

MINUTES
FLORENCE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT FIVE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
May 20, 2019

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Richard D. Sanders, Vice Chairman
Mr. Andrew B. Gaster
Mr. Raymond A. Haselden

Mr. Jerry A. Lee
Mrs. Faith L. Truesdale

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. John M. Nesmith, Sr., Chairman

STAFF PRESENT:

Mr. Randy Smiley, Superintendent
Mrs. Stephanie Carmichael
Mr. Adam Kennedy
Mrs. Allana Prosser
Mrs. Beth Snowden

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

Ms. Shamira McCray, *Morning News*

The Board of Trustees of Florence County School District Five met in regular session on Monday, May 20, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. in the District Office.

1. **Welcome and Call to Order** – In the absence of Chairman John Nesmith, Vice Chairman Sanders welcomed those present and called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. **Confirmation of Notice to Media** – Vice Chairman Sanders 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. **Public Forum** – No one was present to address the Board in Public Forum.
5. **Consent Agenda (A-C)** – Vice Chairman Sanders reviewed the items of the Consent Agenda which included Board Minutes for April 29, 2019, regular session, Monthly Financial Statement for April 2019, and School Food Service Statement for April 2019. All items passed by general consent of the Board.
6. **Staff Reports:**
 - A. **Johnsonville Middle School** – Mr. Willis gave an update on school clubs and athletics, highlighting student awards and achievements. Mrs. Carmichael discussed the Read to Succeed initiatives and highlighted literacy activities such as “Fall in the Hall”. The Administration commended the JMS behavior, reading, and math interventionists for the

difference they are making with student success. Mrs. Squires highlighted the JMS Professional Learning Communities, which focused on rigor, questioning, and assessment. She discussed TE21, which is an on-line assessment and question creation platform to assist teachers to help students improve in deficient areas. Mr. Willis explained that JMS received an overall “Good” School Report Card rating for 2017-18. He thanked Mrs. Mirandi Squires, Assistant Principal, and Mrs. Stephanie Carmichael, Reading Coach, for their hard work in preparing the Powerpoint for the middle school special presentation.

7. Superintendent’s Report:

- A. Summer Reading Camp** – Mrs. Snowden said that Summer Reading Camp is planned for June. She said eight second-grade students and ten third-grade students have signed up to participate. Mrs. Snowden said based on preliminary SC Ready scores that only two children will qualify for third-grade retention. The camp will begin the week of May 27 for two hours in the afternoon for two weeks and continue during the month of June. She said the teachers are Mrs. Tonya Eaddy and Mrs. Shelley Baxley. Students will be provided a snack and lunch during the camp day.
- B. School Observations and Trends** – Mr. Smiley told members that administration had completed 73 observations in April.
- C. JHS Ranking in US News & World Report** – Mr. Tuten told the Board that Johnsonville High School ranked 71 out of 235 high schools in South Carolina in the *U.S. News & World Report*.

8. For Action Agenda

- A. Second Reading of 2019-20 Proposed General Fund Budget** – Mrs. Wanda Willis gave a handout reflecting a proposed general fund budget of \$10,013,330 for 2019-20. The budget includes a four percent raise for certified employees and two percent for classified employees. Mr. Lee moved, seconded by Mr. Gaster, that the Board approve the Second Reading of the 2019-20 Proposed General Fund Budget. The motion carried unanimously.
- B. Seat 6, Board of Trustee Appointment** – Vice Chairman Sanders explained the options for filling Mrs. Holly Wall’s unexpired Board of Trustee term. As a result of her resignation last month, Mr. Lee made a motion to appoint previous board member Mr. Chris Marsh to fill the Seat. Mr. Sanders said that Mr. Marsh had previously resigned because he moved out of his precinct area. He said the Board would like to appoint an individual with experience to serve in this capacity. Mr. Gaster seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously with Vice Chairman Sanders recusing himself from the vote because Mr. Marsh is related by marriage.

9. Executive Session Agenda

Mrs. Truesdale moved, seconded by Mr. Gaster, that the Board enter the Executive Session Agenda to discuss Resignations after a brief recess. The motion carried unanimously, and the Board entered Executive Session at 8:25 p.m.

- 10. Reconvene in Open Session with Action if Necessary from Executive Session** – Following Executive Session, Vice Chairman Sanders called the meeting to order in Open Session at 8:42 p.m. with no action taken.

Mr. Lee moved, seconded by Mr. Gaster, that the Board regretfully accept the Resignation of one certified employee (Resignation A) as presented by the Superintendent. The motion carried unanimously.

11. Adjournment – There being no further business, Mrs. Truesdale moved, seconded by Mr. Haselden, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Chairman

Member

Vice Chairman

Member

Secretary

Member

Member