

**FLORENCE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT FIVE  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
January 27, 2020**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mr. Andrew B. Gaster  
Mr. Raymond A. Haselden  
Mr. Christopher G. Marsh

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Mr. Jerry A. Lee

**STAFF PRESENT:**

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

Mr. Sam Tuten  
Mrs. Tina Williams, Recorder

The Board of Trustees of Florence County School District Five met in regular session on Monday, January 27, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. in the cafeteria at Johnsonville High School.

1. **Welcome and Call to Order** – In the absence of Chairman Lee, Mrs. Truesdale, Vice Chairman, welcomed those present calling 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. **Special Recognition** –
  - A. Board Member Recognition - The Board recognized Mr. Christopher G. Marsh for ten years of service on the Florence Five Board of Trustees. Mr. Marsh was presented a ten-year pen and certificate on behalf of the South Carolina School Board's Association.
  - B. Signing of SCSBA Ethical Principles Poster – Board members read the statements of Ethical Principles, and each member signed the document pledging to uphold the standards. The document will be displayed in the Florence School District Five boardroom.
5. **Public Forum** – There was no one present to address the Board in Public Forum.
6. **Consent Agenda (A-C)** – Vice Chairman Truesdale reviewed the items of the Consent Agenda which included Board Minutes for November 18, 2019, regular session; the Monthly Financial Statements for November and December 2019; and the School Food Service Statements for November and December 2019. A discussion ensued concerning Community Eligibility. All items passed by general consent of the Board.

**7. Regular Agenda**

A. Staff Report:

1. Johnsonville High School Board Presentation – Mr. Tuten showed a video entitled *Learning Like a Champion*, which gave an overview of the “State of the School”. He presented a PowerPoint and handout which outlined school academics and achievements. Board members commended Mr. Tuten on a job well done.

B. Superintendent’s Report

1. Statement of Economic Interest - Mr. Smiley reminded members to complete their Statement of Economic Interest by the March 30 deadline in order to avoid any penalty.
2. JES SRO Update – Mr. Smiley said JES was funded for an SRO officer; however, the Sheriff’s Office is having difficulty filling that position. Currently, the district has two full-time SRO officers at JMS and JHS. He said Officer Fennell visits JES on a frequent basis.
3. Title I Technology Grant – The district received a small Title I grant that will be used to replace an aging computer lab at JES. The installation of this lab will bring all the computer labs up-to-date at JES.
4. New Education Funding Plan – The State is working on a Reformed Education Act, which includes several bills with many components. One of the bills includes flexibility in the school start date. Mr. Smiley said he would present the first draft of our calendar at the March Board meeting. Mr. Smiley said he would keep members updated in regards to the Educational Funding Bill, which if passed, would benefit our district financially.
5. Fiber Connections Installation – Mr. Kennedy said new fiber is being installed by A-3 Communications between schools and will make our connectivity ten times faster. He said the project was covered under the E-Rate funding, and the district’s responsibility was 20% of the cost. Mr. Kennedy also updated on additional funding for software renewals and security upgrades. A discussion ensued concerning grade-level testing in regards to the number of computers at JES. The Board commended Mr. Kennedy on the outstanding job he has done updating and maintaining the district’s technology.

**8. For Action Agenda**

- A. Overnight Field Trips Request (s) - Mr. Haselden moved, seconded by Mr. Gaster, that the Board approve an Overnight Field Trip Request for JES to attend Camp Bob Cooper in Summerton, S.C. on May 13-15, 2020. The motion carried unanimously.

**9. Executive Session Agenda**

- A. Mr. Gaster moved, seconded by Mr. Marsh, that the Board enter the Executive Session Agenda to discuss Personnel for Hire, Resignations, and Transfers. The motion carried unanimously, and the Board entered Executive Session at 8:12 p.m.

- 10. 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 8:30 p.m. with no action taken in Executive Session.

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Mr. Haselden moved, seconded by Mr. Timmons, that the resignation of Candidate A be accepted as presented by the Superintendent. The motion carried unanimously.

- 11. Adjournment** - There being no further business, Mr. Marsh moved, seconded by Mr. Haselden, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

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Tina Williams, Board Secretary

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Minutes Approved