

**REGULAR BOARD MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FLORENCE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. TWO
DISTRICT OFFICE**

March 24, 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, March 24, 2014.

Those present: **Dr. W. L. Coleman**
 Mr. Johnny R. Jenkins
 Mrs. Mona Lisa M. Andrews
 Mr. Thadis D. Calcutt, Jr.
 Mrs. Angela P. Keith
 Mrs. Elleveen T. Poston

Absent: **Mr. Raleigh O. Ward, Jr.**

Call to Order

Dr. W. L. Coleman, Vice-Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. by welcoming the visitors. Mr. Johnny R. Jenkins, served as secretary.

Recognition of Visitors

Dr. W. L. Coleman presented the certificates on behalf of the Board to three (3) 8th grade students at Hannah-Pamplico Elementary/Middle School as the **2013-2014 Junior Scholars**: William S. Bazen, Shammond R. Fulwood, and Stephen G. McKnight. These students will be recognized on April 7, 2014, at Francis Marion University in the Chapman Auditorium. Francis Marion University and the Pee Dee Education Center will host this special recognition ceremony. These students had to score at least a fifty (50) on one of the PSAT subtest or they had to be named a Duke Talent Identification Program (Duke TIP) Scholar in the seventh grade. Mr. Sullivan encouraged these young students to apply for scholarships, when eligible, with Francis Marion University (the first 15 Junior Scholars who apply would be awarded scholarships). A list of all the Junior Scholars (1987-88 - 2013-14) is on file in the Superintendent's office and on display at Hannah-Pamplico Elementary/Middle School.

Mark A. Parker was recognized later in the meeting for the 2013-2014 Spelling Bee Winner.

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Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Thadis D. Calcutt, Jr. , and seconded by Mr. Johnny R. Jenkins to accept the February 24, 2014, minutes as written. The motion carried 5-0. Mrs. Elleveen T. Poston abstained from voting due to her absence from the February meeting. (At this time, Mr. Sullivan acknowledged Ms. Jessica Merritt, Curriculum Facilitator of Britton's Neck Elementary School in Marion County School District for visiting our district. She is presently enrolled in an Education Leadership Course.)

Communication to the Board

Mr. Charles Hyman reviewed the **2014-2015 School Calendar** with the Board. He also told the Board he would be happy to answer any additional questions concerning the calendar. A motion was made by Mrs. Elleveen T. Poston and seconded by Mr. Thadis D. Calcutt, Jr., to approve the calendar for the 2014-2015 school year. The 2014-2015 Calendar Committee members were Mr. Charles Hyman, Timothy Gibbs, Janice Drawdy, Mary Alice Faulkenberry, and Angela Tanner. The motion carried 6-0. A copy of the 2014-2015 Calendar is on file in the Superintendent's office. A copy will be placed on the district's website. *(See 12/8/09, 01/25/10, 2/28/11, 1/23/12, and 1/28/13, Board Minutes)*

A motion was made by Mrs. Elleveen T. Poston and seconded by Mrs. Angela P. Keith to accept the following **2013-2014 Inclement Weather Make-Up Days** as follow: Since the district has already made up one day (February 17), the Board has approved that March 28 be the next day for students to make up and the remaining 3 days are waived. On Wednesday, March 12, Governor Haley signed into law H.4576 (Snow Days) "Waiver of Inclement Weather Make-up Day Requirements which states in part -

"...Section 59-1-425, the governing body of a school district may waive the requirement that schools make up full days missed due to inclement weather for five or fewer full school days that students who attend schools or charter schools in the district missed due to inclement weather during the 2013-2014 school year; provided, however, that a district may not waive this requirement until it has exhausted all statutorily required make up days remaining on the 2013-2014 school calendar. When a district waives a make-up day pursuant to this section, the make-up day also is waived for any student participating in a home schooling program approved by the board of trustees of the district in which the student resides."

