

MINUTES
FLORENCE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT FIVE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
January 28, 2019

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

Mr. Richard D Sanders
Mrs. Faith L. Truesdale
Mrs. Holly H. Wall

STAFF PRESENT:

Mr. Randy Smiley, Superintendent
Mr. Adam Kennedy
Mrs. Allana Prosser

Mrs. Beth Snowden
Mr. Sam Tuten
Mrs. Tina Williams, Recorder

The Board of Trustees of Florence County School District Five met in regular session on Monday, January 28, 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. **Special Recognition** – Mr. Smiley read the statements of Ethical Principles to the Board of Trustees. Each board member signed the document pledging to uphold the standards, and the document will be displayed in the Florence School District Five boardroom.
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 November 26, 2018, regular session, Monthly Financial Statements for November and December 2018, and School Food Service Statements for November and December 2018. All items passed by general consent of the Board.
7. **Regular Agenda**
 - A. **Staff Report:**
 1. **Technology Grant Initiatives (E-Rate)** – Mr. Kennedy explained that the district has applied for a federal E-Rate grant to replace the fiber between schools and increase connectivity speed between locations. He said the pre-bid meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 29. Mr. Kennedy said 30 desktop computers have been installed at JMS through a Title V grant and 66 laptops have been purchased for JES through a Title I grant. Through our annual renewal contract, servers are also being upgraded.

B. Board Report:

1. SCSBA Delegate Assembly – Mr. Sanders served as the delegate for the district at the Legislative Advocacy Conference and Delegate Assembly in December. He gave Board members a handbook that recapped the conference and highlighted the state and federal legislation affecting public schools. A discussion ensued concerning school consolidation and shared services. Mr. Sanders encouraged members to visit the website for further information regarding the conference.

C. Superintendent's Report

1. Statement of Economic Interest - Mr. Smiley reminded members to complete their Statement of Economic Interest by the March deadline in order to avoid any penalty.
2. School Board Meeting Location Changes – Mr. Smiley told Board Members that an updated calendar was included in their packets which shows the relocation of the next three month's meetings to the schools. February – JHS, March – JMS, and April – JES. (Exhibit A)
3. HVAC Project – The HVAC project has been rebid. McCalls Manufacturing received the winning bid for equipment, and the Hoyt Company for installation. The project will be funded through the Abbeville grant funds and Conserfunds for a total of \$1,228,729.
4. Projected Vacancies – Mr. Smiley said JMS will have four vacancies and JHS two for the 2019-20 school year. He said two of the JMS vacancies became available midyear, and we have certified teachers that have filled both of these positions for the remainder of 2018-19. The positions will be advertised as soon as possible for next year.
5. SRO – The new School Resource Officer has started at JMS. The SRO was funded through a three-year state department grant which covered salary and equipment, and the Florence Sheriff's Department has provided the officer's car. Mr. Smiley said the SRO would be stationed at JMS with a presence at JES.
6. Security Improvement – Mr. Smiley said the district had received additional funding which will allow for extra security improvements that include swipe systems at the cafeteria doors and additional cameras in various spaces that weren't covered initially.
7. Shared Services – A handout was given to board members detailing the list of services that Florence 2, 3, and 5 are currently sharing. Mr. Smiley encouraged members to peruse the document and said the districts are continuing to work on this effort.
8. Continuum – The Continuum will share career courses with Florence 2, 3, and 5. He discussed the wide array of career clusters that Florence Darlington Technical College will offer at the Continuum and options for dual credit courses. Mr. Smiley said the majority of the project is funded through the Darla Moore Foundation. A discussion ensued concerning transportation.
9. Advanc-Ed 2019-20 – Mr. Smiley said our five-year Advanc-Ed accreditation visit will be next year.
10. Classroom Observation – During the month of January, Mr. Smiley said 57 classroom observations were completed. He said the focus is on rigor and assessment and a new system, TE-21, is being utilized in this area. Mrs. Prosser discussed how the software is benefiting the teachers.

8. For Action Agenda

A. Revision of Board Policy JRA-R (Student Records) – Mrs. Truesdale moved, seconded by Mrs. Wall, that the Board approve the revision of Board Policy JRA-R (Student Records) as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Overnight Field Trip Request(s) - Mr. Lee moved, seconded by Mr. Haselden, that the Board approve an Overnight Field Trip Request for JES to attend Camp Bob Cooper in Summerton, S.C. on May 1-3, 2019. The motion carried unanimously.

9. Executive Session Agenda

A. Mr. Wall moved, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Board enter the Executive Session Agenda to discuss Personnel Resignations and Student Releases. The motion carried unanimously, and the Board entered Executive Session at 7:55 p.m.

10. 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 8:18 p.m. with action taken in Executive Session in regards to Personnel Resignations and Student Releases.

Mrs. Wall moved, seconded by Mr. Haselden, that the Board approve two personnel resignations as presented by the Superintendent. The motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Wall moved, seconded by Mr. Haselden, that the Board approve two personnel retirements as presented by the Superintendent.

Mrs. Truesdale moved, seconded by Mr. Sanders, that the Board approve a family of three students be released from FCSD5 as presented by the Superintendent. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Lee moved, seconded by Mr. Gaster, that the Board approve a student be released from FCSD5 as presented by the Superintendent. The motion carried unanimously.

11. Adjournment – There being no further business, Mrs. Wall moved, seconded by Mr. Haselden, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Chairman

Member

Vice Chairman

Member

Secretary

Member

Member