

**FLORENCE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT FIVE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
February 27, 2023**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Joshua B. Timmons, Chairman
Mr. Andrew B. Gaster
Mrs. DeAnna H. Green
Mr. Roger A. Parsons

Mrs. Mary C. Powell
Mr. Ervin J. Richardson
Mr. Frank A. Travaglio

STAFF PRESENT:

Mrs. Allana Prosser, Superintendent
Mr. Paul Amann
Ms. Bridget Brown
Mrs. Lacinda Burrows
Mr. Brian Goins

Mr. Adam Kennedy
Mrs. Mirandi Squires
Mrs. Wanda Willis
Mrs. Tina Williams, Recorder

OTHERS PRESENT:

Jr. Scholar Recipient, Mr. K.C. Davis & Parents
JMS Jr. Beta Club Award Recipients & Parents
Mr. & Mrs. Clovis Woodbury

The Board of Trustees of Florence County School District Five met for regular session on Monday, February 27, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. for Special Recognitions at JMS Gymnasium and reconvened at 7:00 p.m. at the District Office Boardroom for the Regular Meeting.

1. **Call to Order, Welcome, and Pledge of Allegiance** – Chairman Timmons called the meeting to order at 6:30 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 Timmons 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*, WMBF-TV, WPDE-TV, and www.fsd5.org.
3. **Special Recognitions**
 - A. The Board recognized Mr. K.C. Davis as a Junior Scholar. He was presented a certificate of achievement on behalf of the Board of Trustees.
 - B. The Board presented certificates of achievement to the Jr. Beta Club members for receiving state recognition at the convention recently held in Myrtle Beach. They were commended for their outstanding accomplishments.
4. **Brief Recess** – Mr. Richardson moved, seconded by Mr. Travaglio, that the board adjourn from the special recognitions portion of the meeting at JMS to reconvene in the boardroom for the remainder of the meeting. The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m. After a brief recess, Mrs. Green moved, seconded by Mr. Travaglio, and the board reconvened at 7:00 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.
5. **Approval of Agenda** – The Agenda was approved by general consent of the board.
6. **Public Forum** – There was no one present to address the board in Public Forum.

7. **Consent Agenda (A-C)** –Chairman Timmons reviewed the items of the Consent Agenda which included Board Minutes for January 23, 2023, Monthly Financial Statement for January, and School Food Services Statement for January. All items passed by general consent of the board.

8. **Regular Agenda**

A. Superintendent’s Report:

1. Legislative Updates – Mrs. Prosser said the Senate passed a private school tuition bill to give scholarships to low- and middle-income students for private school tuition. An alternative called Academic Choice in Education was also proposed, which would create scholarship funding from large corporations. She said the House Education Panel took up a proposal that would allow students to attend any public school in the state regardless of where they live. In K-12 Education, the governor recommended the following:
 - \$254 million to increase every step in the state minimum teacher salary scheduled by \$2,500 bringing the new minimum teaching salary at \$42,500.
 - \$132.5 million to provide every eligible teacher with a \$2,500 retention supplement, half in May and the other half in December.
 - \$27.3 million to place an armed, certified school resource officer in 188 schools currently without an assigned SRO.
 - \$25 million in lottery funding for the creation of education scholarship accounts.
2. Finance Update – Mrs. Willis gave an overview of the three phases of ESSER funding. She said budget considerations for 2023-24 are a new administrative salary schedule.
3. Academic Update – In an academic update, Mr. Goins said the JES Book Blast and the JMS Literacy Night were both a huge success. He said Read Across America Week was underway with various activities through the week to support the reading initiative. Mr. Goins discussed School Improvement Designations with regards to Florence School District Five and across the state.
4. Operations Update – Mr. Kennedy gave the following information:
 - A. Safety and Emergency Management – The replacement public address system for Johnsonville High School has been selected. The bus evacuation drill is scheduled to be completed in the month of March. The district exceeds the minimum requirement for school safety drills than the legislature is currently proposing.
 - B. Information and Instructional Technology – New Lenovo P350 workstations have been installed in the digital media lab at Johnsonville High School as part of the CTE funding for SY 2022-23. Preliminary testing has been completed for a replacement of student laptops for SY 2024-25. Plans are currently underway for staff computers to be updated tentatively scheduled for March. Updates were given on surplus and recycled computer equipment. The district has entered into a partnership with Vision 21 Solutions and Francis Marion University for a student internship for upcoming graduates. The district will host a Vision 21 representative that will be onsite two days a week to provide onsite warranty repair to district technology equipment at no cost to the district.
 - C. Maintenance/Facilities – The bid process has begun for the JHS gym flooring replacement and bleachers with bids opening on March 2. The mobile classrooms that sold on scgovdeals recently are in the process of being removed. Quotes are being received for storage buildings for the JHS track field and JMS storage.

