

**FLORENCE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT FIVE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
August 25, 2025**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Ervin J. Richardson, Chair
Mrs. Deanna H. Green
Mr. Roger A. Parsons

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. Andrew B. Gaster

STAFF PRESENT:

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

Mr. Adam Kennedy
Mrs. Mirandi Squires
Mrs. Angela Tanner
Mrs. Wanda Willis

OTHERS PRESENT: JHS Beta Club Members, Family and Sponsors

The Board of Trustees of Florence County School District Five met for regular session on Monday, August 25, 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 recognized JHS Beta Club members for their outstanding achievements at the National Beta Club Convention in Orlando, Florida. Certificates were presented to Ella Ruetterman, Natalie Joye, Kristin Bellflowers, Emma Dupuis, Emma Kate Mathis, and Roslyn Timmons. Madison Felder, Bobby Jackson, and Julie-Anna Pierre were unable to attend and received a certificate by mail. He also thanked Beta Club Sponsors for their commitment to our students.
- 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 June 23, 2025, and Monthly Statements from Finance for June and July 2025. All items passed by general consent of the Board.

7. Regular Agenda

1. Superintendent's Report – Mr. Brian Goins began with an update from professional development provided to faculty for the 2025-26 school year. The Back-To-School event was a big success for faculty and staff. The theme for the year is "Together We Rise." At this event, Mrs. Michelle Patterson from Johnsonville Elementary School was named District Teacher of the Year for 2025-26.
2. Accountability – Mrs. Angela Tanner presented Strategic Plan goals for the district. She explained how our goals are align with strategic goals set by the State to ensure our students are ready to graduate. School principals, Mr. Landon Johnson, Mrs. Mirandi Squires, and Mr. Terrell Fleming, gave a brief presentation outlining goals for the 2025-26 school year to enhance student achievement, engage leadership, and encourage teacher growth for instructional excellence.
3. Finance – Mrs. Wanda Willis stated that the finance office has implemented a more efficient purchase requisition process. The 2025-26 General Fund budget is being updated and the amended budget will be presented for approval at the September meeting. Preliminary 2024-25 audit estimates show the district with a positive balance for FY25.
4. Operations – Mr. Adam Kennedy presented facility improvement updates for JHS Track, JES Gym, and Flashes Stadium along with ongoing projects from the Operations Team.
5. Updates and Events – A calendar of upcoming athletic and school events was presented to the Board by the Superintendent. School Board Elections will be in November for Seats 1, 2, and 5 At-Large.

8. For Action Agenda

- A. First Reading for the Revision of Policies GCLE and GCLE-R (Unencumbered Time) – Mr. Travaglio moved, seconded by Mr. Timmons that the Board approve the First Reading for the Revision of Policies GCLE and GCLE-R as presented by the Superintendent. The motion carried unanimously.
- B. Second Reading for the Revision of Policy GCC (Professional Staff Leaves and Absences) – Mr. Green moved, seconded by Mr. Parsons that the Board approve the Second Reading for the Revision of Policy GCC. The motion carried unanimously.
- C. Second Reading for the Revision of Policy GDC (Support Staff Leaves and Absences) – Mrs. Powell moved, seconded by Mrs. Green that the Board approve the Second Reading for the Revision of Policy GDC. The motion carried unanimously.
- D. Overnight Field Trip – Mrs. Green moved, seconded by Mr. Timmons that the board approve the JMS PACE Overnight Field Trip Request to St. Augustine, Florida, on May 18-20, 2026. The motion carried unanimously.
- E. Application Request for Booster Club – Mr. Timmons moved, seconded by Mr. Travaglio that the Board table the organization application from the JHS Booster Club until additional information can be provided. The motion carried unanimously.
- F. Application Request for JES PTO – Mrs. Green moved, seconded by Mr. Travaglio that the Board table the organization application from JES PTO until additional information can be provided. The motion carried unanimously.

- 9. Executive Session Agenda** – Mr. Timmons moved, seconded by Mr. Travaglio, that the Board enter the Executive Session Agenda to discuss Student Release Requests and New Hire Recommendation. The motion carried unanimously, and the Board entered Executive Session at 8:05 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 8:49 p.m. with no action taken.

 - A. Student Release Requests – Mrs. Green moved, seconded by Mr. Travaglio that Student Release Requests (A-N) be approved as presented by the Superintendent for the 2025-26 school year. The motion carried unanimously.
 - B. New Hire Recommendation – Mr. Parsons moved, seconded by Mrs. Powell that the Board approve New Hire Candidate A as presented by the Superintendent. 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 8:51 p.m.

Robin Altman, Board Secretary

Minutes Approved