

(Minutes submitted are unofficial until approved at the next month's regular meeting of the Board of Trustees.)

**FLORENCE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT FIVE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
March 25, 2024**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Ervin J. Richardson, Chairman
Mrs. DeAnna H. Green
Mr. Roger A. Parsons

Mrs. Mary C. Powell
Mr. Joshua B. Timmons
Mr. Frank A. Travaglio

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. Andrew B. Gaster

STAFF PRESENT:

Mrs. Allana Prosser, Superintendent
Mrs. Robin Altman, Recorder
Mr. Paul Amann
Mrs. Lacinda Burrows
Mr. Terrell Fleming

Mr. Adam Kennedy
Mrs. Mirandi Squires
Mrs. Wanda Willis
Mrs. Lauren Williams

The Board of Trustees of Florence County School District Five met for regular session on Monday, March 25, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. at the District Office Board Room.

- 1. Call to Order, Welcome, and Pledge of Allegiance** – Chairman Richardson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. He welcomed those present and asked everyone to stand and join in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 2. Confirmation of Notice to Media** – Chairman Richardson stated that in accordance with the S.C. Code of Laws, 1976, as amended, Section 30-4-80(E), the following were notified of this meeting: *Morning News, NPO News, Post & Courier* 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)** – Chairman Richardson reviewed the items of the Consent Agenda which included Board Minutes for February 26, 2024, Monthly Financial Statement for February 2024, and the School Food Services Statement for February 2024. All items passed by general consent of the Board.
- 6. Regular Agenda**
 - A. Superintendent's Report
 1. Academics Updates – Mr. Brian Goins highlighted great things going on in the classrooms. Real life application, virtual labs, special authors, and guests have been utilized to help prepare students. Through our Operations Department and Schneider Electric, students at JHS had an opportunity to partner with engineers and a marketing team to come up with ideas to help our district become more efficient. Administrators, teachers, and district staff continue collecting and analyzing data to aid in tracking standards to determine areas of need. Formative Assessments will begin in April and continue through the month of May. Mr. Goins also explained how Math and ELA standards are changing. Standards have been broken down and specify more clearly expectations for teachers and students.

2. Finance Updates – Mrs. Wanda Willis presented the Board with information from S.C. Department of Revenue regarding Florence County Reassessment and CPI/Growth. Mrs. Willis explained trending data from recent years along with revenue and expenditure information relating to the First Reading of the 2024-2025 Proposed Budget of \$13.3 Million. The Finance Department monitors daily financial updates and proposed laws from the S.C. Department of Education that could impact our budget.
3. Operations Updates – Mr. Adam Kennedy began with an update from technology. Replacement laptops have been delivered and JES classroom interactive panel replacements will begin over spring break. In a Facilities Update, JMS and Baseball storage buildings have been completed, and the baseball fencing is near completion. Track resurfacing plans are still in process. Meetings are ongoing between the district and Schneider Electric regarding athletic lighting and energy savings. In a Safety and Security update, our state awarded grant money has been received and enhancement projects are underway.
4. Updates and Events – Mrs. Allana Prosser acknowledged the JMS Academic Challenge Team on Third Place in the Regional Tournament, and students at JHS had the opportunity to partner with Schneider Electric for an Energy Fellowship Program. She presented a calendar of district events for the month of April.

7. For Action Agenda

- A. First Reading 2024-2025 Proposed General Fund Budget – Mrs. Green moved, seconded by Mr. Travaglio, that the Board approve the First Reading for the 2024-2025 Proposed General Fund Budget as presented. The motion carried unanimously.
- B. First Reading of the Following Policies:
 1. Revision of Policy JICJ (Possession/Use of Electronic Communication Devices in School) – Mr. Timmons moved, seconded by Mrs. Powell, that the Board approve the First Reading of Policy Revision JICJ. The motion carried unanimously.
 2. Revision of Policy JKE (Expulsion of Students) – Mr. Travaglio moved, seconded by Mrs. Green, that the Board table the First Reading of Policy Revision JKE until additional information is released from the S.C. Department of Education. The motion carried unanimously.
- C. Approval of Hispanic Culture and Civilization Elective – Mrs. Green moved, seconded by Mr. Timmons, that the board approve the Hispanic Culture and Civilization Elective as presented by the Superintendent. The motion carried unanimously.
- D. Overnight Field Trip(s) – There were no overnight field trips for discussion.

- 8. Executive Session** – Mr. Timmons moved, seconded by Mrs. Powell, that the Board enter the Executive Session Agenda to discuss Certified Contract Recommendations, Personnel Recommendations, and Property Contract. The motion carried unanimously, and the Board entered Executive Session at 7:47 p.m.

- 9. Reconvene in Open Session with Action, if Necessary, from Executive Session** – Following Executive Session, Mr. Parsons moved, seconded by Mr. Timmons, that the Board exit Executive Session and return to Open Session at 8:43 p.m. with no action taken.

- A. Certified Contract Recommendations – Mr. Travaglio moved, seconded by Mrs. Green, that the 2024-2025 Recommended Certified Contracts be accepted as presented by administration. The motion carried unanimously. (Exhibits A-C)

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B. Personnel Recommendations for Hire – Mr. Timmons moved, seconded by Mrs. Powell, that the Personnel Recommendations for Hire be approved as presented by the Superintendent for Candidates A and B. The motion carried unanimously.

C. Property Contract – There was no action to report regarding property contract.

10. Adjournment – There being no further business, Mr. Parsons moved, seconded by Mrs. Powell that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

Robin Altman, Board Secretary

Minutes Approved