

**FLORENCE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT FIVE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
November 16, 2020**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mrs. Faith L. Truesdale, Vice Chairman
Mr. Andrew B. Gaster
Mrs. DeAnna H. Green
Mr. Raymond A. Haselden

Mr. Christopher G. Marsh
Mr. Ervin J. Richardson
Mr. Joshua B. Timmons

STAFF PRESENT:

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

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

The Board of Trustees of Florence County School District Five met for regular session on Monday, November 16, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. at the Johnsonville Middle School Media Center.

1. **Call to Order, Welcome, and Pledge of Allegiance** – Vice Chairman Truesdale called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. She welcomed those present and asked everyone to stand and join in the Pledge of Allegiance.
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.
3. **Approval of Agenda** – The Agenda was approved by general consent of the board.
4. **Recognition of Re-elected, New Board Member, and Oath of Office** – Superintendent Smiley administered the Oath of Office to Mrs. DeAnna H. Green, and she was seated as a new board member. He also administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Christopher G. Marsh for his re-election as a board member.
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 October 26, 2020, regular session; October 26, 2020, work session; Monthly Financial Statement for October 2020; and School Food Service Statement YTD June 2020. All items passed by general consent of the board.
7. **Regular Agenda**
 - A. **Special Report:**

Presentation of the 2019-20 Fiscal Audit – Mrs. Brenda Jackson presented the audit report for fiscal year ending June 30, 2020. She stated that the FY 2020 General Fund balance of \$1,736,651 equates to 61.8 days of operating capital and falls within the acceptable range established by the state. The 2019-20 General Fund ended with a positive balance of \$69,522. The Independent Auditor’s Report revealed a clean, unmodified opinion, which is the top opinion that can be received.

B. Superintendent's Report:

1. Election Results - The trustee election was held on November 3. In Seat 3, Mrs. DeAnna H. Green was declared the winner. In the At-Large Seat 6, Mr. Christopher G. Marsh was re-elected. The election was certified on November 6, 2020, by Florence County Voter's Registration.
2. Winter Sports Guidelines – Mr. Tuten advised the board regarding Winter Sports Guidelines for COVID-19. He said that middle school basketball games would be played at the high school gymnasium to allow ample space for two parents per players. Because there isn't a JV girls' basketball team, the JV boys' games will be played at middle school. A handout was given to the board that outlined the guidelines.
3. Broadcasting Games – Mr. Tuten discussed several options that were examined in regards to broadcasting basketball games. He said none of the options were practical, long-term solutions.
4. Virtual Learning Days – Mr. Smiley said that our district, along with several surrounding districts, has explored the possibility of converting existing face-to-face days to virtual learning days in the current school calendar. He said the request has been approved by the deputy superintendent and is waiting approval from Superintendent Spearman. If the request is approved by SDE, the board has given their approval by consensus to make this change.

8. For Action Agenda

- A.** Acceptance of 2019-20 Fiscal Audit - Mr. Marsh moved, seconded by Mr. Haselden, that the Board give acceptance to the 2019-20 General Fund Audit. The motion carried unanimously.

- 9. Executive Session** – Mr. Richardson moved, seconded by Mr. Timmons, that the board enter the Executive Session Agenda to discuss a Student Discipline Matter. The motion carried unanimously, and the board entered Executive Session at 7:46 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 8:21 p.m. with no action taken.

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

Mr. Smiley called for nominations for chairman. Mrs. Truesdale nominated Mr. Marsh as chairman, seconded by Mr. Timmons. Mr. Marsh was declared chairman by a vote of 6-0-1, with Mr. Marsh abstaining.

Mr. Smiley called for nominations for vice chairman. Mr. Richardson nominated Mrs. Truesdale for vice chairman, seconded by Mr. Haselden. Mrs. Truesdale was declared vice chairman by a vote of 6-0-1, with Mrs. Truesdale abstaining.

Mr. Smiley called for nominations for secretary. Mr. Gaster nominated Mr. Timmons, seconded by Mr. Marsh. Mr. Timmons was declared secretary by a vote of 6-0-1, with Mr. Timmons abstaining.

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

Tina Williams, Board Secretary

Minutes Approved