

MINUTES
FLORENCE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT FIVE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
February 27, 2017

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Jerry A. Lee, Chairman
Mrs. Marie Haselden
Mr. John M. Nesmith

Mr. Richard D. Sanders
Mrs. Faith L. Truesdale
Mrs. Holly H. Wall

STAFF PRESENT:

Mr. Randy Smiley, Superintendent
Mrs. Stephanie Carmichael
Mrs. Dayne Coker
Mrs. Beth Snowden

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. Raymond A. Haselden

OTHERS PRESENT:

Ms. Shamira McCray, *The Weekly Observer*
Miss Madelyn Powell, JHS Student

The Board of Trustees of Florence County School District Five met in regular session on Monday, February 27, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. in the Johnsonville Middle School Media Center. Prior to the meeting at 6:00 p.m., Johnsonville Middle School provided a meal for the Board of Trustees in the cafeteria.

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, 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*.
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 Lee reviewed the items of the Consent Agenda which included Board Minutes for January 23, 2017, regular session; the Monthly Financial Statement for February 2017; and School Food Service Statement for February 2017. All items passed by general consent of the Board.

6. Regular Agenda

A. Staff Report

- 1. Johnsonville Middle School Presentation** – The following agenda was presented on behalf of Johnsonville Middle School: Mr. Randy Willis, student life and organizations; Mrs. Mirandi Squires, data and academics; and Mrs. Stephanie Carmichael, Read to Succeed and building learning strategies. Mr. Willis reminded the Board that the drama club would present *Beauty and the Beast, Jr.* on Saturday, April 29, at 6:00 p.m. and Sunday, April 30, at 3:00 p.m. at the JMS gymnasium. He also said there will be a Florence County School District Five Talent Show on Thursday, March 16, at 6:00 p.m. and a District Arts Gala is being planned.

B. Superintendent's Report:

- 1. Proposed Bond Issue** – Mr. Smiley gave the board information from Attorney Ben Ziegler concerning an 8% Bond issue. The funds will be used for capital improvement needs throughout the district with a three-year repayment plan.
- 2. Food Service Changes** – Mr. Smiley informed the board about proposed changes for 2017-18 related to food service which includes cutting positions and increasing meal prices next school year. The changes are in an effort to reduce expenses within the program and generate funds to stabilize the account. He also said a representative would visit the district to discuss Community Eligibility which may offer free meals for students without losing revenue.
- 3. Proposed Maintenance Projects** – In regards to maintenance needs, Mr. Smiley discussed a fluid list of projects. Mr. Wayne Powell is in the process of requesting bids, and these projects include HVAC, painting, and lighting. The district is also considering grants to help offset the cost of energy projects.
- 4. Budget Update** – The state is presently proposing a \$50 increase in Base Student Cost to \$2,400. Mr. Smiley said technology funding may receive a cut for next year.
- 5. Local Legislative update** – The state has commissioned an efficiency review on the Abbeville lawsuit school districts. Mr. Smiley and Chairman Lee recently met with Representative Roger Kirby to discuss current legislative issues affecting the school district. Mr. Smiley also reviewed a draft of the 2017-18 school calendar, which is a compressed calendar because of the late start date. He said there is legislation to move the start date to August 17 because of a full solar eclipse on August 21.
- 6. Statement of Economic Interest** – Mr. Smiley reminded members to complete their Statement of Economic Interest by the March deadline in order to avoid any penalty.

7. For Action Agenda

- A. Second Reading of Proposed 2015-16 General Fund Audit** – Mr. Sanders moved, seconded by Mr. Nesmith, that the Board give second reading to the Proposed 2015-16 General Fund Audit. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Bond Proposal – Mrs. Wall moved, seconded by Mrs. Haselden, that the Board adopt a resolution to provide for the issuance and sale of a not exceeding 8% assessed value general obligation bond of Florence County School District Five, South Carolina, to prescribe the purposes for which the proceeds of said bond shall be expended, to provide for the payment of said bond, and other matters relating thereto on the three-year repayment plan. The motion carried unanimously.

C. Overnight Field Trip Request(s) – There were no Overnight Field Trip Request(s).

8. Executive Session Agenda – Mr. Nesmith moved, seconded by Mrs. Truesdale, that the Board enter Executive Session to discuss Personnel Recommendations for Hire and Resignations and Administrative Contracts. The motion carried unanimously, and the Board entered Executive Session at 8:35 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 8:57 p.m.

10. Open Session - As a result of discussions held in Executive Session, Chairman Lee presented an employee resignation (Candidate A). Mrs. Wall moved, seconded by Mrs. Haselden to accept the resignation as presented by the Superintendent. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Lee presented an employee retirement (Candidate B). Mr. Nesmith moved, seconded by Mrs. Truesdale to accept the resignation as presented by the Superintendent. The motion carried with a 5-1 vote, with Mrs. Wall abstaining.

Mr. Sanders moved, seconded by Mrs. Wall to accept the District-Level Contract recommendations as presented by the Superintendent.

Mr. Nesmith moved, seconded by Mrs. Haselden to accept the Administrative Contract recommendations as presented by the Superintendent.

11. Adjournment – There being no further business, Mr. Nesmith moved, seconded by Mrs. Haselden, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Chairman

Member

Vice Chairman

Member

Secretary

Member

Member