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**FLORENCE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT FIVE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
February 24, 2025**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Ervin J. Richardson, Chairman
Mr. Andrew B. Gaster
Mrs. Deanna H. Green
Mr. Roger A. Parsons

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

STAFF PRESENT:

Mrs. Allana Prosser, Superintendent
Mrs. Robin Altman, Recorder
Mr. Paul Amann
Mr. Brian Goins

Mr. Landon Johnson
Mr. Adam Kennedy
Mrs. Shanda Poston
Mrs. Wanda Willis

OTHERS PRESENT:

Special Recognition Recipient and family

The Board of Trustees of Florence County School District Five met for regular session on Monday, February 24, 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: *Morning 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. **Special Recognition** – The Board recognized Ms. Quinn Harris and Ms. Arria Williams as 2024-25 Jr. Scholars. A certificate of achievement was presented to Ms. Williams on behalf of the Board of Trustees. Ms. Harris was unable to attend and will be given a certificate at a later time.
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 January 27, 2025, and February 10, 2025, Monthly Financial Statements for January 2025, and Child Nutrition Services Monthly Statement for January 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 for Early Spring Testing. Testing has begun and will continue through April 2025. SC Department of Education Climate Surveys will be going out to students, parents, and teachers this week through Bright Arrow. Student and teacher survey responses impact each school's report card. SCDOE is also implementing a course sequence change for high school math. This change should be helpful to students on a 2-year college track verses a 4-year college track.
2. Finance – Mrs. Wanda Willis informed the Board of the status of our fund balance noting that a decrease in student enrollment will impact the 2024-25 school year budget. Administration is reviewing the budget for potential savings in the 2025-26 school year. An e-training workshop will soon be given to substitute teachers to inform and help prepare them for their role in our schools.
3. Operations – Mr. Adam Kennedy reported to the Board that a contract has been executed for Phase II with Schneider Electric. Staff has been trained for the new HVAC thermostats at JHS. He also informed the Board of the new hire, Mr. Mel Rogers, as the Director of Facilities and Grounds.
4. Updates and Events – Mrs. Allana Prosser informed the Board of a legislative update regarding the 2025-26 qualifications for the Education Scholarship Trust Fund. FCSD5 has been awarded a Strategic Compensation Pilot Grant for the 2024-25 school year. This grant is a pilot program designed to offer innovative strategic educator compensation initiatives to select areas based on student growth. The 2025-26 application process is underway for vacant administrative, certified, and retiree positions. Mrs. Prosser presented the Board with upcoming events for the month of March.

8. For Action Agenda

- A. Second Reading of the 2025-26 Proposed School Calendar –Mr. Timmons moved, seconded by Mrs. Green, that the Board approve the Second Reading of the 2025-26 Proposed School Calendar as presented by the Superintendent. The motion carried unanimously, and the Calendar was adopted.
- B. Overnight Field Trip – Mrs. Green moved, seconded by Mr. Gaster, that the Board approve the Overnight Field Trip for JHS Beta Club to attend the National Beta Club Convention in Orlando, Florida, June 22-26, 2025, as presented by the Superintendent. The motion carried unanimously.

- 9. Executive Session Agenda** – Mr. Travaglio moved, seconded by Mr. Gaster, that the Board enter the Executive Session Agenda to discuss administrative contract recommendations and resignations. The motion carried unanimously, and the Board entered Executive Session at 7:28 p.m.

10. 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 8:05 p.m. with no action taken.

- A. Administrative Contract Recommendations – Mrs. Green moved, seconded by Mr. Travaglio that the Board approve the Administrative Contract Recommendations, Exhibits A and B, as presented by the Superintendent. The motion carried unanimously.
- B. Resignations – Mr. Gaster moved, seconded by Mr. Parsons, that the Resignations, Exhibits C and D, be regretfully accepted by the Board. The motion carried unanimously.

11. Adjournment – There being no further business, Mr. Timmons moved, seconded by Mrs. Green, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Robin Altman, Board Secretary

Minutes Approved