

**FLORENCE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT FIVE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
April 26, 2021**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mrs. Faith L. Truesdale, Vice Chair
Mr. Andrew B. Gaster
Mrs. DeAnna H. Green

Mr. Raymond A. Haselden
Mr. Ervin J. Richardson
Mr. Joshua B. Timmons

STAFF PRESENT:

Mr. Randy Smiley, Superintendent
Mrs. Allana Prosser, Superintendent-Elect
Mr. Adam Kennedy
Mr. Brian Goins

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

The Board of Trustees of Florence County School District Five met for regular session on Monday, April 26, at 7:00 p.m. at the Johnsonville Middle School Media Center.

1. **Call to Order, Welcome, and Pledge of Allegiance** – Vice Chair Truesdale called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Vice Chair Truesdale offered condolences on behalf of the board to the family of Keyshawn Lewis. She welcomed those present and asked everyone to stand and join in the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. **Confirmation of Notice to Media** – Chair 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.
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)** – Vice Chair Truesdale reviewed the items of the Consent Agenda which included Board Minutes for March 22, 2021, regular session; Monthly Financial Statements for February and March 2021; and School Food Services Statements for February and March 2021. All items passed by general consent of the board.
6. **Superintendent's Report:**
 - A. Budget Update – Mrs. Willis told members that the budget is a balanced budget of 10 million dollars, which is based on the House, Ways & Means Committee Projections. The budget highlights for 2021-22 include: (1) Utilized Base Student Cost of \$2,500; (2) Increased Tier 3 revenue of \$30,455; (3) Increased employer contributions for retirement by 1% and health contributions by .8%; (4) Step increases for all personnel; (5) Decreased interest revenue by \$26,000; (6) Increased sub salary; (7) Increased property/casualty and worker's compensation insurance premiums to new projection \$26,000; and (8) added indirect cost from ESSER II \$126,580. Mrs. Willis said a more detailed version would be provided at next month's meeting including any changes from the Legislature.
 - B. Financial Risk Assessment – The State Department of Education Office of Finance ranks each district based on audit status. Our district received a "Low Risk Assessment" of 12, which is a very good ranking.

- C. End-Of-Year School Plans - Principals gave an update on end-of-the-year testing and scheduling of awards and graduation ceremonies.
- D. Graduation – Mr. Tuten told the board that the athletic banquet would be hosted individually for each team with the booster club giving a per diem for each student being honored. In regards to Award’s Night, the high school will forgo an award’s banquet and qualifying seniors will be recognized at class night with academic letters. Class Night is June 4 in the gym, and each student will receive four tickets, which can be obtained through the electronic ticketing system. Graduation is planned for Friday, June 11, at 9:00 a.m. in the football stadium with each student receiving ten tickets. In lieu of rain, the graduation will be held on Saturday morning. Mr. Smiley said the sound system will be upgraded prior to graduation.

7. For Action Agenda

- A. Second Reading of 2021-2022 Proposed School Calendar – Mrs. Green moved, seconded by Mr. Richardson, that the board approve the Second Reading of the 2021-2022 Proposed School Calendar as presented. The motion carried unanimously.
- B. First Reading of 2021-2022 Proposed General Fund Budget – Mr. Timmons moved, seconded by Mr. Haselden, that the board approve the First Reading of the 2021-2022 Proposed General Fund Budget. The motion carried unanimously.
- C. Student Release(s) – Mr. Gaster moved, seconded by Mrs. Green, that the Board approve the release of six students to attend school in adjacent districts for the 2021-2022 school year. The motion carried unanimously.
- D. Golf State Championship Overnight Trip – Mr. Haselden moved, seconded by Mr. Richardson, that the board approve an overnight trip for the golf team to attend the state championship in Columbia. The motion carried unanimously.

- 8. Executive Session** – Mr. Richardson moved, seconded by Mr. Timmons, that the board enter the Executive Session Agenda to discuss Personnel Recommendations and Resignations. The motion carried unanimously, and the board entered Executive Session at 7:49 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 8:22 p.m. with no action taken.

Mr. Richardson moved, seconded by Mr. Timmons, that the board accept the resignations of Employee A and B as presented by the superintendent. The motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Green moved, seconded by Mr. Gaster, that the board accept the 2021-2022 Personnel Recommendations for hire as presented by the Superintendent. The motion carried unanimously.

- 10. Adjournment** - There being no further business, Mrs. Green moved, seconded by Mr. Richardson, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.