Public Forum.
6. **Consent Agenda (A-D)** – Secretary Truesdale reviewed the items of the Consent Agenda which included Board Minutes for October 28, 2019, regular session and work session; the Monthly Financial Statement for October 2019; School Food Service Statement YTD June 2019; and the School Food Service Statements July - October 2019. All items passed by general consent of the Board.

**7. Regular Agenda**

**A. Special Report:**

Presentation of the 2018-19 Fiscal Audit – Mrs. Wanda Willis presented the audit report for fiscal year ending June 30, 2019. Mrs. Brenda Jackson with Kenneth Cobb & Associates will be present at the January board meeting for questions prior to the second reading of the audit, if needed. She stated that the FY 2019 General Fund balance of \$1,667,129 equates to 61 days of operating capital and falls within the acceptable range established by the state. The 2018-19 General Fund ended with a positive balance of \$44,579. Mrs. Willis informed the Board that the Food Service Fund ended with a positive balance of \$40,083. The Independent Auditor’s Report revealed a clean, unmodified opinion, which is the top opinion that can be received.

**B. Superintendent’s Report**

1. Election Results - The trustee election was held on November 5. In Seat 2, Mrs. Faith L. Truesdale was declared the winner. In the At-Large Seat 5, Mr. Joshua B. Timmons defeated Mr. Richard D. Sanders. The election was certified on November 7, 2019, by Florence County Voter’s Registration.
2. JHS Entrance Road – Mr. Smiley told board members that the county would be paving the entrance road in front of the high school from Stadium Road to Marion Street. He said this is approximately a \$75,000 paving project that should start during spring break.

**8. For Action Agenda**

- A. First Reading of 2018-19 General Fund Audit** – Mr. Lee moved, seconded by Mr. Haselden, that the Board give first reading to the 2018-19 General Fund Audit. The motion carried unanimously.

**9. Executive Session Agenda**

- A.** Mr. Gaster moved, seconded by Mr. Marsh, that the Board enter the Executive Session Agenda to discuss a Personnel for Hire. The motion carried unanimously, and the Board entered Executive Session at 7:30 p.m.

**10. 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 7:58 p.m. with no action taken in Executive Session.

Mr. Haselden moved, seconded by Mr. Lee, that Candidate A be approved as presented by the Superintendent for employment. The motion carried unanimously.

**11. Election of Officers** – In Election of Officers, Superintendent Smiley declared all positions vacant and then opened the floor for nominations.

Mr. Smiley called for nominations for chairman. Mr. Haselden nominated Mr. Lee as chairman, seconded by Mr. Gaster. Mr. Lee was declared chairman by a vote of 6-0-1, with Mr. Lee abstaining.

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Mr. Smiley called for nominations for vice chairman. Mr. Haselden nominated Mrs. Truesdale for vice chairman, seconded by Mr. Lee. Mrs. Truesdale was declared vice chairman by a vote of 6-0-1, with Mrs. Truesdale abstaining.

Mr. Smiley called for nominations for secretary. Mr. Haselden nominated Mr. Gaster, seconded by Mrs. Truesdale. Mr. Lee nominated Mr. Marsh, seconded by Mr. Gaster. Mr. Smiley called for a vote for Mr. Gaster, and he was declared secretary by a vote of 4-2-1, with Mr. Gaster abstaining. Being there was a majority vote for Mr. Gaster, Mr. Smiley did not call for a vote for Mr. Marsh for secretary.

- 12. Adjournment** – There being no further business, Mr. Marsh moved, seconded by Mr. Haselden, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

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Tina Williams, Board Secretary

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Minutes Approved