

**REGULAR BOARD MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FLORENCE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. TWO
HANNAH-PAMPLICO HIGH SCHOOL
September 27, 2010
7:00 p.m.**

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Florence County School District No. Two was held in the Media Center at Hannah-Pamplico High School of Florence County School District No. Two on Monday, September 27, 2010.

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

Absent: **Mrs. Elleveen T. Poston**

Call to Order

Mr. Thadis D. Calcutt, Jr., Vice-Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. by welcoming the visitors. Mr. Robert L. Carter, served as secretary.

Recognition of Visitors

Mr. Thadis D. Calcutt, Jr., acknowledged **Mrs. Juliette Hyman** as the 2010-2011 Florence School District Two Teacher of the Year. Mrs. Hyman will represent the district on the state level for the 2011-2012 State Teacher of the Year. A plaque was presented to Mrs. Hyman on September 13, 2010, at Hannah-Pamplico Elementary/Middle School. Mrs. Hyman has been the Media Specialist for the past 11 years at Hannah-Pamplico Elementary/Middle School. The Classified Employee of the Year will be announced in October.

Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Robert L. Carter and seconded by Mr. Johnny R. Jenkins to accept the August 23, 2010, minutes as written. The motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Mr. Robert L. Carter and seconded by Mr. David Poston to accept the September 7, 2010, minutes as written. The motion carried 6-0.

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Communication to the Board

A motion was made by Mr. David Poston and seconded by Mr. Lawrence S. Kennedy, Jr., to approve the **Overnight Field Trip** for Mr. Douglas Walker, Ms. Eltina Dublin, and six students to attend the SkillsUSA State Leadership Conference in Lexington, South Carolina on October 15-16, 2010 at the Lexington Technology Center. The motion carried unanimously. A copy of the field trip request is on file in the Superintendent's office.

Mr. Hyman gave a brief overview of the **Student Transfer In/Out of District** for the 2010-2011 school year. The students leaving the district resulted in an Education Finance Act (EFA) loss of \$39,768.60 versus the students entering in the district with a net gain of \$37,946.40. This left the district with a net loss of \$1,822.20 (Tuition paid by students entering the district was not included in this figure which will result in the net loss reflecting a zero balance). The district's present procedure is to have incoming students pay full tuition the first year with a discount for the additional siblings. During second year and so forth, students are only required to pay the local portion of the tuition.

Mr. Sullivan presented as information to the Board the **South Carolina School Boards Insurance Trust (SCSBIT) - Premium and Risk Reduction (PARR) Participation - Employee Safety Perception Survey**. This survey will be sent from the superintendent to school administrators and teachers through an email with a link. The anonymous responses will be sent directly to a project manager who will collect and analyze the results. The survey will consist of 10 questions and should take approximately 3 - 4 minutes to complete. The results will be presented at SCSBIT Annual Risky Business Conference in Myrtle Beach on November 18, 2010. Mr. Richardson will be attending this conference. *(See 06/22/09, 01/25/10, 06/28/10, & 08/23/10 Board Minutes)*

A motion was made by Mr. David Poston and seconded by Mr. Robert L. Carter to approve the **District Millage - Wayne Joye, County Auditor**. Due to the reassessment of property conducted in Florence County for the 2010 tax year, the allowable millage has increased from 174.6 to 177.4. This millage is calculated based on computations from the Florence County Finance Department which includes in part the prior year property tax revenue, the adjusted assessed value, millage required to collect the same amount of revenue, growth in Florence School District Two according to the SC Budget & Control Board, and an increase authorized by SC Code Section 6-1-320. The motion carried 6-0. A copy of the letter and millage calculations are on file in the Superintendent's office.

Report of the Superintendent

Mr. Sullivan presented to the Board an update on the **Notice of Continuing Teacher Non-Renewal** at the recommendation of **Childs & Halligan** as follows: This revised procedure for handling Continuing Contract teacher non-renewal recommendations was inquired in light of a recent South Carolina Court of Appeals decision issued in July 2010. The district will handle non-renewal recommendations consistent with standard practice with a slight modification to ensure that any action by the school board prior to a hearing being held is not considered a “final decision” of the board. The administration will continue with its customary practice of recommending to the board the names of the teachers who are not being recommended for continued employment prior to April 15. However, the Board should not be provided with specific information regarding the performance concerns which form the basis of the non-renewal recommendation and should not deliberate on the substance of any such recommendation. The board should make a motion conditionally accepting the recommendation of non-renewal (excluding the names of the teachers), subject to the hearing rights of the teachers based on their contract levels. Specifically, the motion for Continuing Contract teacher non-renewals ought to state:

I move that we conditionally accept the Superintendent’s recommendation that the contracts of ____ [number of] Continuing Contract employees not be renewed for the 2011-12 school year, subject to the Board’s duty to review the matter on the merits in a hearing pursuant to State law.

