

**REGULAR BOARD MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FLORENCE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. TWO
DISTRICT OFFICE
October 24, 2011
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, October 24, 2011.

Those present: **Mrs. Elleveen T. Poston**
 Mr. Thadis D. Calcutt, Jr.
 Dr. W. L. Coleman
 Mrs. Mona Lisa M. Andrews
 Mr. Johnny R. Jenkins
 Mr. Lawrence S. Kennedy, Jr.
 Mr. Raleigh O. Ward, Jr.

Call to Order

Mrs. Elleveen T. Poston, called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. by welcoming the visitors. Dr. W. L. Coleman, served as secretary.

Recognition of Visitors

There were no special recognitions.

Minutes

A motion was made by Dr. W. L. Coleman and seconded by Mr. Johnny R. Jenkins to accept the September 26, 2011, minutes as written. The motion carried unanimously.

Communication to the Board

Mr. Sullivan presented the Board with the South Carolina Association of School Administrators (SCASA) Invitation entitled, “South Carolina Education Connect - Competing in a Global Society” to be held on November 3, 2011, from 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. This is a statewide Superintendents’ Meeting to be held at the Doubletree by Hilton Hotel in Columbia, South Carolina. The keynote speakers will be Dr. Yong Zhao and Mr. Jamie Vollmer. Mr. Sullivan informed the Board to please contact him in time to register them if they would like to attend. A copy of the invitation is on file in the Superintendent’s office.

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Mr. Sullivan informed the Board of the **Eighth Grade Leadership Academy** with sponsors - SFC(R) Stomy Gillens and Mr. Bobby Belin. The class was designed to help with leadership skills and recruitment of future students for the JROTC Program. Mr. Sullivan showed the Board a picture taken of the large group at Hannah-Pamplico Elementary/Middle School. The leadership academy will be visiting the nursing home, as well as, participating in other service projects, in conjunction with, Florence District Three throughout the year. The group was excited to meet Former National Football League Wide Receiver, Mr. Charlie Brown for the Annual Boys Conference held on September 27, 2011, at the Main Street Elementary School in Lake City.

Mr. Sullivan reminded the Board about the upcoming **2012 SCSBA Student Entertainment - HPH Chorus Invitation**. Ms. Deborah Floyd will be forwarding the application and the DVD to the SCSBA for final selection. This will be an honor if they get to perform at the Annual SCSBA Convention in February 2012. *(See 09/26/11 Board Minutes)*

Mr. Sullivan highlighted the **HPEM Raider Revue** Newsletter to the Board as information. This was the first issue for the year. Hannah-Pamplico Elementary/Middle School plans to publish the newsletter every two months. A copy of the newsletter is on file in the Superintendent's office.

Mr. Sullivan gave the Board as information the **Florence County Coalition for Alcohol & Other Drug Abuse Prevention - Circle Park - \$625,000 Five-Year Grant**. This grant will help educate our 12-17 year old students in Florence Two & Five on alcohol & other drug abuse prevention. It will also provide equipment and training for Johnsonville and Pamplico police. Mrs. Poston commended Mr. Sullivan for being a spokesperson during this event.

Report of the Superintendent

Mr. Sullivan updated the Board on the upcoming exercises with the **Readiness & Emergency Management for Schools (REMS) Grant**. Each exercise is designed to help participants to better prepare if a disaster was to take place. The exercises are as follows:

- a. **Table Top Exercise**- This exercise will take place on October 25, 2011, from 1-4 p.m. in the District Office.
- b. **Grief Recovery Exercise** - This exercise is scheduled for October 26, 2011, from 8:30 a.m. - This exercise will include the district's nurses and guidance counselors.
- c. Website: www.florencecounty.rsi-emp.com - Additional emergency preparedness information can be found at this website. Mr. Sullivan also passed around the classroom emergency procedure guide that will be placed in each classroom and on each school bus.

Members of the rescue squad, police department, and fire department were also invited to participate in these exercises. Food Service personnel from Florence District Two and Three will meet on November 2, 2011, in Lake City to participate in the REMS Table Top Exercises. Mr. Sullivan informed the Board that if a disaster was to strike, the District would be the first line of defense until the County was able to arrive and take the lead. A functional assessment involving all five Florence County school districts will take place in Lake City at a later date.

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Mr. Sullivan shared the following two reports to the Board:

- a. **Press Release: South Carolinians for Responsible Government (SCRG) Foundation - Education Funding in South Carolina - October 6, 2011, Report**
- b. **South Carolina School Boards Association (SCSBA) Response to SCRG Report**

The SCRG report showed the public schools collecting an average of \$11,700 for each child for the 2011-2012 school year with less than half of the amount reaching the classroom, whereas, SCSBA presented a response to the SCRG report explaining a breakdown of the different accounting measures and uses of revenue projections in calculating per pupil expenditures versus actual, audited spending. In addition, each report showed how funds, for example, capital projects, debt services funds, program funding, transfer funds are used in the school district accounting system. Mr. Sullivan reminded the Board that the Student Base Cost for our district is \$1,880 and that the majority of the district's funding goes toward teacher salaries. A copy of these two reports is on file in the Superintendent's office.

