

**FLORENCE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT FIVE  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
September 28, 2020**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mrs. Faith L. Truesdale, Vice Chairman  
Mr. Andrew B. Gaster (via conference call)  
Mr. Raymond A. Haselden

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

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

**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 for regular session on Monday, September 28, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. at the Johnsonville High School Cafeteria.

1. **Welcome and Call to Order** – Vice Chairman Truesdale welcomed those present and called the meeting to order at 7:02 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. **Public Forum** – There was no one present to address the Board in Public Forum.
5. **Consent Agenda (A-B)** – Vice Chairman Truesdale reviewed the items of the Consent Agenda which included Board Minutes for August 24, 2020, regular session, and the Monthly Financial Statement for August 2020. All items passed by general consent of the Board.
6. **Regular Agenda**
  - A. **Superintendent's Report**
    1. Virtual Education Update – Mr. Smiley told members that approximately 70 students were requesting to transfer from virtual to a face-to-face platform. He said classes were being re-evaluated to accommodate these changes by mid-October. He said the district had worked diligently to offer technical assistance to students with laptop or hotspot issues. Mrs. Truesdale commended the staff for an outstanding job.

2. Technology Update – Mr. Smiley said the district has experienced ups and downs in technology, but these issues had leveled off. He said the state had provided the district with a sufficient number of hot spots for virtual students. Mr. Kennedy told members that the leased computers have been distributed at JMS and that a different model has been ordered to help offset some of the original 800 computers that are on backorder. He said that 163 of the original order has been received, and 229 of that order will be replaced with a different model. He said the market computer supply has not improved and that the original shipping date is postponed until December. Mr. Kennedy told members that an ample supply of computers are in reserve for COVID-19 quarantined students.
3. Audit Report – Mr. Smiley told the board that the audit was being completed remotely by Mrs. Brenda Jackson of Kenneth Cobb & Associates with the assistance of Mrs. Wanda Willis. He said Mrs. Jackson will attend a future board meeting to present the audit.
4. Ten-Day Enrollment – In regards to the enrollment, Mr. Smiley said districtwide enrollment increased by eight students.
5. Non-Resident Student Attendance – Mr. Smiley said there are 11 new students enrolled from out-of-district.
6. Board Meeting Dates –Mr. Smiley told members that the board meeting schedule was included in their board packet for the 2020-21 school year.

**7. For Action Agenda**

**A. SCSBA Delegate Assembly - Vice Chairman Truesdale called for nominations for a voting delegate to the SCSBA Delegate Assembly in December. Mr. Marsh moved that Mr. Richardson serve in this capacity, and Mr. Gaster as the alternate, seconded by Mr. Timmons. There being no other nominations, the motion carried unanimously.**

**B. Second Reading of the Following Policies:**

1. GCC-R(2) (COVID-19 Related Leave – Professional Staff)
2. GDC-R(2) (COVID-19 Related Leave – Support Staff)
3. ADD (Face Covering)
4. ACA – (Title IX)
5. GBAA, GBAA-R, GBAA-E1 (Sexual Harassment and Retaliation – Staff)
6. JIAA, JIAA-R, JIAA-E1 (Sexual Harassment and Retaliation – Student)
7. IJNDAA (Distance, Online and Virtual Education)
8. JE-R (Student Attendance)
9. EEA-R (Student Transportation)

Mr. Haselden moved, seconded by Mr. Richardson, that the Board give Second Reading to the Board Policies listed in the For Action Agenda numbered 1 – 9 as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

- 8. Executive Session – Mr. Richardson moved, seconded by Mr. Haselden, that the board enter the Executive Session Agenda to discuss the South Carolina School Boards Association Proposal and Student Homeschool Request(s). The motion carried unanimously, and the board entered Executive Session at 7:30 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 8:00 p.m. with no action taken.

Mr. Haselden moved, seconded by Mr. Timmons, that the board accept the proposal from the South Carolina School Boards Association for the superintendent search. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Richardson moved, seconded by Mr. Marsh, that the board deny three student’s homeschool requests under the Option 1 choice for inadequate instructional plans.

- 10. 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 8:05 p.m.

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Tina Williams, Board Secretary

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Minutes Approved