

**FLORENCE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT FIVE  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
October 26, 2020**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mrs. Faith L. Truesdale, Vice Chairman  
Mr. Andrew B. Gaster  
Mr. Raymond A. Haselden

Mr. Christopher G. Marsh  
Mr. Ervin J. Richardson  
Mr. Joshua B. Timmons

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** There were no members absent.

**STAFF PRESENT:**

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

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

The Board of Trustees of Florence County School District Five met for regular session on Monday, October 26, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. at the Johnsonville High School Cafeteria.

1. **Welcome and Call to Order** – Vice Chairman Truesdale welcomed those present and called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. **Confirmation of Notice to Media** – Vice Chairman 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. **Public Forum** – There was no one present to address the board in Public Forum.
5. **Consent Agenda (A-B)** – Vice Chairman Truesdale reviewed the items of the Consent Agenda which included Board Minutes for September 28, 2020, regular session; September 28, 2020, work session; and the Monthly Financial Statement for September 2020. All items passed by general consent of the board.
6. **Regular Agenda**
  - A. **Superintendent's Report**
    1. Board of Trustee Election – Mr. Smiley reminded the board that the election was on Tuesday, November 3, 2020. He said that in Seat 6, Mr. Marsh was unopposed, and Seat 3 has a new candidate, Mrs. Deanne Green, running unopposed.
    2. Virtual Education Update – Mr. Smiley told members that virtual students at the three schools were as follows: JES – 20%, JMS – 33%, and JHS – 50%. He said a significant number of students had returned to face-to-face learning during the past couple of weeks. Principals explained measures being offered for remediation of students returning from virtual education. A discussion ensued concerning class sizes.

3. Additional CARES ESSER Funds – Mr. Smiley said the district received \$136,107 additional CARES ESSER funds which will be applied toward incurred technology and PPE costs. He said the funding was disbursed in a per-pupil formulary calculation.
4. JMS Computers – Mr. Smiley told the board that the computers at JMS would be distributed to students during the week. Mr. Kennedy told members that the high school computers would be delivered soon, and he plans to have those disbursed within two weeks. He said the middle school computers will replace the leased ones. Mr. Kennedy said the two projects will complete the high and middle schools 1:1 virtual initiative. Mr. Smiley said the computers were fully insured. He also said the hot spots issued to students had limited internet capability which has now been increased to unlimited.
5. School Information – Mr. Tuten explained how homecoming festivities would be carried out this year because of COVID-19 restrictions. He also gave an update on high school testing and playoff games. Mr. Haselden commended the district and faculty for an outstanding effort in offering a five-day-a-week and virtual option.

**7. For Action Agenda**

A. IKAA (Test and Examination) – Mr. Marsh moved, seconded by Mr. Gaster, that the Board waive Policy IKAA (Test and Examinations) for the 2020-21 school year at JMS. A discussion ensued concerning the policy and student testing. Mr. Willis said TE21 would be given every nine weeks to help teachers remediate students. The motion carried unanimously. Mr. Smiley said he would follow-up with the board in regards to revising the policy.

- 8. Executive Session** – Mr. Richardson moved, seconded by Mr. Timmons, that the board enter the Executive Session Agenda to discuss a Board of Trustee Resignation. The motion carried unanimously, and the board entered Executive Session at 7:37 p.m.

- 9. Reconvene in Open Session with Action if Necessary from Executive Session**– Following Executive Session, Vice Chairman Truesdale called the meeting to order in Open Session at 8:14 p.m. with no action taken.

Mr. Haselden moved, seconded by Mr. Gaster, that the board accept the resignation of Mr. Jerry A. Lee, Board of Trustee for Seat 3, effective September 24, 2020. Mr. Lee’s seat will remain unfilled until the November election. The motion carried unanimously.

- 10. Adjournment** - There being no further business, Mr. Marsh moved, seconded by Mr. Timmons, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.