Also enclosed in the Board material as information was a newspaper article on K-12 Education Funding. The article addressed a survey published by the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities where it examined 46 states and showed how more than half of *17 states have cut funding by more than 10 percent, while Arizona, California, Hawaii and South Carolina saw the deepest spending cuts, slashing educational funding by more than 20 percent since the recession.* A copy of the newspaper article is on file in the Superintendent's office.

Mr. Sullivan distributed a copy of the **Finance Update** to include the 2011-2012 Cashflow Sheet. As of October 25, 2012, the cashflow sheet shows a balance of \$1,068,098.82. Mr. Sullivan reminded the Board of the fluctuations that can occur with revenue and expenditure accounts during certain times of the fiscal year. A copy of the cashflow update is on file in the Superintendent's office.

Mr. Sullivan passed around to the Board a copy of the registration form for the Hannah-Pamplico Booster Club Golf Tournament to be held on November 5, 2011. The event will take place at the Crossings Golf Course located at 3540 Shadow Creek Drive in Florence, South Carolina. A copy of the registration form is on file in the Superintendent's office.

Mr. Sullivan gave the Board additional information on the **QSCB - CATE Classroom Schedule Update from Moseley Architects**. He presented the Board with the actual advertisement that will be in the newspaper on Sunday, October 30, 2011. Sealed bids for construction of Hannah-Pamplico High School Career and Technology Education (CATE) Building will be received at the Florence School District Two Office until no later than 2:00 p.m. on November 21, 2011. The bids will be publicly opened and read immediately thereafter. The \$600,000 construction bond is authorized through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) and will be paid back through 2024 by the citizens of Florence County School District Two at a fix interest rate of .89%. (See (See 09/28/09, 02/22/10, 03/22/10, 06/28/10, 08/23/10, 09/27/10, 10/25/10, 03/28/11, 8/22/11, & 9/26/11 Board Minutes)

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Old Business

Mr. Sullivan reminded the Board that the **November 29, 2011, Board Meeting** will be held on **Tuesday** next month.

The Board directed Mr. Sullivan to proceed with exploring other locations for the December Board Meeting. At this time, the two options are the Country Club and the Railway Restaurant, which are both located in Lake City.

New Business

The following **Policy Updates** were presented to the Board for **1st Reading**:

- a. **BCB** - Board Member Conflict
- b. **EBBA** - Prevention of Disease/Infection Transmission
- c. **GBEA** - Staff Ethics/Conflict of Interest
- d. **GBGA** - Staff Health

At this time, Mr. Sullivan asked that the Board agenda be amended to include the following policy updates for 1st Reading:

- e. **JICFAA** - Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying
- f. **GCO/GCO-R** - Evaluation of Professional Staff

Mr. Lawrence S. Kennedy, Jr., made the motion to approve the amendment to include these policy updates for 1st Reading. Dr. W. L. Coleman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

After Mr. Sullivan reviewed each policy (Mrs. Poston also reminded the Board in reference to Policy JICFAA of the School Law Conference's topic on Board members being cautious about the use of social network devices), a motion was made by Mr. Johnny R. Jenkins and seconded by Mr. Raleigh O. Ward, Jr., to approve the Policy Updates for 1st Reading: The motion carried unanimously. Copies of the policy updates are on file in the Superintendent's office.

Mr. Sullivan presented the Board with an invitation to "The Pee Dee Regional Business Leaders' Summit on Early Childhood Investment," sponsored by The Boeing Company on November 15, 2011, from 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. at Florence-Darlington Technical College. Featured speaker include Mr. Rick Stevens, Senior Vice President, Human Resources and Administration, the Boeing Company. There will be other local panelists, such as, Senator Hugh Leatherman, Dr. John Keith, and Dr. Rainey Knight. Mr. Sullivan will need an RSVP for any Board member interested in attending this summit. At this time, Mrs. Mona Lisa M. Andrews expressed an interest in attending the meeting.

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Mr. Sullivan will give the Board copies of the South Carolina Comprehensive Tax Reform Report from Dorchester County School District Two in the follow-up Board package.

Prior to the adjournment of the meeting, Dr. Coleman asked if there was any additional information on the sale of the Delta Mills Plant and Mr. Jenkins wanted to know if the wall mats were ordered for the gym for the upcoming basketball season. Mr. Sullivan said he would follow-up on these two inquiries for the Board.

The following documents were mailed to the Board on **October 4, 2011**, as information.

- 1. Board Minutes - September 26, 2011 [Please Review]**
- 2. Thank You Letter - Councilman Roger Poston**
- 3. Support Letter - Dr. Allison Jacques - Add-On Endorsement Certification for Children of Poverty**
- 4. 2011-2012 Food Service/Maintenance/Technology /Transportation Projects**
- 5. 2012-2014 Class Division Realignment**
- 6. District Newsletter - October 2011**
- 7. HPHS Newsletter - Working Together for Lifelong Success - October 2011**
- 8. Out-of-District Travel - October 2011**
- 9. HPEM Calendar of Events - October 2011**
- 10. HPHS Calendar of Events - October 2011**

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

Adjournment

At 8:10 p.m., Dr. W. L. Coleman 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 8:10 p.m.

Mrs. Elleveen T. Poston
Board Chairman

Dr. W. L. Coleman
Secretary