

**REGULAR BOARD MINUTES  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
FLORENCE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. TWO  
DISTRICT OFFICE  
July 27, 2009  
7:00 p.m.**

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Florence County School District No. Two was held in the District Administrative Office of Florence County School District No. Two on Monday, July 27, 2009.

**Those present:**        **Mr. Thadis D. Calcutt, Jr.**  
                              **Mrs. Elleveen T. Poston**  
                              **Mr. Lawrence S. Kennedy, Jr.**  
                              **Mrs. Mona Lisa M. Andrews**  
                              **Mr. Robert L. Carter**  
                              **Mr. Johnny R. Jenkins**  
                              **Mr. David Poston**

Mr. Thadis D. Calcutt, Jr., Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. by welcoming the visitors. Mr. Lawrence S. Kennedy, Jr., served as secretary.

A motion was made by Mrs. Elleveen T. Poston and seconded by Mr. David Poston to accept the June 22, 2009, minutes as written. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Thadis D. Calcutt, Jr., will represent the Board at the **School Law Conference** held on August 22-23, 2009, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel located at Hilton Head Island. The conference objectives are to increase understanding of federal and state laws governing schools boards and school districts, present recent legal changes affecting school boards and school districts, and clarify the legal role and responsibilities of board members and boards on specialized topics.

Mr. Sullivan offered as information to the Board the itinerary for the upcoming **Districtwide Inservice**. It will be held on August 10, 2009, at the Hannah-Pamplico Elementary/Middle School beginning at 7:30 a.m. with a continental breakfast. Miss Ashley Poston, the Josh Turner Scholarship Recipient, will be present to sing the National Anthem.

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The **2009-2010 Reimbursement Rates and Adult Meal Pricing** was offered as information to the Board. The maximum rates of reimbursement per program and meal category for Florence District Two are as follows:

	<b>National School Lunch Program</b>	<b>School Breakfast Program</b>
Paid	.27	.26
Reduced Price	2.30	1.44
Free	2.70	1.74

The adult meal prices for the 2009-10 school year will be \$3.10 for lunch and \$1.80 for breakfast.

The **SCSBA Advocacy Minute Update** was offered as information to the Board. Mr. Sullivan highlighted from the update and encouraged the Board to invite local state delegation to come and discuss the needs, issues and challenges Florence District Two may be facing. He also encouraged the Board find ways to show their appreciation to their local state officials for their continued support for public education. Mr. Sullivan stated the Board will need to present themselves as strong advocates for education because of so many different funds drying up throughout the state.

Mr. Sullivan presented as information to the Board the **Board of Economic Advisors for FY 2009-10**. Mr. Sullivan stated that we have had a 5.5% cut and we have not even begun school. The Budget and Control Board has taken 2% of the funds and has absorbed it through the State Reserve Fund. This may mean that the district will have to absorb this cost. At present, the student base cost (SBC) is \$2,334 with the stabilization stimulus money. The SBC will have to be divided up where \$300 of the weighted pupil unit (WPU) will have to be moved to sub-fund 250 leaving the district to regress back to a SBC of \$2,034. The WPU is now estimated at approximately \$416,000. Mr. Sullivan stated a written report has not been sent confirming these figures because the federal government is still working on program reports and procedures that are due to the State Department of Education. . Mr. Sullivan stated with this stimulus money, the federal government will require the district to do quarterly reports. Mr. Sullivan stated our district was using \$2,190 for the SBC which is now at \$1,796 (89.43% - \$1606 will be provided by the state and approximately \$189 will be covered with local funds to include tuition provided through non-resident students) He stated the district expenditures have dropped in the General Fund due to transfer to sub-fund 250. He stated the next two weeks will be pertinent in the the budget process. He will be working with Mr. Wayne Joye, County Auditor and the State Finance Director with the district using Tier 3 money and the EIA Maintenance Local Effort..

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Furthermore, Mr. Sullivan said the district is involved in a consortium where it will share with other districts in the following grant money: (1) Florence One - \$1.6 million grant with the history department for staff development, (2) Florence Three - \$250,000 grant for safety measures for teachers, and (3) Clemson University 's Eugene T. Moore College of Education - \$2.5 million dollar grant will help four-year degree graduates who have not gone back through practice teaching. Mr. Sullivan stated that this money will not help the district's cash flow, but it will be a service to our teachers.

