

**REGULAR BOARD MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FLORENCE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. TWO
DISTRICT OFFICE
August 25, 2014
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, August 25, 2014.

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

Call to Order

Mrs. Elleveen T. Poston called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. by welcoming the visitors. Mrs. Angela P. Keith, served as secretary.

Recognition of Visitors

The Board recognized **Ms. Cornelia T. Poston** as the 2014-2015 Classified Employee of the Year. Ms. Poston was presented with a plaque during the Opening Day Inservice held on August 11, 2014, at Hannah-Pamplico Elementary/Middle School. Ms. Poston is a Teacher Assistant at Hannah-Pamplico Elementary/Middle School, as well as, a former School Bus Driver for the district. This is Ms. Poston's 35th year with Florence School District Two.

The Board recognized **Mrs. Amy M. Poston** as the 2014-2015 Teacher of the Year. Mrs. Poston will represent the district on the state level for the 2014-2015 State Teacher of the Year. A plaque was presented to Mrs. Poston during the Opening Day Inservice on August 11, 2014, at Hannah-Pamplico Elementary/Middle School. On behalf of the Board, Mrs. Elleveen T. Poston commended Mrs. Poston for all her hard work as an educator throughout the years.

After thanking the parents and administration, **Lt. Taube Roy** presented certificates to the following students for their participation in the JROTC Cadet Leadership Challenge - Carolina 2014 - **Cadets Monique Barr, Anetra Brown, Makaila Coaxum, Sammy Elvington, Dustin Gregory, Taylor Jones, Luis Mendoza, Scott Nicholas, Destinee Reese, and Latson Singletary.** (Some of the students were unable to attend due to their involvement in other activities). Approximately 630 JROTC Cadets from 30 schools attended this event in Fort Jackson, SC. Lt. Roy stated the program revolved around Army values.

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Policy BEDH - Public Participation (Speakers)

- a. **Mr. Matt Pettrillo** - State Investigation -Grade Tampering (*The district's attorney, Mr. Vernie Williams informed Mr. Pettrillo that a question-and-answer forum could not take place during a scheduled Board Meeting. A scheduled meeting will be conducted between Mr. Pettrillo and Mr. Sullivan to discuss the Grade Tampering Report*)
- b. **Mr. Allan Austin** - Parent/Teacher Meetings
- c. **Mr. Brad Singletary** - Board Policy and Moving Forward
- d. **Mrs. Gina Poston** - Topics Impacting HPHS Students
- e. **Mrs. Elizabeth Boyle** - Conflict of Interest, Unanswered Questions, General Information, Not Receiving FOIA in a Reasonable Time

The Florence County Two Citizens Association stated their purpose is to be a response and encouragement to the students, faculty, staff, and administration. They are currently looking at meeting on the 2nd or 3rd Monday of each month prior to the Board Meeting. The group stressed the following concerns: They encourage the Board and Administration to be more responsive to their concerns, they want the Board and Administration to address and state how they plan to move forward concerning the Grade Tampering Report, they want to see improvements in the District's Guidance Program, i.e., reviewing other districts to see where our school district is at academically. Commendations went to the new high school assistant principal, as well as, to the teachers. Also, a survey was conducted with community members to better understand how they felt about their relationship in conjunction with the school district.

Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Thadis D. Calcutt, Jr., and seconded by Mr. Raleigh O. Ward, Jr., to accept the July 28, 2014, minutes as written. The motion carried 7-0.

Communication to the Board

Mr. Gibbs presented the Board with a list of accomplishments in connection with SAT/ACT Test Scores:

- All-time high record of scholarships received - \$1,115,000
- Increase in SAT Scores from 863 (2013) to 997 (2014)
- Average ACT Scores of 20.7, an increase of 2.2 growth
- Ranked 75th out of 223 high schools (the top 1/3 in the state) - beating all high schools in the Florence District area. Also, ranked 16 out of 84 districts (the top 20% of all districts)
- Largest district growth in the state when comparing the 32 districts that showed growth

Mrs. Poston asked everyone present to share this good news. Mr. Sullivan reminded the Board that Perfect PASS Scores and the Highest SAT Score Recipient will be presented at the September Board Meeting.

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In the absence of Mr. H. M. Dixon, Mr. Sullivan shared with the Board that Mr. Bernard Simon is the new Office of Transportation Supervisor for Florence County. On August 6, 2014, Mr. Simon participated in a Bus Driver Inservice where he was in the process of training a new bus driver for Florence District Two. Mr. Sullivan also told the Board that under the new mandate, all extra-curricular coaches will have to complete an additional four (4) days of driver's training for both the activity bus and the yellow school bus. He stated this training will result in greater cost and some scheduling conflicts for the district. At this time, many of our bus drivers are being paid time and a half due to dual employment resulting in higher pay than what is on the current bus pay schedule. Mr. Sullivan also reviewed the Hazardous Transportation Cost with the Board. He stated the district is trying to keep this cost down. At this time the district pays 100% of this cost.

Mr. Sullivan informed the Board of the new Volunteer Coaches, (Middle School) Dr. Stan Drawdy & Mr. Eric Mincey. They will assist with the new Middle School Football Team. The district will close the B-Team Program. Mr. Sullivan also told the Board that Mr. Jimmy Williams has been approved to coach Middle School Boys' Basketball.

