

**REGULAR BOARD MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FLORENCE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. TWO
DISTRICT OFFICE
January 25, 2016
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, January 25, 2016.

Those present: **Mr. Raleigh O. Ward, Jr.**
 Mr. Thadis D. Calcutt, Jr.
 Mrs. Angela P. Keith
 Mrs. Mona Lisa M. Andrews
 Mr. Johnny R. Jenkins
 Mr. Bradford C. Poston
 Mrs. Elleveen T. Poston

In accordance with the South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976, Section 30-4-89 (d), as amended, local news media and public were notified of the time, date, place, and agenda of the meeting.

Call to Order

Mr. Raleigh O. Ward, Jr. called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. by welcoming visitors and staff. Mrs. Angela P. Keith served as secretary.

Recognition and Awards

Mr. Timothy Gibbs presented five students from Hannah-Pamplico High School with a Certificate of Achievement for making a perfect score on the End of Course exam. He said it was a wonderful opportunity to brag on these students and parents. Mr. Gibbs added that it was a great pleasure to present them with this honor.

Liliana Gonzalez
Jacob Howanich
Melody Moorehead
Nicholas Odom – was not able to attend.
Matthew Todd

Mr. Raleigh O. Ward, Jr. presented Mrs. Elleveen T. Poston with a certificate and a pin from the South Carolina School Board Association for 25 years of service as a Board Member with Florence County School District Two. Mr. Ward thanked Mrs. Poston for her service and dedication. Mrs. Poston thanked the District for allowing her to be a part of the decision making to make the District great.

Consent Agenda Items

A motion was made by Mrs. Elleveen T. Poston to accept Consent Agenda Items: Approval of Agenda, Approval of Board Minutes, and Approval of Financial Reports but to pull the Approval of 2016-2017 Administrative Recommendations for discussion in Executive Session. Mr. Johnny R. Jenkins seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Participation

None

Superintendent Update

Mr. Neal Vincent stated that January is School Board Appreciation Month and tonight we would like to celebrate the School Board. Mr. Legrande Richardson welcomed seven top readers from Hannah-Pamplico Elementary School who had read the highest number of Accelerated Reader (AR) books while averaging in the 95th percentile. Each student gave a short summary about their favorite book and then presented a copy of the book to a Board member for them to read and then to donate back to the Hannah-Pamplico Elementary School. Mr. Vincent thanked the guest presenters. He also thanked their parents for promoting reading and literacy.

Ethan Anderson	8 th grade	<i>The Ruins of Gorlan</i>	Mr. Raleigh O. Ward, Jr.
Jasmine Gordon	5 th grade	<i>Deep, Dark, and Dangerous</i>	Mr. Thadis D. Calcutt, Jr.
Emily Jeffords	5 th grade	<i>Charlotte's Web</i>	Mrs. Angela P. Keith
James Murphy	7 th grade	<i>Inheritance</i>	Mrs. Mona Lisa Andrews
Dorthey Harris	7 th grade	<i>Clockwork Angel</i>	Mr. Johnny R. Jenkins
Mary Grace Mims	7 th grade	<i>I am Number Four</i>	Mr. Bradford C. Poston
Maricela Leon-Martinez	7 th grade	<i>Afterworlds</i>	Mrs. Elleveen T. Poston

Mr. Vincent informed the Board that he had an interview tomorrow, January 26, 2016, with the Education Oversight Committee (EOC) in Columbia for a \$239,000 Early Childhood Grant. He thanked Mr. Charles Hyman and Mr. Legrande Richardson for their assistance with this grant.

Mr. Vincent stated to the Board that the District will have a Technology Assessment tomorrow, January 26, 2016. This assessment will determine our readiness for the 2017 assessment.

Mr. Raleigh O. Ward, Jr. thanked Mr. Vincent from the Board for bringing new ideas to the district.