Mr. Sullivan presented as information to the Board the **Comptroller General - Transparency** which is scheduled to take effect July 1, 2010. Districts will be required to post their monthly expenditures ("transaction register") on their websites. The Comptroller's office will take the current fiscal year to develop/implement a methodology. Mr. Sullivan stated this program is yet to be fully funded and is still in the planning stages at this time.

A motion was made by Mr. David Poston and seconded by Mrs. Elleveen T. Poston to grant Mr. Sullivan permission to sign and enter into **2010 Census Partnership Agreement**. The goal of the Census Bureau's partnership program is to ensure a complete and accurate 2010 Census. Mr. Sullivan stated the census is a big asset to federal funding of school districts. The Census Bureau will be providing the district with promotional materials, regular updates, and data assistance. The motion carried unanimously. A copy of the agreement is on file in the Superintendent's office.

Mr. Sullivan provided as information to the Board the **Tobacco Free School Policies ADC - Tobacco-Free Schools, GBED - Tobacco-Free Schools/Staff No Smoking/Smoking, and JICG - Tobacco Use by Students** of Florence School District Two. Mr. Sullivan was directed by the Board to allow these existing policies to remain in effect and be enforced as written. At this time, the District will not participate in the *Blazin' the Way: South Carolina School Districts Adopting Model Comprehensive Tobacco-Free Policy*. (See the June 22, 2009, Board Minutes)

**Teacher Resignations**

A motion was made by Mr. David Poston and seconded by Mrs. Elleveen T. Poston to accept the resignation of **Mr. Robert Scott**. Mr. Scott was hired as a Continuing Teacher for the 2009-2010 school year to teach Math at Hannah-Pamplico High School. The motion carried unanimously. A copy of the teacher's resignation is on file in the Superintendent's office.

**Teacher Recommendations**

On recommendation of the Administration, a motion was made by Mrs. Elleveen T. Poston and seconded by Mr. David Poston to employ **Ms. Kathryn Quick** as an Induction Early Childhood Teacher at Hannah-Pamplico Elementary/Middle School. The motion carried unanimously. A copy of the teacher's recommendation is on file in the Superintendent's office.

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On recommendation of the Administration, a motion was made by Mr. David Poston and seconded by Mr. Robert L. Carter to employ **Mr. Matthew Vassallo** as an Induction Social Studies Teacher at Hannah-Pamplico High School. The motion carried unanimously. A copy of the teacher's recommendation is on file in the Superintendent's office.

Mr. Sullivan informed the Board that **Mr. Brad Drawdy** will be transferring from the Hannah-Pamplico Elementary/Middle School to the High School to teach Math for the 2009-2010 school year. A copy of this transfer request is on file in the Superintendent's office.

Mr. Sullivan informed the Board that **Mrs. Donna Creel** will be transferring into Mr. Brad Drawdy's Math position at Hannah-Pamplico Elementary/Middle School. Mrs. Creel is currently a second grade teacher. This will open a second grade position at Hannah-Pamplico Elementary/Middle School. A copy of this transfer request is on file in the Superintendent's office.

Mr. Sullivan presented to the Board information on their concerns on what personal information that they may be able to review prior to voting on new employees. Mr. Sullivan briefly explained what was sent from the District's attorney, Childs & Halligan, P.A., in 2007 when this matter was first questioned by the Board. Mr. Sullivan said he would continue to investigate what personal information the Board will be able to review prior to the hiring of new employees. (*See the May 28, 2007 and June 25, 2007, Board Minutes*)

The following documents were mailed to the Board on **July 2, 2009**, as information.

1. **Board Minutes - June 22, 2009 [Please Review]**
2. **Tobacco-Free Policies (ADC/GBED/JICG)**
3. **Memo - Board Proposal (Childs & Halligan, P.A.)**
4. **July 2009 - HPEM Calendar of Events**
5. **July 2009 - Out-of-District Travel**

Copies of these documents are available in the Superintendent's office.

At 7:57 p.m., Mrs. Elleveen T. Poston made the motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. Johnny R. Jenkins. The motion carried unanimously.

*In accordance with the South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976, Section 30-4-89 (d), as amended, the following have been notified of the time, date, place and agenda of this meeting: Morning News, Florence County School District No. Two, Faculty, Staff, Parents, and Administrators of Florence County School District No. Two.*

There being no further business to discuss, on motion duly made and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

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Mr. Thadis D. Calcutt, Jr.  
Board Chairman

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Mr. Lawrence S. Kennedy, Jr.  
Secretary