Each Continuing Contract teacher who is recommended for non-renewal should be notified in writing on or before April 15 or the Board’s conditional action that was taken, subject to his or her hearing rights. A draft copy of the non-renewal letter for Continuing Contract teachers is on file in the Superintendent’s office.

Finance Update - only the millage information and the QSCB were presented at this time.

Old Business

A motion was made by Mr. Robert L. Carter and seconded by Mr. Johnny R. Jenkins to accept the proviso of the **Citizens’ Meeting Local Legislation** which reads:

Following is an Act to amend Act No. 806 of 1952 and Act 169 of 1995 for Florence School District Two relating to the annual citizens meeting to propose the school districts budget.

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Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina: Section I, Act 806 of 1952 is amended to read as follows with regard to Florence School District Two:

“Section I. In addition to having a citizens’ meeting before the 15th day of April of each year for the election of trustees, Florence School District Two will have a separate citizens’ meeting for the proposed budget, which shall be held prior to June 30 of each year. In a year of reassessment, or if called by the board of trustees, a second citizens’ meeting may be held for the purpose of establishing the property tax millage rate, after notification of the results of reassessment, or of other factors affecting the budget or millage rate. The citizens’ meetings must be held within the school district. The time and place of the meetings must be advertised in a newspaper of general circulation within the District at least once, ten days prior to the meetings. The persons entitled to vote at the meetings have power to appoint a Chairman and a Secretary and to adjourn the meetings from time to time until business is completed. It is the duty of the Chairman of the meetings to keep a correct record of all the proceedings.”

A motion was made by Mr. David Poston and seconded by Mr. Robert L. Carter to ratify the motion taken on Qualified School Construction Bonds (**QSCB**) - American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (**ARRA**) **Funding**. The motion carried 6-0. Copies of the QSCB documents are on file in the Superintendent’s office. (*See 09/28/09, 02/22/10, 03/22/10, 06/28/10, & 08/23/10 Board Minutes*)

New Business

A motion was made by Mr. Robert L. Carter and seconded by Mr. David Poston to appoint Mr. Thadis D. Calcutt, Jr., as the 2010-2011 Legislative Voting Delegate and Mrs. Mona Lisa M. Andrews as the alternate if Mr. Calcutt is unable to attend. The annual meeting of the **Certification of Delegates - SCSBA 2010** will be held on Saturday, December 4, 2010, at 2 p.m. at Hilton Head’s Crowne Plaza Hotel. This meeting is being held in conjunction with the Legislative and Advocacy Conference. The motion carried 6-0. A copy of the Delegate Assembly Certification is on file in the Superintendent’s office.

Mr. Sullivan offered to the Board as information the following:

1. **2011 Grad Bash Tour Proposed Itinerary - Orlando, Florida - April 15-18, 2011**
2. **2011 8th Grade Trip Proposed Trip Date & Cost - Charleston, SC - April 20-21, 2010**
3. **2011 HPHS Choir Tentative Trip Request to New York - Spring 2011 (*They are presently looking at three modes of transportation: bus, airplane, and train*)**
4. **October 2010 - HPHS Calendar of Events**

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

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The following documents were mailed to the Board on **September 2, 2010**, as information.

- 1. Special Board Meeting Agenda - September 7, 2010**
- 2. Board Minutes - August 23, 2010 [Please Review]**
- 3. Resignation Letter - Mrs. Mazie Parker**
- 4. Revised 2010-2011 Supplemental Contracts**
- 5. HPEM September 2010 Calendar of Events**
- 6. HPH September 2010 Calendar of Events**

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

Adjournment

At 8:00 p.m., Mrs. Mona Lisa M. Andrews made the motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. Johnny R. Jenkins. The motion carried 6-0.

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 8:00 p.m.

Mr. Thadis D. Calcutt, Jr.
Vice-Chairman

Mr. Robert L. Carter
Secretary