

**FLORENCE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT FIVE  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
VIA CONFERENCE CALL  
March 23, 2020**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

Mr. Ervin J. Richardson  
Mr. Joshua B. Timmons  
Mrs. Faith L. Truesdale

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Mr. Randy Smiley, Superintendent  
Mr. Adam Kennedy  
Mrs. Beth Snowden  
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, March 23, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. at the District Office. Because of the Covid-19 Pandemic, Chairman Lee and the administrative staff were present for the meeting, and the board members participated via conference call.

1. **Welcome and Call to Order** – Chairman Lee welcomed those present and called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. **Confirmation of Notice to Media** – Chairman Lee 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-C)** – Chairman Lee reviewed the items of the Consent Agenda which included Board Minutes for February 24, 2020, regular session; the Monthly Financial Statement for February 2020; and the School Food Service Statement for February 2020. All items passed by general consent of the Board.
6. **Superintendent's Report**
  - A. 2020-21 Proposed School Calendar – Mr. Smiley told board members that the proposed calendar is similar to previous years. He said consideration will be given to a modified calendar for 2021-22.
  - B. School Closure – Mr. Smiley told members that he participates in the State Department's Covid-19 conference call daily in an effort to keep the Board and employees well informed. He said State Superintendent, Molly Spearman, indicates that the school closure date will be extended as other states have already done. He said there are many end-of-the-year and postponement questions that will have to be answered and proper protocol set in place consistently across the state. A discussion ensued concerning take-home packets and food delivery during the closure. Mr. Smiley and administration commended our faculty for their outstanding effort during the state of emergency.

**7. For Action Agenda**

- A. First Reading of Proposed 2020-21 Proposed School Calendar** – Mr. Haselden moved, seconded by Mr. Gaster, that the Board approve the First Reading of the 2020-21 Proposed School Calendar as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

**8. Executive Session Agenda**

- A. Mr. Marsh moved, seconded by Mr. Timmons, that the Board enter the Executive Session Agenda to discuss Certified Contract Recommendations, Personnel for Hire, Resignations, and Student Releases. The motion carried unanimously, and the Board entered at 7:42 p.m.

**9. 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 7:52 p.m. with no action taken in Executive Session.

- A. Mr. Haselden moved, seconded by Mr. Gaster, that the Board approve Certified Contract Recommendations for the 2020-21 school year as presented by administration. The motion carried unanimously. (Exhibit A)
- B. Mr. Marsh moved, seconded by Mr. Timmons, that the Board approve two Personnel Recommendations for Hire for the 2020-21 school year as presented by administration. The motion carried unanimously.
- C. Mrs. Truesdale moved, seconded by Mr. Richardson, that the Board approve a recommendation for an assistant principal position for the 2020-21 school year as presented by administration. The motion carried unanimously.
- D. Mr. Gaster moved, seconded by Mr. Haselden, that the Board approve two requests for three students to be released for the 2019-20 and 2020-21 school year as presented by the Superintendent. The motion carried unanimously.
- E. Mr. Richardson moved, seconded by Mr. Timmons, that the Board regretfully accept a teacher retirement resignation effective the end of the school year as presented by the Superintendent. The motion carried unanimously.

**10. Adjournment** - There being no further business, Mr. Timmons moved, seconded by Mr. Richardson, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.