Each district is required to include in their calendar three days for snow, extreme weather or other disruptions to be used as make-up days for these occurrences (S. C. Code §59-1-425). The joint resolution passed by the General Assembly requires that make-up days remaining on your calendar be used prior to waiving up to five days missed due to inclement weather. (A copy of this letter from the State Department of Education is on file in the Superintendent's office)

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At this time, the Board presented Mark A. Parker with a certificate for winning the 2013-2014 **Spelling Bee Contest**. Mark represented the district at the Pee Dee Education Spelling Bee in March.

Mr. Sullivan presented the Board with information on the **Coach Recommendations** for 2014-2015. The coaches' vacancies at this time are B-Team Softball and B-Team Cheerleader. The volunteers were also listed on the recommendation list for the 2014-2015 school year. A copy of the coaches' recommendations is on file in the Superintendent's office.

Mr. Sullivan presented the Board with information on the **Project UNIFY Program**. This is a collaborated effort with the Special Education Program. Mr. Hyman informed the Board that the Special Olympics will be held in Johnsonville on Wednesday, April 2, 2014. He invited the Board members to attend. The Special Olympic was held last year on the Hannah-Pamplico Athletic Field (Florence Two and Florence Five alternate the Special Olympics each year.)

Mr. Sullivan updated the Board on the **Wellness - Policy Update - Meeting with SDE Representative Report**. Ms. Tarrah McCleary, SDE Representative met with Mrs. Johnnis Tanner, Mrs. Angela P. Keith, and Mr. Thadis D. Calcutt, Jr. Ms. McCleary informed them that she will have to review the present safety and nutritional guidelines for classroom celebrations involving treats. At this time, there are no specific guidelines under the new policy for classroom celebrations. The Board will have to make a decision after the new legislation is presented. During the meeting it was discussed that canteen snacks are regulated, but the use of snacks/treats during a classroom celebration is not regulated, as long as, the snack/treat meets the safety standards (i.e., it does not matter if you call an item a cookie bar or candy bar).

Report of the Superintendent

Mr. Sullivan reviewed the **Board Election Update** with the Board. The Election of Board will be held on March 27, 2014, from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the Hannah-Pamplico High School Gymnasium. The current candidates are - Seat No. 3 - Dr. William L. Coleman and Mr. Bradford C. Poston, Seat No. 4 - Mr. Thadis D. Calcutt, Jr., and Seat No. 5 - Mr. Raleigh O. Ward, Jr. Mr. Charles Hyman will serve as the Election Chairperson.

Mr. Sullivan presented the Board with the **Finance Report**. The cashflow sheet balance is \$2,930,203.18. The revenue sheet as of February 28, 2014, shows a year-to-date balance of \$6,083,210.45 and the year-to-date expenditure \$5,426,472.02. Mr. Sullivan informed the Board that the employee portion of the retirement will increase 8%. He would not know the increase for fringe benefits until August 2014. He said it could be as much as 25%. He stated he would not be surprised if there were talks again about consolidation of districts. Mr. Sullivan reminded the Board that direct deposit was going to be set up in the near future. He told them that once it was established there would be no flexibility of payroll dates.

Mr. Sullivan informed the Board that the preliminary status for the **Accreditation Report** was all clear for Florence County School District Two but later changed to advised status due to the late 2012-2013 Audit. Mr. Sullivan told the Board that this did not mean anything financially for the district.

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Old Business

Mr. Sullivan presented to the Board an **8th Grade Trip & Senior Trip Update**. The approved out-of-state/overnight field trip to Washington, D.C., is scheduled for April 15-17, 2014, and Orlando, Florida is scheduled for April 10-13, 2014, for the 2014 Grad Nite Tour (A copy of the rooming list will be on file in the Superintendent's office).

New Business

2014-2015 Teacher Recommendations

On recommendation of the Administration, a motion was made by Mr. Thadis D. Calcutt, Jr., and seconded by Mrs. Elleveen T. Poston to employ eighty-two (82) teachers. The motion carried 6-0. The recommendations are as follows:

Early Childhood Center

Two (2) Continuing Teachers for the 2014-2015 school year for the Child Development Education Pilot Program (CDEPP) at the Early Childhood Center.

