

**FLORENCE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT FIVE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
August 24, 2020**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Jerry A. Lee, Chairman
Mr. Andrew B. Gaster
Mr. Raymond A. Haselden
Mr. Christopher G. Marsh

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

STAFF PRESENT:

Mr. Randy Smiley, Superintendent
Mrs. Lacinda Burrows
Mr. Brian Goins
Ms. Jamie Horton
Mr. Adam Kennedy

Mrs. Beth Snowden
Mrs. Mirandi Squires
Mr. Sam Tuten
Mr. Randy Willis
Mrs. Tina Williams, Recorder

The Board of Trustees of Florence County School District Five met for regular session on Monday, August 24, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. at the Johnsonville Middle School Media Center.

1. **Welcome and Call to Order** – Chairman Lee welcomed those present and called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.
2. **Confirmation of Notice to Media** – Chairman Lee 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 Lee made a motion to amend the agenda to include a For Action for Board Member Terms under the Superintendent’s Report. There being no opposition to the amendment, the motion carried by consensus.
4. **Public Forum** – There was no one present to address the Board in Public Forum.
5. **Consent Agenda (A-C)** – Chairman Lee reviewed the items of the Consent Agenda which included Board Minutes for June 22, 2020, regular session and July 16, 2020, special session; the Monthly Financial Statements for June and July 2020; and the School Food Service Statement for June 2020. A discussion ensued concerning ending balances on the June Financial Statement. All items passed by general consent of the Board.
6. **Special Presentation**
On behalf of the Board of Trustees, Chairman Lee presented Mr. Ervin Richardson with a Certificate of Achievement from the South Carolina School Boards Association for his participation in the Boardmanship Institute Training Program for achieving Level I.

Mrs. Barbara Black addressed the board and gave an overview of the after-school program that Lydia’s Nest will offer to students 1st – 3rd grades. It was established for the purpose of implementing and expanding programs outside of regular school hours that offer students both academic and educational enrichment activities. Mrs. Black said the grand opening is Thursday, August 27, at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Smiley said that bus drop-off can be provided in the afternoons if requested by a parent.

7. Regular Agenda

A. Staff Report Updates:

1. **JES** – Mrs. Squires and Mrs. Burrows
2. **JMS** – Mr. Willis and Mr. Goins
3. **JHS** – Mr. Tuten and Ms. Horton

Staff report updates were provided by the principals and assistant principals from each school. During the presentations, safety precautions and measures for each school were explained to board members. Information concerning the virtual learning for students through the Schoology platform and percentages of face-to-face versus virtual students were outlined. A timeline for the distribution of devices was given, and a discussion ensued concerning a code of honor for students enrolled in virtual learning.

B. Superintendent's Report

1. Trustee Election (November 3, 2020) – Mr. Smiley reminded the Board that the Trustee Election is November 3, 2020, and Seat 3 and At-Large, Seat 6 are up for election.
2. Board Member Terms – Mr. Smiley told members that Florence Voter Registration suggested that we change our current terms from three-year to four-year terms to align with the regular election of state offices. This would alleviate special elections on the off years. He said the district has a letter prepared to send Senator Leatherman requesting his endorsement for the change in legislature.
3. Virtual Student Numbers – The Virtual Student Numbers were reviewed during the principal's update.
4. Computers for Virtual Education – Mr. Kennedy gave the board an update in regards to computers for the virtual one-to-one initiative. He said that the district has enough computers to distribute to virtual learners and hotspots will be distributed as needed to students. He said that outdoor access points have been installed at JMS and JHS and are available 24 hours a day. Mr. Marsh inquired about students using their personal devices for the Schoology learning platform. A discussion ensued.
5. Health Care Partners COVID-19 Testing – COVID-19 testing can be performed at Health Care Partners in Johnsonville at no cost to students or staff. The testing will be paid for by a grant that the facility received. Test results could be available in a two-day turnaround time through LabCorp.

Mrs. Truesdale moved, seconded by Mr. Gaster, that the Board take a short recess prior to the For Action Agenda. The motion carried unanimously, and the board recessed from 9:08 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

8. For Action Agenda

A. First 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. Smiley explained details of the policy changes on all of the above-mentioned policies with the exception of Title IX, which Mrs. Snowden reviewed. Mr. Haselden moved, seconded by Mr. Timmons, that the Board give First Reading to the Board Policies listed in the For Action Agenda numbered 1 – 9 as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

- B.** Request(s) for Student Release from Florence Five – Mrs. Truesdale moved, seconded by Mr. Gaster, that the Board approve the release of eight students to attend school in adjacent districts for the 2020-21 school year. The motion carried unanimously.
- C.** Board Member Terms – By consent, the Board gave approval for the legislature to move forward with changing the Board Member Terms to four-year terms rather than the present three-year terms.

9. Executive Session – Mr. Richardson moved, seconded by Mr. Marsh, that the Board enter the Executive Session Agenda to discuss Resignations. The motion carried unanimously, and the Board entered Executive Session at 9:54 p.m.

10. Reconvene in Open Session with Action if Necessary from Executive Session– Following Executive Session, Chairman Lee called the meeting to order in Open Session at 10:32 p.m. with no action taken.

11. Adjournment - There being no further business, Mr. Haselden moved, seconded by Mr. Gaster that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 10:33 p.m.

Tina Williams, Board Secretary

Minutes Approved