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**FLORENCE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT FIVE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
August 26, 2019**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

Mr. Christopher G. Marsh
Mr. Jerry A. Lee
Mrs. Faith L. Truesdale

MEMBERS ABSENT: There were no members absent.

STAFF PRESENT:

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

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Parent and Student for Student Hearing

The Board of Trustees of Florence County School District Five met in regular session on Monday, August 26, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. in the District Office.

1. **Welcome and Call to Order** – Vice Chairman Sanders welcomed those present and called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Superintendent Smiley told the Board that Mr. Sanders would chair board meetings as vice chairman until the November 18 meeting when new officers will be elected.
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** – There was no one 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 June 24, 2019, regular session, Monthly Financial Statements for June and July 2019, and School Food Service Statement for June 2019. A discussion ensued concerning special services expenditures. All items passed by general consent of the Board.
6. **Regular Agenda**
 - A. **Staff Report Updates:**
 1. JES – Mrs. Mirandi Squires said the elementary school had a smooth start. She said they were starting the year off with three word goals: Culture, Instruction, and

Collective. Mrs. Burrows said that JES had received a \$5,000 grant from Bayer Science that is being used for school improvements. The board watched a short back-to-school PowerPoint and video.

2. JMS – Mr. Randy Willis told members that JMS had a really good start as well. The theme for this year is “Flashes Strike”. He said the focus is to try harder, stay focused, keep going, and every one succeeds. He said the school is concentrating on a family atmosphere for all employees. Mr. Willis said the new faculty members will be a great asset to the JMS team. Mr. Brian Goins, assistant principal, discussed the new focus on reading across the grades. Mr. Willis said they are also concentrating on extra math help to align with standardized testing.
3. JHS – Mr. Sam Tuten stated that JHS is taking a “team approach”. He said APEX was being used for ACT preparation and discussed analyzing and utilizing test data in an effort to increase student test scores. Mr. Tuten discussed increasing diversity within the school. Mr. Tuten is hosting a professional luncheon for all students at JHS (10 at a time) to discuss Champion goal setting for individuals and JHS. In a Continuum update on dual enrollment, Mr. Tuten said 15 students are enrolled in Florence-Darlington Technical School courses, and 29 are enrolled in Francis Marion University Courses, with seven students using transportation services provided through the district.

B. Superintendent’s Report:

1. Trustee Election (November 5, 2019) – Mr. Smiley reminded the Board that the Trustee Election is November 5, 2019, and Seat 2 and At-Large Seat 5 are up for election.
2. School Resource Officers – Mr. Smiley stated that Officer Steve Fennell will be serving at JMS and have a presence at JES. Officer Derrick Smith is fulltime at JHS. Mr. Smiley told members that the second officer position is funded through a three-year grant through SDE.
3. HVAC Project at JMS – The HVAC Project is complete with the exception of a few items to finish up. Mr. Smiley said this project should also result in an energy savings long term. He said the air quality is very good with the new system. Mr. Smiley said hot water heaters were also upgraded with this project funding.
4. Energy Usage Charts – Mr. Smiley referred to an Energy Usage chart that reviewed a year of energy bills that reflected a savings of \$29,000 on the district’s electricity bill, which was the projected savings factor.
5. Student Count (Handout) - Mr. Smiley told the Board that Student Count is up by 17 but shows a drop from the 135 day count from last year. He said attendance seems to have stabilized.
6. 8% Bonds – Mr. Smiley said the district was approaching the three-year mark to borrow from our 8% Bonds and asked the board to explore the possibility of borrowing the funds for technology, paving, and replacing the high school gymnasium bleachers. Mr. Smiley has applied for the remaining infrastructure funding left from the Consolidation funds. Mr. Sanders reiterated that taxes are not affected by borrowing from the 8% bond funds to help us make improvements. Mr. Smiley stated that a For Action would be on the September Agenda in regards to accepting the funding from the 8% Bonds.

7. Special Education Audit – Mrs. Snowden said the district’s last Special Education audit was four years ago. She said the desk audit would be October 30-31, and the SDE team will visit on November 6-7. She said SDE has implemented a new survey process to help facilitate the process. Every component of Special Education will be reviewed thoroughly. A discussion ensued concerning Special Education. Mr. Smiley did add that Advanc-Ed has been delayed.

7. For Action Agenda

- A. Request(s) for Student Release from Florence Five** - Mrs. Truesdale moved, seconded by Mr. Marsh, that the Board approve six requests for student release from Florence Five as presented by the Superintendent. The motion carried unanimously.
- B. Overnight Field Trip(s)** – Mr. Lee moved, seconded by Mr. Gaster, that the Board approve two overnight field trips: 1) JHS Cheerleaders to Carowinds, and 2) JMS PACE and GT Art classes to Greenville, SC, as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

8. Executive Session Agenda

Mr. Lee moved, seconded by Mr. Haselden, that the Board enter the Executive Session Agenda to discuss a Student Appeal. The motion carried unanimously, and the Board entered Executive Session at 8:25 p.m.

9. 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 9:16 p.m.

As a result of discussions held in Executive Session, Mr. Lee moved, seconded by Mr. Marsh, that the Board uphold the decision made by Administration in the Student Appeal. The motion carried unanimously.

10. Adjournment – There being no further business, Mr. Lee moved, seconded by Mrs. Truesdale, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Chairman

Member

Vice Chairman

Member

Secretary

Member

Member