- D. Transportation – In celebration of Bus Driver Appreciation Week, breakfast was provided for the transportation department.
 - E. Food Service – Mrs. Robin Altman, Food Services Director, has begun the planning process for updating the District Wellness Plan in accordance with guidance from the SDE and other applicable agencies. Applications were submitted for a grant to aid in the improvement of food service equipment in the cafeteria of each school.
 - 5. Recognitions and Updates – Mrs. Prosser told the board that the District Talent Show was a success with winners from each school. She said she attended the SC Urban League in Columbia on February 25. There were 14 nominations from JHS, and the Spotlight Award was given to Miss Miasia Hamilton.
 - 6. Upcoming Events – Mrs. Prosser highlighted upcoming events for the week and into the spring.
9. **For Action Agenda**
- A. Second Reading of 2023-24 Proposed School Calendar – Mr. Gaster moved, seconded by Mrs. Green, that the board approve the Second Reading and Adoption of the 2023-24 Proposed School Calendar as presented. The motion carried unanimously.
 - B. First Reading of the Following Policies:
 - 1. JLCC (Communicable/Infectious Diseases and Conditions) – Mrs. Green moved, seconded by Mr. Richardson, that the board approve the First Reading of Model Policy JLCC (Communicable/Infectious Diseases and Conditions). The motion carried unanimously.
 - 2. EBBE (Integrated Pest Management Pest Control Policy) – Mrs. Green moved, seconded by Mr. Travaglio, that the board approve the First Reading of Model Policy EBBE (Integrated Pest Management Pest Control Policy). The motion carried unanimously.
 - 3. JICF (Secret Societies/Gang Activity) – Mr. Gaster moved, seconded by Mrs. Green, that the board approve the First Reading of Model Policy JICF (Secret Societies/Gang Activity). The motion carried unanimously.
 - 4. GCLE, GCLE-R (Unencumbered Time for Teachers) – Mrs. Green moved, seconded by Mr. Richardson, that the board approve the First Reading of Model GCLE, GCLE-R (Unencumbered Time for Teachers). The motion carried unanimously.
 - C. Overnight Field Trip Request(s) – Mrs. Green moved, seconded by Mrs. Powell, that the board approve the two following Overnight Field Trip Requests:
 - 1. JHS Varsity Cheerleaders to attend Carowinds Camp Wilderness on July 11-13.
 - 2. JHS Bass Club to attend the SCDNR State Championship at Lake Hartwell on March 2-4.
10. **Executive Session** – Mr. Travaglio moved, seconded by Mrs. Powell, that the board enter the Executive Session Agenda to discuss a Student Release, Personnel Recommendation(s) and Resignation(s). The motion carried unanimously, and the board entered Executive Session at 7:40 p.m.
11. **Reconvene in Open Session with Action if Necessary from Executive Session**– Following Executive Session, Mr. Travaglio moved, seconded by Mrs. Powell, that the board exit Executive Session and return to Open Session at 8:48 a.m. with no action taken.

- A. Student Releases(s) – Mrs. Green moved, seconded by Mr. Parsons, that the board approve the release of one student to attend school in Florence District 3 for the 2023-24 school year.
 - B. Administrative Contract Recommendations – Mrs. Powell moved, seconded by Mr. Gaster, that the board approve the Administrative Contract Recommendations for the certified district office personnel. (Exhibit A) The motion carried unanimously.
 - C. Personnel Recommendation(s) for Hire – There was no action taken on Personnel Recommendations because the position will be filled by transfer of an existing teacher with a 200-day contract.
 - D. Mr. Gaster moved, seconded by Mr. Richardson, that the resignations of Candidates A through D be accepted as presented by the superintendent effective the end of the 2022-23 school year. The motion carried unanimously.
12. **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 8:50 p.m.

Tina Williams, Board Secretary

Minutes Approved