Hannah-Pamplico Elementary/Middle School

Forty-six (46) Continuing Contract teachers and two (2) Annual Contract teachers for the 2014-2015 school year for Hannah-Pamplico Elementary/Middle School. In addition, one Continuing Contract will have the following statement: Middle School Certification is needed by August 18, 2014.

Hannah-Pamplico High School

Thirty (30) Continuing Contract teachers and two (2) Annual Contract teachers for the 2014-2015 school year for Hannah-Pamplico High School. In addition, the following statements will be added:

Annual Contract (1)	Completion of CATE Year 1 Induction. Year 2 Certificate from 7/1/14 to 6/30/15 Issued
Annual Contract (1)	Certificate dated 7/1/13 to 6/30/16 - Completion of Professional Certificate by 6/30/16.
Continuing (1)	Updated certificate required 7/1/14-6/30/15.
Continuing (2)	Salary will be reviewed with MIP calculations for the JROTC Program. Provide updated JROTC certification credentials.
Continuing (1)	Must maintain PACE Certification Status in order to receive a Continuing contract. All PACE final requirements must be completed by Year 3 and a professional certificate on file. Current certificate ends 6/30/14.

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A motion was made by Mr. Thadis D. Calcutt, Jr., and seconded by Mr. Johnny R. Jenkins to approve the **Overnight Trip - SkillsUSA Leadership Conference for April 3-5, 2014**. Mr. Durwin Bass is requesting an overnight field trip to Greenville, South Carolina. A copy of the documents for this trip is on file in the Superintendent's office.

A motion was made by Mrs. Elleveen T. Poston and seconded by Mr. Johnny R. Jenkins to approve the **Overnight Trip - FBLA Leadership Conference for March 28-29, 2014**. Ms. Arlene Graham is requesting an overnight field trip to Charleston, South Carolina. Mr. Sullivan stated he was excited to see this program growing in popularity again for the high school. Mrs. Ann Lambert and Mrs. Edell Pettigrew were past FBLA Sponsors. A copy of the documents for this trip is on file in the Superintendent's office.

Mr. Sullivan reminded the Board members to make sure they were finished with their online Statement of Economics Interest form and, if a candidate, the Campaign Disclosure form. The question that was asked at the previous meeting concerning if no one was to sign up to run for a Board seat? Mr. Sullivan stated Mr. Vernie Williams did not have an answer to that questions at this time, but he was happy that we did have candidates.

Mr. Jenkins was concerned about where the district was at with renewing the middle school athletic program. He felt many of these students were missing out due to the B-Team and J. V. Team. He said he had received many complaints of ones not on teams because the rec-teams were not able to accommodate these students. Mr. Sullivan said there are plans to look at funding the middle school athletic program again in the near future. Mr. Moss reviewed the grade levels of the present programs- Rec-League (6th & 7th Grad), B-Team (7th & 8th Grade), and Junior Varsity (9th & 10th Grade). Mr. Moss stated some kids do overlap and this was okay as long as the program was in compliance with the South Carolina High School League. Mr. Jenkins stressed having the coaches be more involved with all these programs including the Rec-League. Mr. Moss said this is something that is being considered. Mrs. Poston reminded the Board that the financial constraint was the reason why the middle school athletic program ended, but it is time now to revisit this program.

The following documents were mailed to the Board on **March 14, 2014**, as information.

- 1. Board Minutes - February 24, 2014 [Please Review]**
- 2. Volunteer Coach - Mr. Marion Meggs**
- 3. Agenda - Common Core Meeting - March 11, 2014**
- 4. March 2014 Calendar of Events - HPEM**
- 5. March 2014 Calendar of Events - HPHS**

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

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Adjournment

At 8:00 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 8:00 p.m.

Dr. W. L. Coleman
Board Vice-Chairman

Mr. Johnny R. Jenkins
Secretary