

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

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Mr. Christopher G. Marsh

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Mr. Randy Smiley, Superintendent  
Mrs. Stephanie Carmichael  
Mr. Brian Goins  
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 in regular session on Monday, February 24, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. at Johnsonville Middle School.

1. **Welcome and Call to Order** – Chairman Lee welcomed those present and called the meeting to order at 7:03 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](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)** – Chairman Lee reviewed the items of the Consent Agenda which included Board Minutes for January 27, 2020, regular session; the Monthly Financial Statement for January 2020; and the School Food Service Statement for January 2020. All items passed by general consent of the Board.
6. **Regular Agenda**
  - A. Staff Report:
    1. Johnsonville Middle School Award Recipients – Grier McKnight and Justice Todd were recognized as Jr. Scholars.
    2. Johnsonville Middle School Board Presentation – Mr. Willis showed a PowerPoint that outlined clubs and athletics. Mrs. Carmichael gave an overview about Literacy activities throughout the year at JMS. Mr. Goins explained TE21 and how it is being utilized to improve test scores and assessing student growth. He discussed CLI, which is a Collective Leadership Initiative that teachers and administrators use to support sharing goals. Board members commended the presenters on a job well done.

**B. Superintendent's Report:**

1. **Bond Information** – Mr. Smiley presented a Bond Resolution to the Board. He gave a detailed assessment explaining where the greatest needs were in regards to repairs and maintenance projects across the district. The Bond Resolution will be presented in the For Action Agenda for approval.
2. **Conser Fund Final Report** – Mr. Smiley told members that the Conser Funds were used in conjunction with the Abbeville Funds for the JMS HVAC project. The completion of the project results in an approximate payment of \$36,000 for a ten-year-period and will fall under debt service guidelines.
3. **Special Education Numbers** – Mr. Smiley explained that more students were qualifying for special education services at JES which results in an increased number of students requiring services at middle and high school. Numbers for 20-21 will exceed maximum capacity. The district has a special education position from several years back that was left vacant because numbers didn't warrant filling it at that time. However, because of the increase in numbers, an additional special education teacher will be needed for 20-21.
4. **Vacancies** – In a vacancy update for 20-21, Mr. Smiley said JES has an early childhood opening and JHS has an assistant principal opening. He said the special education position that will be posted could be split between schools to fulfill the present needs of the students.

**7. For Action Agenda**

- A. **Bond Proposal** – Mr. Gaster moved, seconded by Mr. Richardson, that the Board approve the 8% Bond Resolution as presented by the Superintendent. The motion carried unanimously.

**8. Executive Session Agenda**

- A. Mr. Haselden moved, seconded by Mr. Timmons, that the Board enter the Executive Session Agenda to discuss Personnel Recommendations of Administrative Contracts and Personnel for Hire. The motion carried unanimously, and the Board entered Executive Session at 8:12 p.m. after a brief recess.

**9. 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 9:25 p.m. with no action taken in Executive Session.

Mrs. Truesdale moved, seconded by Mr. Timmons, that the Board approve the District Office personnel recommendations for 20-21 as presented by the Superintendent. The motion carried unanimously. (Exhibit A)

Mr. Haselden moved, seconded by Mr. Gaster, that the Board approve the Principal/Assistant Principal recommendations for 20-21 as presented by the Superintendent. The motion carried unanimously. (Exhibit B)

Mr. Richardson moved, seconded by Mrs. Truesdale, that the recommendation of Candidate A be accepted for 20-21 as presented by the Superintendent. The motion carried unanimously.

- 10. Adjournment** - There being no further business, Mr. Haselden moved, seconded by Mr. Timmons, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

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Tina Williams, Board Secretary

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Minutes Approved