

**MINUTES**  
**FLORENCE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT FIVE**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**November 28, 2016**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mr. Richard D. Sanders, Chairman  
Mrs. Marie Haselden (via audio conference)  
Mr. Raymond A. Haselden  
Mr. Louis B. Hooks (Recognition Only)

Mr. Jerry A. Lee  
Mr. John M. Nesmith  
Mrs. Faith L. Truesdale (To Be Seated)  
Mrs. Holly H. Wall

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Mr. Randy Smiley, Superintendent  
Mrs. Dayne Coker  
Mrs. Beth Snowden  
Mr. Sam Tuten

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Mrs. Brenda Jackson, Kenneth Cobb & Company, P.C.

The Board of Trustees of Florence County School District Five met in regular session on Monday, November 28, 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 7:00 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. **Special Recognition** – Mr. Smiley recognized Chairman Sanders for achieving Level 2 training from the South Carolina School Boards Association. He received a certificate and pin for his recognition.
5. **Recognition of Former Board Member** – Chairman Sanders presented a plaque to Mr. Hooks in recognition of 15 years of service on the Board of Trustees. Mr. Hooks addressed the Board and expressed his pleasure in having served with them in this capacity.
6. **Recognition of Re-elected and New Board Members and Oath of Office** – Mr. Smiley administered the Oath of Office to Mrs. Faith L. Truesdale, and she was seated as a new Board member in Seat 2. He also administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Richard D. Sanders, and he was seated as a returning Board member in At-large Seat 5.
7. **Public Forum** – No one was present to address the Board in Public Forum.
8. **Consent Agenda** – Chairman Sanders reviewed the items of the Consent Agenda which included Board Minutes for October 24, 2016, regular session; the Monthly Financial Statement for October 2016; School Food Service Statement YTD June 2016; and School Food Service Statements for July, August, and September 2016. All items passed by general consent of the Board.

**9. Regular Agenda**

**A. Special Report**

- 1. Presentation of Proposed 2015-16 General Fund Audit** – Mrs. Brenda Jackson presented the proposed audit report for fiscal year ending June 30, 2016. She stated that the 2016 audit report was positive with 62 days of operating balance. The 2015-16 General Fund ended with a negative balance of (\$124,178). This negative balance is a result of declining enrollment, maintenance costs, and mid-year budget cuts from the state. Mrs. Jackson informed the Board that the Food Service Fund ended the year with a negative balance of (\$50,743). She reviewed bond information and debt service payment schedules. Mrs. Jackson commended the Florence Five staff for their outstanding job regarding the financial obligations of the district. Mrs. Wanda Willis presented a ten-year financial overview as information.

**B. Superintendent's Report:**

- 1. Hurricane Matthew Repairs** – Mr. Smiley told the Board that the roof at JMS was repaired over Thanksgiving break, and that the red coating would be applied this summer. He said the storm damage was approximately \$400,000 and was covered under our insurance policy. During the holiday break, the Headstart roof was replaced also, and one side of the JES gym roof was repaired with insurance funds.
- 2. Election Results** – The trustee election was held on November 8 with Mrs. Faith Truesdale receiving 742 votes with seven write-in votes in Seat 2. In the At-large Seat 5, Mr. Richard Sanders received 1,349 votes with 46 write-in votes. The election was certified on November 11, 2016, by Florence County Voter's Registration.
- 3. Technology Funding** – In a technology update, Mr. Smiley told members that the district received an additional \$139,000 in technology funding from the state department. He said the funds would be used to upgrade electrical capacity of the computer labs. Upgrades will be made to servers and switches to help handle the new technology.
- 4. JES Beta Club** – Mrs. Coker told the Board that Mrs. Brittany Carter has started a JES Elementary School Jr. Beta Club and will compete in January at the state convention in Myrtle Beach. The JES Beta Club will compete in a different grade category than the JMS Beta Club. She said that 50 fourth-grade students would be inducted on Tuesday, November 29. JES Beta will consist of fourth-and-fifth-grade students next year.

**10. For Action Agenda**

- A. Overnight Field Trip Request(s)** - Mr. Nesmith moved, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Board approve a request as presented for members of the JMS Drama Club to participate in an overnight field trip to New York City on June 12-15, 2017. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Haselden moved, seconded by Mrs. Wall, that the Board approve a request as presented for members of the JES Beta Club to participate in an overnight field trip to Myrtle Beach on January 12-13, 2017. The motion carried unanimously.

- 11. Executive Session Agenda** – Mr. Lee moved, seconded by Mrs. Wall, that the Board enter Executive Session to discuss Personnel Recommendations for Hire. The motion carried unanimously, and the Board entered Executive Session at 8:01 p.m.

**12. 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 8:25 p.m.

As a result of discussions held in Executive Session, Chairman Sanders presented an employee resignation, and the Board by consensus accepted the resignation as presented by the Superintendent.

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

Mrs. Wall nominated Mr. Lee as chairman, seconded by Mr. Nesmith. Mrs. Haselden nominated Mr. Sanders as chairman, seconded by Mr. Sanders. A discussion ensued. There were no other nominations, and Mr. Lee was declared chairman by a vote of 4-3-0. Mr. Sanders nomination failed by a vote of 3-4-0.

Mrs. Wall nominated Mr. Sanders as vice chairman, and Mr. Sanders declined the nomination. Mrs. Wall then nominated Mr. Nesmith as vice chairman, seconded by Mrs. Truesdale. Mr. Nesmith was then declared vice chairman by a vote of 7-0-0.

Mrs. Wall nominated Mrs. Haselden as secretary, seconded by Mr. Lee. Mrs. Haselden was then declared secretary by a vote of 7-0-0.

**14. Adjournment** – There being no further business, Mr. Sanders moved, seconded by Mrs. Wall, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

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