

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

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mrs. Faith L. Truesdale, Vice Chair  
Mr. Andrew B. Gaster  
Mrs. DeAnna H. Green

Mr. Raymond A. Haselden  
Mr. Ervin J. Richardson  
Mr. Joshua B. Timmons

**STAFF PRESENT:**

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

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Mrs. Allana Prosser

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

1. **Call to Order, Welcome, and Pledge of Allegiance** – Vice Chair Truesdale called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. She welcomed those present and asked everyone to stand and join in the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. **Confirmation of Notice to Media** – Chair 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-C)** – Vice Chair Truesdale reviewed the items of the Consent Agenda which included Board Minutes for February 22, 2021, regular session; and March 1, 2, 4, 11, 16, 2021, special sessions. Mr. Smiley informed the board that the February financial statements will be included in the April board packet. All items passed by general consent of the board.
6. **Superintendent's Report:**
  - A. 2021-22 Proposed School Calendar – Mr. Smiley told board members that the proposed calendar is similar to Florence District 2 and 3 because of students attending The Continuum. He said the three districts are considering a modified calendar for 2022-23 that would start earlier in the year with week-long breaks built in during the school year instead of year-round school.
  - B. ESSER III – Mr. Smiley said because the stimulus package passed, that ESSER III has been approved, and the district will receive approximately \$3.2 million. He said the funds will be utilized for COVID relief with 30% for student remediation. Mr. Smiley said ESSER II funds have been submitted to SDE and are awaiting approval. A discussion ensued concerning the allowable expenditures of ESSER funds.

- C. Remote Instruction FY22 – Mr. Smiley said that he and Mrs. Prosser have been discussing remote instruction for next year. He said virtual learning may not be offered to all students next year and parents will need to complete an application process and meet certain requirements to qualify. Mr. Smiley said that remote instruction will not be offered to students in grades K-2 because these students need face-to-face instruction. He said several districts in the Pee Dee Education Center are discussing the possibility of forming a virtual consortium, and the plan would be brought to the board prior to finalization. He said budgetary cost would be considered before moving forward.
- D. Title I, II, and IV – 3-year audits – In an audit update, Mr. Smiley informed the board that Title I, II, and IV 3-year audits were all completed and received clean audit reports.
- E. SCAAA Principal of the Year – Mr. Smiley congratulated Mr. Tuten for being named the South Carolina Athletic Administrator of the Year. The board commended Mr. Tuten on his outstanding achievement.
- F. Vaccine 2<sup>nd</sup> Dose – March 29, 2021 – Mr. Smiley said district employees would receive their second vaccine on March 29, 2021. He said 50% of the employees have been vaccinated. Employees who have been vaccinated do not have to be quarantined, if they are exposed to COVID.

**7. For Action Agenda**

- A. First Reading of 2021-22 Proposed School Calendar – Mr. Haselden moved, seconded by Mrs. Green, that the board approve the First Reading of the 2021-22 Proposed School Calendar as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

**8. Executive Session** – Mr. Gaster moved, seconded by Mr. Timmons, that the board enter the Executive Session Agenda to discuss Certified and Administrative Contract Recommendations and Personnel for Hire. The motion carried unanimously, and the board entered Executive Session at 7:20 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 8:45 p.m. with no action taken.

Mr. Haselden moved, seconded by Mr. Timmons, that the board accept the resignation of Employee A as presented by the superintendent. The motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Green moved, seconded by Mr. Richardson, that the Certified Contract Recommendations be accepted as presented by administration. (Exhibit A) The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Gaster moved, seconded by Mr. Timmons, that the District Office Recommendations be accepted as presented by the superintendent. (Exhibit B) The motion carried unanimously.

**10. Adjournment** - There being no further business, Mrs. Green moved, seconded by Mr. Richardson, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.