

**REGULAR BOARD MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FLORENCE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. TWO
DISTRICT OFFICE
November 22, 2010
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, November 22, 2010.

Those present: **Mrs. Elleveen T. Poston**
 Mrs. Mona Lisa M. Andrews
 Mr. Johnny R. Jenkins
 Mr. Lawrence S. Kennedy, Jr.

Absent: **Mr. Thadis D. Calcutt, Jr.**
 Mr. Robert L. Carter
 Mr. David Poston

Call to Order

Mrs. Elleveen T. Poston, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. by welcoming the visitors. Mr. Johnny R. Jenkins, served as secretary in the absence of Mr. Robert L. Carter.

Recognition of Visitors

Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Johnny R. Jenkins and seconded by Mr. Lawrence S. Kennedy, Jr., to accept the October 25, 2010, minutes as written. The motion carried 4-0.

Communication to the Board

Mr. Sullivan reminded the Board concerning the December Board Meeting to be held on Monday, December 6, 2010, at the Railway Restaurant in Lake City, South Carolina. They were also asked to turn in their menu selections for the meeting. A reminder call will be given on the date of the December Board Meeting.

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Report of the Superintendent

Mr. Sullivan presented the Board with a **Finance Update** on information obtained at the South Carolina Association of School Business Officials (SCASBO) meeting held in Myrtle Beach on November 4, 2010, as following:

Index of Taxpaying Ability - he referred the Board to paragraph 4 which stated, “For the short term, we recommend imputing the value of owner-occupied homes into the calculation that makes up the Index of Taxpaying Ability. This would be accomplished using the same methodology now used for fee-in-lieu of taxes (FILOT), based on state reimbursement under Act 388 until such time as the long-term reform of education funding is enacted in South Carolina.”

Paragraph 16, referred to how “SCASA, SCSBA and the School Business Officials are studying the use of a uniform millage rate which would remove the need for an Index of Taxpaying Ability and is part of the framework of a comprehensive education funding reform plan. In essence, the local funding share would be supplied by a statewide uniform millage rate, rather than a comparison of ‘taxpaying ability.’ There are, however, many difficult practical problems which must be worked through. A proposal will be forthcoming from these groups.”

Mr. Sullivan stated the Education Finance Act (EFA) numbers the school districts are using are antiquated and with these numbers decreasing, we do not have enough money to fund the teachers we need.

Key Statistics 2012 - The projections were given as follows:

FY 2012	FY 2011
Projected EFA Base Student Cost \$2,790	Appropriated EFA Base Student Cost \$1,630
Projected EFA Weighted Pupil Unit Count: 873,427	Appropriated EFA Weighted Pupil Unit Count: 874,128
Projected EFA Inflation Factor: 2:57 - \$2,720; 8.22% - \$2,578, 71.2% - \$16,30; 72.2% - \$1,620	Projected EFA Inflation Factor: 0.00%
Projected SE Average Teacher Salary: \$49,007	Projected SE Average Teacher Salary: \$48,725
Projected SC Average Teacher Salary: \$49,007	Projected SC Average Teacher Salary: \$47,642
Projected Minimum Salary Schedule Increase: 3.00%	Projected Minimum Salary Schedule Increase: 0.0%

Mr. Sullivan felt the 2012 figures are not realistic at this time and reminded the Board that the teachers would not lose a year of experience because of freezing the pay scale at their 2009-2010 experience level. Moreover, at this time the state is looking at a 170-day school year. Mr. Sullivan also highlighted additional information from the SCASBO meeting and asked the Board if they had any additional questions or concerns about the financial information presented to please let him know and he would try to acquire additional information if needed. He also informed the Board the State Department of Education budget projections will be coming out soon for the Ways & Means,

House, Senate, and then Final Budget.

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He also informed the Board that Ms. Eltina Dublin is now National Board Certified and that there will be a future change in the funding for National Board Certified Teachers.

Mr. Sullivan presented the Board with information on the **S. C. Annual School Report Card Summary** for Hannah-Pamplico Elementary/Middle School. The annual report for the high school will be presented at a later date. The information presented showed the following three-year comparison:

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (Grades PK-5)			
YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	AYP STATUS
2010	Average	Average	Not Met
2009	Average	Average	Not Met
2008	Below Average	At-Risk	Not Met

MIDDLE SCHOOL (Grades 6, 7, 8)			
YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	AYP STATUS
2010	Average	Average	Not Met
2009	Below Average	Below Average	Not Met
2008	At-Risk	Below Average	Not Met

Mr. Sullivan highlighted how the middle school grades have come up two levels - from “At Risk” and “Below Average” to “Average” - over the past three years. He commended the elementary/middle school staff for all their hard work in implementing staff development projects to assist the students in improving their scores.

Old Business

A motion was made by Mr. Lawrence S. Kennedy, Jr., and seconded by Mrs. Mona Lisa M. Andrews to accept 2nd Reading of the following policies:

- a. IJOA & IJOA-R - Field Trips**
- b. IJOB/IJOC & IJOB/IJOC-R - Resource Persons/School Volunteers**

The motion carried 4-0. Copies of these policies will be forwarded to the South Carolina School Board Association to be codified and returned to be placed in the Board Policy Manual. Copies of the policies are on file in the Superintendent’s office.

