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**FLORENCE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT FIVE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
September 22, 2025**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Ervin J. Richardson, Chair
Mr. Andrew B. Gaster
Mrs. Deanna H. Green

Mr. Roger A. Parsons
Mrs. Mary C. Powell

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. Frank A. Travaglio
Mr. Joshua B. Timmons

STAFF PRESENT:

Mr. Brian Goins, Superintendent
Mrs. Robin Altman, Recorder
Mr. Terrell Fleming
Mr. Landon Johnson

Mr. Adam Kennedy
Mrs. Mirandi Squires
Mrs. Angela Tanner
Mrs. Wanda Willis

The Board of Trustees of Florence County School District Five met for regular session on Monday, September 22, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Center.

- 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: *SCNOW*, *Post & Courier*, *WBTW*, *WMBF*, *WPDE*, 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 from August 25, 2025, September 4, 2025, and Monthly Financial Statements from August 2025. All items passed by general consent of the Board.
- 6. Regular Agenda**
 - a. Superintendent's Report – Mr. Goins presented a ten-year comparative chart of test scores from the district and the state by student cohort.
 - b. Accountability – Mrs. Tanner gave an update of federal programs submitted for 2026 and noted testing assessments that have been completed and shared upcoming assessment schedule. She highlighted professional development opportunities along with success from recent family engagement events.

- c. Finance – Mrs. Willis provided information regarding the 25-26 Amended General Fund Budget. She also gave an overview of bond/capital projects.
- d. Operations – Mr. Kennedy gave status updates from the HVAC automation project, JES gym repair, track resurfacing, and safety/security. He also highlighted recent changes to the school website.
- e. Updates and Events – A calendar of upcoming athletic and school events was reviewed by the Superintendent.

7. For Action Agenda

- a. First Reading for the Revision of Section A from Board Policy – Mrs. Green moved, seconded by Mr. Parsons that the Board approve First Reading of Section A from Board Policy as presented from the work session review. The motion carried unanimously.
- b. First Reading of Policy BEA (Livestreaming of Board Meetings) – Mr. Gaster moved, seconded by Mrs. Powell that the Board approve the First Reading of Policy BEA as required by the State. The motion carried unanimously.
- c. Second Reading for the Revision of Policies GCLE and GCLE-R (Unencumbered Time) – Mr. Parsons moved, seconded by Mrs. Green that the Board approve the Second Reading for the Revision of Policies GCLE and GCLE-R as presented by the Superintendent. The motion carried unanimously.
- d. Approval of Amended 25-26 General Fund Budget – Mr. Gaster moved, seconded by Mrs. Powell, that the Board approve the Amended 25-26 General Fund Budget. The motion carried unanimously.
- e. SCSBA Delegate Assembly – Chairman Richardson called for nominations for the voting delegate to the SCSBA Delegate Assembly in December. Mr. Richardson volunteered to serve as the delegate and Mrs. Powell volunteered to serve as an alternate. Mr. Parsons moved, seconded by Mr. Gaster that Mr. Richardson serve at the SC Delegate Assembly as the voting delegate for FCSD5, and Mrs. Powell as the alternate in the event that Mr. Richardson is unable to attend. There being no other nominations, the motion carried unanimously.
- f. Overnight Field Trips – Mrs. Green moved, seconded by Mr. Parsons that the board approve the Fellowship of Christian Athletes to attend the FCA Retreat in Garden City, South Carolina on November 14-16, 2025, and JMS Jr. Beta Club to attend the SC Beta Club Convention in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina on January 21-23, 2026. The motion carried unanimously.

- 8. Executive Session Agenda** – Mr. Gaster moved, seconded by Mr. Parsons, that the Board enter the Executive Session Agenda to discuss Student Release Requests. The motion carried unanimously, and the Board entered Executive Session at 8:03 p.m.

9. Reconvene in Open Session with Action, if Necessary, from Executive Session –

Following Executive Session, Mr. Gaster moved, seconded by Mr. Parsons, that the Board exit Executive Session and return to Open Session at 8:50 p.m. with no action taken.

- a. Student Release Requests – Mrs. Green moved, seconded by Mr. Parsons that Student Release Requests (A-D) be approved as presented by the Superintendent for the 2025-26 school year. The motion carried unanimously.

- 10. Adjournment** – There being no further business, Mrs. Green moved, seconded by Mrs. Powell that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

Robin Altman, Board Secretary

Minutes Approved