

**FLORENCE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT FIVE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
June 23, 2025**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

Mrs. Mary C. Powell
Mr. Frank A. Travaglio

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. Roger A. Parsons
Mr. Joshua B. Timmons

STAFF PRESENT:

Mr. Brian Goins, Superintendent
Mrs. Robin Altman, Recorder
Mr. Landon Johnson
Mr. Adam Kennedy

Mrs. Shanda Poston
Mrs. Mirandi Squires
Mrs. Angela Tanner
Mrs. Wanda Willis

OTHERS PRESENT: All State and North South Team Recipients, Family, and Coaches

The Board of Trustees of Florence County School District Five met for regular session on Monday, June 23, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. in 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: *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. Special Recognition**
 - A. Chairman Richardson presented certificates to the following student athletes for their outstanding achievement.
All-State Team: Blair Coker, Softball; Michelya Doctor and Ja'mere Ross, Track and Field.
The following were recognized but not present: Landyn Cribb, Baseball, Edmund McClary, Skylar Montgomery, and Rondrell Livingston, Track and Field.
North-South All Star Team: Blair Coker, Softball. Blair was also recognized for being named the Most Valuable Player for the South 2025.
- 5. Public Forum** – There was no one present to address the Board in Public Forum.

- 6. Consent Agenda (A-C)** – Chairman Richardson reviewed the items of the Consent Agenda which included Board Minutes for May 19, 2025, and Monthly Statements from Finance and Child Nutrition Services for May 2025. All items passed by general consent of the Board.

7. Regular Agenda

A. Superintendent's Report

1. **Academics** – Mr. Brian Goins gave an update on summer activities provided for students and faculty. JES, JMS, and JHS offered G.R.I.T. Camp for students to strengthen skills such as, Math, ELA, Social/Emotional Learning, and credit recovery. JES First Graders are maintaining a garden to provide vegetables for purchase from Sparks Produce. Students at JES were offered Summer Reading Camp to improve reading and literacy skills. Teachers took advantage of professional development opportunities through webinars and iReady. Mentor teachers received professional development to assist and train induction teachers. Administration attended the i3 SCASA Innovative Ideas Conference and CTE teachers participated in the SDE Business Summit. Mr. Goins included that all certified vacancies have been filled.
2. **Finance** – Mrs. Willis informed the board that there haven't been any changes with budget projections. Exit conferences have been conducted and the new hire process will begin in July. All certified retiree waivers have been submitted and approved by the SDE for the 2025-26 school year.
3. **Operations** – Mr. Kennedy reported paving at the track is very close to completion as well as the JES painting project. New battery backups and network switches are being installed. Laptops are being reimaged for the 2025-26 school year. Child Nutrition Services served breakfast and lunch for summer camps.
4. **Updates and Events** – A calendar of upcoming events was presented to the Board by the Superintendent.

8. For Action Agenda

- A. First Reading for the Revision of Policy GCC (Professional Staff Leaves and Absences)** – Mrs. Green moved, seconded by Mr. Travaglio, that the Board approve the First Reading for the Revision of Policy GCC as presented by the Chief Finance Officer. The motion carried unanimously.
- B. First Reading for the Revision of Policy GDC (Support Staff Leaves and Absences)** – Mr. Gaster moved, seconded by Mr. Travaglio, that the Board approve the First Reading for the Revision of Policy GDC as presented by the Chief Finance Officer. The motion carried unanimously.

- 9. Executive Session Agenda** – Mrs. Green moved, seconded by Mr. Travaglio, that the Board enter the Executive Session Agenda to discuss personnel for hire, resignations, student releases, and a contractual matter. The motion carried unanimously, and the Board entered Executive Session at 7:25 p.m.

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

Following Executive Session, Mr. Travaglio moved, seconded by Mr. Gaster, that the Board exit Executive Session and return to Open Session at 7:51 p.m. with no action taken.

- A. Personnel Recommendations for Hire – Mr. Travaglio moved, seconded by Mrs. Powell, that the Board approve the Personnel for Hire as presented by the Superintendent. The motion carried, and Candidates A-C were approved for hire.
- B. Resignation – Mr. Gaster moved, seconded by Mrs. Green, that the resignation be regrettfully accepted as presented by the Superintendent. The motion carried unanimously.
- C. Student Releases – Mrs. Green moved, seconded by Mr. Gaster, that student transfer requests (A-F) be approved as presented by the Superintendent for the 2025-26 school year. The motion carried unanimously.
- D. Contractual Matter – There was no action taken.

11. 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 7:53 p.m.

Robin Altman, Board Secretary

Minutes Approved