Action Items

2016-2017 School Calendar - Mr. Charles Hyman presented the Board with the 2016-2017 School Calendar. He stated that the Calendar Committee met again and he was submitting the calendar for final approval. Mr. Thadis D. Calcutt, Jr. made a motion to approve the 2016-2017 School Calendar. Mrs. Elleveen T. Poston seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Reports and Items for Discussion

Board Legislative Update - Mr. Thadis D. Calcutt, Jr. represented Florence County School Two at the 2015 Legislative Advocacy Conference and Delegate Assembly in November. Mr. Calcutt commended Mr. Vincent for informing him of current issues to consider before the assembly. Mr. Raleigh O. Ward, Jr. stated that he appreciated Mr. Calcutt for representing Florence County School District Two.

Board of Trustees Election - April 7, 2016 - Mr. Charles Hyman presented the Board with information about Election of Trustees that will be held on Thursday April 7, 2016. He stated that an ad would run in the *Florence Morning News*' Legal Section on January 31, 2016 and February 7, 2016 to inform the public of the election. Registration for the Board of Trustees Election will open on January 26, 2016. The filing deadline is March 1, 2016 at 4:30 p.m. Mr. Hyman asked the Board to approve the Florence County School District Two Election of Trustees. Mrs. Elleveen T. Poston made a motion to approve the Florence County School District Two Election of Trustees. Mrs. Mona Lisa Andrews seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Safety/Capital Update - Mr. Charles Hyman updated the Board on improvements made to Hannah-Pamplico High School. He stated that the restrooms have been painted and several roof leaks have been repaired.

Lieutenant Troy Enzor of the Florence County Sheriff's Department gave a safety assessment of the district. He stated that with locked doors, limited access and having routine trainings with administration at both schools, overall our schools are as safe as any other district. Mr. Raleigh O. Ward, Jr. asked how safe was that. Lieutenant Enzor stated it is pretty good. Mr. Johnny Jenkins asked if the Sheriff's Office could come and talk with the students. Lieutenant Enzor said that Deputy Owens, SRO, has been talking with students at both schools. Mr. Neal Vincent added that we would reiterate procedures with external doors to ensure all buildings are secure.

Salary Scales - Mr. Neal Vincent presented the Board with a draft 2016-2017 Administration Salary Scales. He added that he would present proposed salary scales for certified in February and classified in March. Mr. Johnny R. Jenkins asked if the salary scales were comparable with Florence County School District One. Mr. Vincent replied that they were comparable with other districts around the state. The Board was asked to take action at the next meeting

Disposal of Surplus Equipment - Mr. Neal Vincent stated that the administration is requesting permission per Board policy to offer the following items for online auction through the South Carolina Department of Administration Surplus Program.

- Walk-in Freezer located at the District Office
- Mobile located at Early Childhood Center

Mr. Vincent added that he will ask the Board to take action at the next Board Meeting.

2016-2017 High School Courses - Mr. Neal Vincent made a presentation of the 2016-2017 High School Courses. He stated that the Board will be asked to take action at the next Board Meeting.

Executive Session

At 7:45 p.m., Mrs. Mona Lisa Andrews made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss a Personnel Grievance, Personnel, and Superintendent Evaluation. Mrs. Elleveen T. Poston seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

At 9:20 p.m., Mrs. Elleveen T. Poston made a motion to come out of Executive Session and Mrs. Angela P. Keith seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

In open session, the following action was taken:

A motion was made by Mr. Raleigh O. Ward, Jr. to deny the Personnel Grievance. Mr. Thadis D. Calcutt, Jr. seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-1 with Mrs. Mona Lisa Andrews abstaining.

A motion was made by Mrs. Angela P. Keith to accept the Approval of the 2016-2017 Administrative Recommendations. Mrs. Elleveen T. Poston seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

At 9:25 p.m., Mr. Bradford C. Poston made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Angela P. Keith. The motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business to discuss, on motion duly made and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Mr. Raleigh O. Ward, Jr
Chairman

Mrs. Angela P. Keith
Secretary