Mr. Sullivan told the Board that **Ms. Jamie Cornwell** will be resigning as the Softball Coach for the 2014-2015 school year. The district is in the process of seeking new coaches for the Girls' Varsity, Junior Varsity, and Middle School teams. Mr. Jenkins wanted to know if the district had been informed about Talea Murphy being named the South Carolina Female Athlete of the Year. Mr. Sullivan said the district was not informed of this great accomplishment, but will follow-up with the Board in obtaining additional information.

Report of the Superintendent

Mrs. Tracey Coward, Business Manager, presented the Board with the **Finance Report**. Ms. Coward informed the Board that approximately ninety-five (95) employees have signed up for direct deposit. She stated at this time accounts payable is on the high side (\$718,747.10) due to accruals being charged back to the 2013-2014 school year.

Figures were given for last year and the current school year as follows:

2013-2014

Year-to-Date Revenue as of 6/30/2014 \$9,968,769.21
Year-to-Date Expenditure as of 6/30/2014 \$9,719,222.04

Mr. Sullivan stated these figures reflect accruals, federal money, and may see some changes after the upcoming district audit.

2014-2015

Year-to-Date Revenue as of 7/31/2014 \$436,107.40
Year-to-Date Expenditure of 7/31/2014 \$329,562.71

As of 7/31/2014, the cashflow balance is \$2,487,637.30. Mr. Sullivan reminded the Board that the teachers will receive their step salary increases in September. He stated some who have new degrees will see even larger salary increases.

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Mr. Sullivan presented the Board with information on the General Obligation Bond. At this time, the district has two outstanding bonds:

Bond Number	Borrowed Amount	Issued Date	Final Payment
GOB 2009A	\$4,515,000	3/3/2009	3/1/2018
GOB 2010 (E)	\$600,000	9/28/2010	3/1/2020

At this time, the district is eligible to borrow up to the Board limit based on our 8 % assessed value (approximately \$673,000) under the Bond money. The Board has directed Mr. Sullivan to bring a prioritized list of projects with the cost that the district is needing at this time to the September 22, 2014, meeting. Mr. Sullivan informed the Board that the HVAC system in the CATE building is in need of upgrading. The district is presently seeking parts to keep it in operation.

Mr. Sullivan presented the Board with an Update on Millage from County Auditor Wayne Joye . Mr. Sullivan stated due to Florence County going through a reassessment, the new millage will be 211.9 mills for the 2014-2015 school year. The calculation was received from the Florence County Finance Department, in part, as follows:

- Prior Year Property Tax Revenue = \$1,187,804.41
- Adjusted Assessed Value = \$5,696,460
- Millage Required to Collect Same Amount of Revenue = $\$1,187,804.41 / 5,696,460 = 208.5$ **Mills**
- Growth in Florence School District Two According to SC Budget & Control Board = 1.67%
- Increase Authorized by SC Code Section 6-1-320 = $208.5 \times 1.67\% = 3.48$ **Mills**
- Final Millage Amount = 208.5 Mills + 3.4 Mills = **211.9 Mills** for 2014-2015

Old Business

A motion was made by Mrs. Angela P. Keith and seconded by Mr. Johnny R. Jenkins to accept five candidates under the Act 155 Diploma Request. The motion carried unanimously.

New Business

At this time, there were no teacher recommendations or resignations.

A motion was made by Mr. Thadis D. Calcutt, Jr., and seconded by Mr. Johnny R. Jenkins to accept the **Policy Exhibit (E)-3 - New Proof of Residency Requirements (Policy JFAA - Admission of Resident Students)**. The motion carried 7-0. A copy of this policy file is on file in the Superintendent's office.

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A video was shown to the Board that was presented to the students on their first day of school at Hannah-Pamplico Elementary/Middle School.

At 8:35 p.m. Mrs. Angela P. Keith made a motion to go into **Executive Session** to discuss a Student and Personnel Issue. Mr. Raleigh O. Ward, Jr., seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

At 10:20 p.m., Mr. Raleigh O. Ward, Jr., made the motion to come out of Executive Session, Mrs. Angela P. Keith seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

In Open Session, A motion was made by Mr. Raleigh O. Ward, Jr., and seconded by Mrs. Mona Lisa M. Andrews to accept the resignation of Mr. Robert E. Sullivan, Jr., as Superintendent of Florence County School District Two. The motion carried unanimously.

The following documents were mailed to the Board on **August 19, 2014**, as information.

- **Board Minutes - July 28, 2014 [Please Review]**
- **SCSBA Board Member Training Hours**
- **2013-2014 Food Service SNP Site Claim Report**
- **2014 HPS School Dental Prevention Program Update**
- **B-Team Cheerleading Head Coach - Mrs. Linette Praylow**
- **Newspaper Article - Calcutt Needs to be at H-P**
- **2014-2015 HPHS Activity Calendar**
- **August 2014 Calendar of Events - HPEM**
- **August 2014 Calendar of Events - HPHS**

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

Adjournment

At 10:27 p.m., Mr. Thadis D. Calcutt, Jr., made the motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bradford C. Poston. 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 10:27 p.m.

Mrs. Elleveen T. Poston
Board Chairman

Mrs. Angela P. Keith
Secretary