

MINUTES
FLORENCE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT FIVE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
June 24, 2019

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. John M. Nesmith, Sr., Chairman
Mr. Andrew B. Gaster
Mr. Raymond A. Haselden

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. Richard D. Sanders, Vice Chairman

STAFF PRESENT:

Mr. Randy Smiley, Superintendent
Mr. Adam Kennedy
Mrs. Beth Snowden
Mrs. Mirandi Squires

Mr. Randy Willis
Mr. 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, June 24, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. in the District Office.

1. **Welcome and Call to Order** – Chairman Nesmith welcomed those present and called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. **Confirmation of Notice to Media** – Chairman Nesmith 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. **Recognition of Appointed Board Member, and Oath of Office** – Superintendent Smiley administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Christopher G. Marsh, and he was seated as an appointed Board Member to fill the remainder of Mrs. Holly H. Wall’s unexpired term until November 3, 2020.
5. **Public Forum** – No one was present to address the Board in Public Forum.
6. **Consent Agenda (A-C)** – Chairman Nesmith reviewed the items of the Consent Agenda which included Board Minutes for May 20, 2019, regular session, Monthly Financial Statement for May 2019 (handout), and School Food Service Statement for May 2019 (handout). All items passed by general consent of the Board.

7. Superintendent's Report:

- A. HVAC Updates** – Mr. Smiley said that Hoyt Heating & Air received the bid for the labor installation of the JMS HVAC renovation and McCall's Heating and Air received the bid for the equipment. The project should be complete by the first week in August.
- B. Summer Maintenance** - In a Summer Maintenance update, Mr. Smiley said the buildings were being thoroughly cleaned with some minor painting. In major projects, Mr. Smiley told members that the high school gym bleachers and paving would be on the forefront when the district renews bonds in the spring. Mr. Smiley told the Board that Mrs. Squires had transferred over to the elementary school as principal and is busily working to prepare for next school year.

8. For Action Agenda

- A. Third Reading of 2019-20 Proposed General Fund Budget** – Mrs. Willis stated that the proposed budget includes a 4% increase for certified employees and a 2% for non-certified employees. She said if Pupils in Poverty funding is positive, that the district may be able to increase non-certified employees by another 2% in August. Mr. Marsh commended the Board for protecting the General Fund during the hardship years prior to and since he served in 2014. A discussion ensued. Mrs. Truesdale moved, seconded by Mr. Haselden, that the Board approve the Third Reading and adopt the 2019-20 Proposed General Fund Budget. The motion carried unanimously.
- B. Acceptance of Title I Funding** – Mr. Smiley stated that the Title I funding allocation for 2019-20 is \$484,493.68. He said the funding would be primarily used for classroom reduction at the elementary school and staff development. Mr. Lee moved, seconded by Mr. Gaster, that the Board approve the Title I Funding as presented. The motion carried unanimously.
- C. Audit Services for Three-Year Contract Extension** – Mr. Smiley said the audit services with Kenneth Cobb & Associates needed Board approval for a three-year contract extension. Mr. Haselden moved that we extend the three-year contract with our present auditors, seconded by Mrs. Truesdale. The motion carried unanimously.
- D. Overnight Field Trip(s)** – Mr. Lee moved, seconded by Mr. Haselden, that the Board approve an overnight field trip to FCA Football Camp as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

9. Executive Session Agenda

Mrs. Truesdale moved, seconded by Mr. Gaster, that the Board enter the Executive Session Agenda to discuss a Personnel Hire. The motion carried unanimously, and the Board entered Executive Session at 7:18 p.m.

10. Reconvene in Open Session with Action if Necessary from Executive Session – Following Executive Session, Chairman Nesmith called the meeting to order in Open Session at 7:45 p.m. with no action taken.

As a result of discussions held in Executive Session, Mr. Jerry Lee moved, seconded by Mr. Haselden, that the Recommendation for Hire for Candidate A be approved as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

11. Adjournment – There being no further business, Mr. Gaster moved, seconded by Mr. Haselden, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Chairman

Member

Vice Chairman

Member

Secretary

Member

Member