

**FLORENCE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT FIVE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
August 22, 2022**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Joshua B. Timmons, Chairman	Mrs. Mary C. Powell
Mr. Ervin J. Richardson	Mr. Frank A. Travaglio
Mr. Andrew B. Gaster	Mrs. DeAnna H. Green

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mrs. Faith L. Truesdale

STAFF PRESENT:

Mrs. Allana Prosser, Superintendent	Mr. Adam Kennedy
Ms. Bridget Brown	Mrs. Mirandi Squires
Mrs. Lacinda Burrows	Mrs. Wanda Willis
Mr. Brian Goins	Mrs. Tina Williams, Recorder

The Board of Trustees of Florence County School District Five met for regular session on Monday, August 22, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. at the Johnsonville Middle School Media Center.

1. **Call to Order, Welcome, and Pledge of Allegiance** – Chairman Timmons 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 Timmons 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*, 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 Timmons reviewed the items of the Consent Agenda which included Board Minutes for June 27, 2022, and Monthly Financial Statements for June and July. All items passed by general consent of the board.
6. **Regular Agenda**
 - A. Staff Report Updates:
 1. JES – Mrs. Lacinda Burrows told the board that the elementary school had a wonderful start with 508 students in attendance. She said the afterschool and aftercare program are set to begin on September 6, and applications are currently being screened. Mrs. Burrows said there were fun activities planned with the literacy program. She reminded members that the PTO kickoff was on August 16, and the goal was a new playground.
 2. JMS – Mrs. Mirandi Squires said the new year began with total teamwork and great staff support. She said discipline was going well and teachers were helping check dress code and IDs during homeroom. She discussed programs and schedules in relation to differentiated learning, enrichment, and bullying. She said rewards for the new year include Super Student of the Month and Kona Ice incentives.

3. JHS – Ms. Bridget Brown said she was enjoying her new position as assistant principal and was complimentary of the excellent students at JHS. She stated that enrollment was up by 23 students this year. She discussed the various clubs available and the positive manner in which teachers are assisting with dress code and student IDs. She discussed data analysis programs and evaluation models.

B. Superintendent’s Report

1. Legislative Updates – Mrs. Prosser said Proviso 1 A.42 has passed which requires that school districts must work with local law enforcement agencies to ensure an updated school safety plan is in place. She said Mr. Kennedy was working diligently to ensure this is completed and our safety plan is in place.

Mrs. Prosser reminded the Board that the Trustee Election is November 8, 2022, and Seats 1, 2, and At-Large, Seat 5 are up for election with one candidate signed up to run in each Seat.

2. Opening Ceremony – Mrs. Prosser shared pictures from the opening ceremony kick-off of “Passport to Success” and said it was a good school opening for faculty and staff. Mr. Mike Reichenbach did an excellent job motivating our faculty with his presentation.
3. COVID Testing – In a COVID update, Mrs. Prosser said Health Care Partners will provide testing for our students and faculty. She said testing will be on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. and patients will be given the opportunity to see a provider, if needed.
4. Partnerships – Mrs. Prosser said the district has partnerships with United Way, Chamber of Commerce, Health Care Partners of South Carolina, and Lydia’s Nest. She also recognized Mrs. Grace Calcutt, JMS 7th grade ELA teacher, for securing a monetary donation from Service Motor Company of Pamplico to help purchase LED writing tablets for classroom interventionist. Mrs. Prosser reviewed athletic schedules and told board members that Mr. Jerry Chastain and Mr. Raymond Haselden were recognized for their outstanding service to the district with athletics.
5. Finance Updates – Mrs. Wanda Willis presented the amended 2022-23 General Fund Budget in the amount of \$11,541,000. She discussed highlights of the budget.
6. Operations Updates – Mr. Kennedy gave updates on school safety protocols, transportation, maintenance, technology, and the Wellness Policy. A discussion ensued regarding the K12 payment portal, remote storage for bus video, and the safety plan in regards to local police and the training of young students on safety protocols.
7. Academic Updates – Mr. Goins said 10-day enrollment showed an increase of 50 students on the 10th day in comparison to the 2021-22 school year. He shared with the board that Mrs. Brittany Carter was named the FSD5 District Teacher of the Year for the 2022-23 school year. Mr. Goins said the New Student Welcome Back Committee and the Back-to-School Bash were successful. He said the Academic Coach’s Team was assisting all schools with screenings, intervention strategies, and resources.
8. Upcoming Events – Mr. Goins shared the scheduled release dates for state assessments. He said that 4K – 8th grade students in Florence Five are taking state mandated interim assessments within the first 45 days of the school year. Literacy Day is August 26, 2022, at JES and JMS. The theme is “Reading Takes Us Places”, and guest readers will read books that take place in difference countries to our students.

7. For Action Agenda

- A. First Reading of Policy EBCB (Safety Plans and Drills – Mrs. Green moved, seconded by Mr. Richardson, that the board approve the First Reading of Policy EBCB on Safety Plans and Drills. The motion carried unanimously.
- B. First Reading of Policy GCK, GCK-R (Professional Staff Assignments and Transfers) – Mr. Gaster moved, seconded by Mrs. Green, that the board approve the First Reading of Policy GCK, GCK-R on Professional Staff Assignments and Transfers. The motion carried unanimously.
- C. Approval of Amended General Fund 2022-23 Budget – Mrs. Green moved, seconded by Mr. Richardson, that the board approve the Amended 2022-23 General Fund Budget as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

8. **Executive Session** – Mrs. Green moved, seconded by Mr. Travaglio, that the board enter the Executive Session Agenda to discuss Personnel for Hire and Student Release(s). The motion carried unanimously, and the board entered Executive Session at 7:56 p.m.

9. **Reconvene in Open Session with Action if Necessary from Executive Session**– Following Executive Session, Mr. Richardson moved, seconded by Mrs. Green, that the board exit Executive Session and return to Open Session at 8:51 p.m., with no action taken.

- A. Personnel for Hire – Mr. Gaster moved, seconded by Mrs. Green, that the recommendation of Candidate A (early childhood teacher) be accepted as presented. The motion carried unanimously.
- B. Student Release(s) – Mr. Travaglio moved, seconded by Mrs. Powell, that the board approve the release of ten students to attend school in Florence District 2 for the 2022-23 school year.

10. **Adjournment** - There being no further business, Mr. Richardson moved, seconded by Mrs. Powell, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

Tina Williams, Board Secretary

Minutes Approved