

**FLORENCE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT FIVE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
January 26, 2026**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mrs. DeAnna H. Green, Chair
Mr. Andrew B. Gaster
Mr. Roger A. Parsons
Mrs. Mary C. Powell

Mr. Ervin J. Richardson
Mr. Joshua B. Timmons
Mr. Frank A. Travaglio

STAFF PRESENT:

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

Mr. Adam Kennedy
Mrs. Angela Tanner
Mrs. Lauren Williams
Mrs. Wanda Willis

OTHERS PRESENT:

Teacher Cadet-Arkeria Cunningham; Junior Scholar Recipient-Channing Player; All-State Athletes-Jason Brigham, Bricen Howell, Brianna Lawrimore; and families

The Board of Trustees of Florence County School District Five met for regular session on Monday, January 26, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Center.

- 1. Call to Order, Welcome, and Pledge of Allegiance** – Chair Green called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. She welcomed those present and asked everyone to stand and join in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 2. Confirmation of Notice to Media** – Chair Green 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. Signing of the SCSBA Ethical Principles Poster – Mr. Richardson read the Ethical Principles statement as each member signed the document pledging to uphold these standards. The document will be displayed in the Florence School District Five Boardroom. In recognition of School Board Member Appreciation month, each member was recognized for their commitment to the district.
 - B. Junior Scholars – The Board recognized Channing Player and Ana Margaret Dumm as 2025-26 Jr. Scholars. A certificate of achievement was presented to Channing on behalf of the Board of Trustees. Miss Dumm was unable to attend and will receive her certificate at a later time.
 - C. All-State Recipients – Chair Green recognized and presented a certificate to the following athletes for being named to the All-State team for their respective sports: Jason Brigham and Bricen Howell, Football; Brianna Lawrimore, Volleyball. Brianna was also recognized for being chosen to the North South Volleyball All Star Team. Ta'Khari Ross, Football, was unable to attend and will receive his certificate at a later time.
- 5. Public Forum** – There was no one present to address the Board in Public Forum.

- 6. Consent Agenda (A-D)** – Chair Green reviewed the items of the Consent Agenda which included Board Minutes for November 17, 2025, Monthly Financial Statements for November-December 2025, and Child Nutrition Services Monthly Statement for November-December 2025. All items passed by general consent of the Board.
- 7. Regular Agenda –**
 - A. Superintendent’s Report – Mr. Goins presented and explained mid-year grade level growth findings. Mr. Fleming, Mr. Johnson, and Mr. Goins on behalf of Mrs. Squires, shared strategies implemented from these findings to continue improving student growth and instructional excellence.
 - B. Accountability – Mrs. Tanner gave an update to upcoming assessments throughout the district. She also presented information pertaining to districts participation in the High Quality Instructional Materials (HQIM) Leadership Academy and status at JES for Additional Targeted Support and Improvement (ATSI).
 - C. Finance – Mrs. Willis reported that the finance office is on track with tax collections, preliminary 2026-27 budget planning, and grants.
 - D. Operations – Mr. Kennedy discussed details for JHS Track Building, paving project, and new online registration system.
 - E. Updates and Events – Mr. Goins gave an overview of upcoming events.
- 8. For Action Agenda –**
 - A. First Reading of the 2026-2027 Proposed School Calendar – Mr. Gaster moved, seconded by Mr. Timmons, that the Board approve the First Reading of the 2026-2027 Proposed School Calendar as presented by the Superintendent. The motion carried unanimously.
 - B. Overnight Field Trip Request – Mr. Richardson moved, seconded by Mr. Travaglio, that the Board approve an Overnight Field Trip Request for HOSA (Future Health Professionals) students to attend the state conference in Charleston, South Carolina on March 11-13, 2026. The motion carried unanimously.
 - C. First Reading for the Revision of Section B (Policies BDF-BK) – Mr. Richardson moved, seconded by Mr. Gaster, that the Board approve Section B (Policies BDK-BK) as presented from the work session review. The motion carried unanimously.
- 9. Executive Session Agenda** – Mr. Timmons moved, seconded by Mr. Parsons, that the Board enter the Executive Session Agenda to discuss a Resignation. The motion carried unanimously, and the Board entered Executive Session at 8:06 p.m.
- 10. Reconvene in Open Session with Action, if Necessary, from Executive Session –**

Following Executive Session, Mr. Parsons moved, seconded by Mr. Travaglio, that the Board exit Executive Session and return to Open Session at 8:51 p.m.

 - A. Resignation – Mr. Gaster moved, seconded by Mr. Timmons, that the resignation presented by the Superintendent be regrestfully accepted at the end of the 2025-26 school year. The motion carried unanimously.
- 11. Adjournment** – There being no further business, Mr. Travaglio moved, seconded by Mr. Timmons, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 8:53 p.m.