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Mr. Sullivan gave the Board an update on the **District Field Trips** as follows:

- a. **8th Grade Trip** - *this trip was cancelled due to the lack of student participation. A copy of the letter that will notify the parents of the cancellation and a deposit refund was given to the Board as information.*
- b. **Senior Trip** - *this trip is still scheduled for the seniors in the spring. Mr. Sullivan will continue to keep the Board informed about this trip.*
- c. **Music Trip** - *this trip is still scheduled and the mode of transportation has officially been chosen. The students and their chaperones will be traveling by a 56-passenger chartered bus.*

Copies of these field trip letters are on file in the Superintendent's office. (See 09/27/10, Board Minutes)

New Business

A motion was made by Mrs. Mona Lisa M. Andrews and seconded by Mr. Johnny R. Jenkins to accept 1st Reading of the following policy updates:

- a. **GCF**- Professional Staff Hiring
- b. **GCFB** - Hiring of Administrative Staff
- c. **GCG** - Part-Time Substitute Professional Staff Development
- d. **GDF** -Support Staff Hiring
- e. **IJNDAA/IJNDAA-R** -Distance, Online and Virtual Education - *this is a new policy for the district. Additional information will be added at a later date after the committee meets with the updates.*
- f. **JH** - Student Absences and Excuses
- g. **JLF** - Student Welfare
- h. **JRA-R** - Student Records

These were model policies from the South Carolina School Boards Association (SCSBA). The updates included minor word content/technical changes and updated legal references. The motion carried 4-0. Copies of these policies are on file in the Superintendent's office.

Mr. Sullivan presented the following **Policy Updates (Technical changes only)** as information to the Board. The technical changes can be found under the legal references section of each of these policies. There were no changes to the content of the policies. The policies with the changes are as follows: **GBEB** - Staff Conduct, **GBEBB** - Staff Conduct with Students, **GCI** -Professional Staff Development, **IHAL** -Teaching About Religion, **IKA** -Grading/Assessment Systems, **IKF** - Graduation Requirements, **JB** - Equal Educational Opportunity/Nondiscrimination, **JFAA** - Admission of Resident Students, **JFAB** - Admission of Nonresident Students, **JJ** -Student Activities, **JJAB** - Limited Open/Closed Forum, and **JRA** - Student Records

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Mr. Sullivan presented the Board with handouts as information from two meetings - (1) Florence County Superintendent/Chair Roundtable Meeting and (2) Legislative Select Committee on K-12 Funding Meeting. At the Legislative Select Committee on K-12 Funding Meeting, Dr. Everette M. Dean, Jr., presented a report entitled, "The Select Committee on K-12 Funding - District Consolidation and/or Consolidation of Services - November 16, 2010." The report gave an overview of key incentives to encourage consolidation of school districts. Marion County is in the process of consolidating the Superintendent and the Administrative positions. Mr. Sullivan stated Florence County School Districts are only researching this option due to the economics constraints school districts are contending with at this time. In addition, the Florence Chamber of Commerce Building Bridges Meeting expounded upon district consolidation from a business perspective. During a later meeting at Florence County School District One concerning the consolidation issue, a proposal prepared by Bond Attorneys, Haynsworth Sinkler Boyd, P.A., entitled, "Sales Tax for School Improvements in Florence County" was presented as an overview. The proposal entailed what could be funded with the one cent sales tax, which was imposed May 1, 2007, for seven years for road construction, if renewed after the May 2014 termination date through a referendum and used toward capital improvements (construction) for school districts. A proposal could be written for a penny tax or ½ cent for education.

A motion was made by Mr. Lawrence S. Kennedy, Jr., and seconded by Mr. Johnny R. Jenkins to accept the resignation of **Mrs. Bernethio Livingston** contingent upon a suitable replacement for her position is found by December 17, 2010. The motion carried 4-0. A copy of Mrs. Livingston's resignation is on file in the Superintendent's office. Mrs. Livingston had previously rescinded her resignation in May 2010. An unofficial poll will be conducted by the Board for a Special Education Teacher if one is found prior to the next regular board meeting. *(See 05/24/10 Board Minutes)*

The following documents were mailed to the Board on **November 8, 2010**, as information.

- 1. Board Minutes - October 25, 2010 [Please Review]**
- 2. Index of Taxpaying Ability**
- 3. 2010 Statewide Capital Needs Report**
- 4. United Way of Florence County Campaign Pledge Form**
- 5. HPEM November 2010 Calendar of Events**

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

Adjournment

At 8:05 p.m., Mr. Lawrence S. Kennedy, Jr., made the motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. Johnny R. Jenkins. The motion carried 4-0.

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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 8:05 p.m.

Mrs. Elleveen T. Poston
Board Chairman

Mr. Johnny R. Jenkins
Secretary