

**FLORENCE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT FIVE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
February 22, 2021**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Christopher G. Marsh, Chairman
Mr. Andrew B. Gaster
Mrs. DeAnna H. Green
Mr. Raymond A. Haselden

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

STAFF PRESENT:

Mr. Randy Smiley, Superintendent
Mr. Adam Kennedy
Mr. Brian Goins
Mrs. Beth Snowden

Mrs. Mirandi Squires
Mr. Randy Willis
Mrs. Tina Williams, Recorder

The Board of Trustees of Florence County School District Five met for regular session on Monday, February 22, at 7:00 p.m. at the Johnsonville Middle School Media Center.

1. **Call to Order, Welcome, and Pledge of Allegiance** – Chairman Marsh called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. He welcomed those present and asked everyone to stand and join in the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. **Confirmation of Notice to Media** – Chairman Marsh 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** – Chairman Marsh amended the Consent Agenda to include minutes from February 9, 2021, special session.
4. **Public Forum** – There was no one present to address the board in Public Forum.
5. **Consent Agenda (A-C)** – Chairman Marsh reviewed the items of the Consent Agenda which included Board Minutes for January 25, 2021, regular session; January 26, 2021, February 8, 2021, and February 9, 2021, special sessions; Monthly Financial Statement for January 2021; and School Food Services Statements July – January 2021. All items passed by general consent of the board.
6. **Regular Agenda**
 - A. **Staff Report:**
 1. **Spring Sports** – In the absence of Mr. Tuten, Mr. Smiley told the board that tickets for spring sports will be sold through Hometown Ticketing. For those who are unable to access the site, tickets can be obtained from the school office between 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Covid restrictions only allow for 86 attendants with social distancing, seating arrangements, and masks for spectators required. A discussion ensued in regards to the track team.
 - B. **Superintendent's Report:**
 1. **Medicaid** – Mr. Smiley explained that the district bills Medicaid for nursing, speech, occupational and physical therapies. He said because of the virtual services, the district has not been able to generate the typical reimbursement from these services leaving a

deficit of approximately \$90,000. He also told the board that food service is \$75,000 in the negative. A discussion ensued in regards to ESSER II funds, unrestricted cost rate, and Medicaid funding that can be redirected to cover the Medicaid shortfall. He said that the state department may issue funding to offset some of the food service deficit. Mr. Smiley told the board that Mrs. Jeannie Carmichael has retired as the Food Service Director and Mrs. Robin Altman has filled the position during this transition.

2. ESSER II Funding Plan – Mr. Smiley reviewed a handout detailing the expenditures submitted to the state department for the ESSER II funds. The request for funding can be amended and includes water fountain adapters, air purification systems, carpet replacement, building technology, personnel, and tutors for remediation.
 3. COVID-19 Numbers – In a Covid update, Mr. Smiley said the numbers have declined significantly and are looking better in the community based on the daily DHEC updates. He is in hopes the governor will approve vaccinations for teachers in the near future.
 4. Vacancies – Vacancies in the district include a media specialist and principal at middle school and an art teacher at high school. In a special education update, Mr. Smiley told the board that student numbers at the high and middle schools have increased and a prior board-approved special education position will be re-advertised for the 2021-22 school year. He told the board that he felt increasing our substitute daily pay would help increase the district’s applicant pool.
 5. 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.
7. **Executive Session** – Mr. Richardson moved, seconded by Mrs. Green, that the board enter the Executive Session Agenda to discuss Personnel Recommendations of Administrative Contracts and Personnel Resignations. The motion carried unanimously, and the board entered Executive Session at 7:40 p.m.
8. **Reconvene in Open Session with Action if Necessary from Executive Session**– Following Executive Session, Chairman Marsh called for a motion to reconvene in Open Session. Mrs. Green moved, seconded by Mr. Timmons, and the meeting was called to order at 8:15 p.m. with no action taken.

Mr. Richardson moved, seconded by Mrs. Green, that the Board approve Exhibit B personnel recommendations as presented by the superintendent for 2021-22 school year. The motion carried unanimously. (Exhibit B)

Mr. Gaster moved, seconded by Mr. Haselden, that the personnel resignations presented from the superintendent be accepted effective the end of the 2020-21 school year. The motion carried unanimously.

9. **Adjournment** - There being no further business, Mr. Gaster moved, seconded by Mrs. Green, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 8:19 p.m.