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**FLORENCE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT FIVE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
January 22, 2024**

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
Mrs. Lacinda Burrows
Mr. Terrell Fleming

Mr. Brian Goins
Mr. Adam Kennedy
Mrs. Mirandi Squires
Mrs. Wanda Willis
Mrs. Tina Williams

OTHERS PRESENT:

Schneider Electric Representatives

The Board of Trustees of Florence County School District Five met for regular session on Monday, January 22, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. at the District Office Boardroom. Prior to the regular meeting the Board held a special recognition at JHS Gym to acknowledge JHS Football Team, Cheerleaders, and Coaches for winning the Class A Lower State Championship. The Board presented each team member and cheerleader with a certificate of recognition. The Board also recognized and presented certificates to three football players for being chosen by S.C. High School League as 2023 All-State players.

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*, *NPO 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 Recognitions** –
 - A. Signing of SCSBA Ethical Principles Poster – Mr. Travaglio read the Ethical Principles statement, and 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.
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 November 27, 2023, Monthly Financial Statement for November and December, and the School Food Services statement for July, August, September, October, November, and December. All items passed by general consent of the Board.

7. Regular Agenda

A. Superintendent's Report

1. Operations Updates – Mr. Adam Kennedy

- a. Special Presentation by Schneider Electric – Representatives from Schneider Electric presented a plan explaining how they will work closely with our district to modernize schools and technology, optimize operations, and promote outreach and engagement with minimal budgetary impact. Schneider Electric is an energy services company chosen to help creatively and strategically design, fund, and implement infrastructure projects.
- Food Service Updates – New cafeteria tables have been ordered for JMS. Cafeteria software migration is underway.
 - Technology Updates – Plans to refresh student laptops are in process.
 - Safety and Security Update – Approved grant funding documents and preliminary project planning is underway.
 - Facilities Updates – Facilities Planning Team has been formed and meetings are being held to identify and prioritize projects.

2. Academics Updates – Mr. Brian Goins

- ELA and Math Growth comparison updates were presented along with JHS EOC, Graduation Rate, and CCR scores and percentages.
- CTE Health and Science Program is in the beginning stages of implementation.
- Learning Walks and Data Meetings continue monthly to focus on instructional improvement.
- JES teachers have begun LETRs Training, a professional learning opportunity funded by SCDE, providing skills to teach language and literacy.

3. Finance Updates – Mrs. Wanda Willis

- Letters of Intent have been issued to certified staff.
- Plans are underway to discuss loss of ESSER III funding next school year.

4. Updates and Events – Mrs. Allana Prosser

- Mrs. Prosser gave an update from the 2023 Cognia Accreditation Report. FSD5 met or exceeded expectations in all areas and standards.
- JMS Beta Club represented FSD5 at the state level and qualified to attend Nationals again this year. Seven students were issued golden tickets securing participation in the opening ceremony.
- A calendar of upcoming events was reviewed for the month of February.

8. For Action Agenda

- A. First Reading of 2024-25 Proposed School Calendar – Mr. Timmons moved, seconded by Mr. Gaster, that the Board approve the First Reading the 2024-25 Proposed School Calendar. A discussion ensued, and the motion carried unanimously.
- B. First Reading Revision of JICDA-R – Mr. Gaster moved, seconded by Mr. Travaglio, that the Board approve the First Reading of Policy Revision JICDA-R (Code of Conduct). The motion carried unanimously.
- C. First Reading of IKADD-R – Mrs. Green moved, seconded by Mr. Timmons, that the Board approve the First Reading of Policy Revision IKADD-R (Content and Credit Recovery). The motion carried unanimously.
- D. Overnight Field Trip(s) – Mr. Gaster moved, seconded by Mr. Timmons that the Board approve the overnight field trip for JHS Fishing Team to attend the State Bass Tournament at Dreher Island State Park on February 29, 2024 – March 2, 2024, as presented by the superintendent. The motion carried unanimously.

- 9. Executive Session** – Mrs. Green moved, seconded by Mr. Travaglio, that the Board enter the Executive Session Agenda to discuss Resignations and sign Superintendent’s Amended Contract. The motion carried unanimously, and the Board entered Executive Session at 8:03 p.m.

- 10. Reconvene in Open Session with Action, if Necessary, from Executive Session** – Following Executive Session, Mr. Travaglio moved, seconded by Mrs. Green, that the Board exit Executive Session and return to Open Session at 8:40 p.m. with no action taken.

- A. Mr. Gaster moved, seconded by Mr. Parsons, that the resignations of Candidate A (effective December 2023) and Candidate B (effective June 2024) be regretfully accepted as presented by the superintendent. The motion carried unanimously.
- B. Superintendent’s Amended Contract was officially signed by Board.

- 11. Adjournment** - There being no further business, Mr. Travaglio moved, seconded by Mrs. Green, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

Robin Altman, Board Secretary

Minutes Approved