

**REGULAR BOARD MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FLORENCE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. TWO
DISTRICT OFFICE
March 27, 2017
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 27, 2017.

Those present: **Mr. Raleigh O. Ward, Jr.**
 Mrs. Elleveen T. Poston
 Mr. Thadis D. Calcutt, Jr.
 Mr. Robert B. Singletary

Those absent: **Mrs. Angela P. Keith**
 Mr. Johnny R. Jenkins
 Mr. Bradford C. Poston

Call to Order

Mr. Raleigh O. Ward, Jr called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. by welcoming visitors and staff. Mrs. Elleveen T. Poston served as secretary.

Declaration of FOIA

In accordance with the South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976, Section 30-4-89 (d), as amended, local news media and public were notified of the time, date, place, and agenda of the meeting.

Recognition and Awards

None

Consent Agenda Items

A motion was made by Mrs. Elleveen T. Poston to accept Consent Agenda Items: Approval of Agenda, Approval of Board Minutes, Approval of Financial Reports, Approval of 2017-2018 Certified Recommendations, and the Approval of Textbooks. Mr. Thadis D. Calcutt, Jr. seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Participation

None

Superintendent Update

Mr. Vincent recognized Rebecca Davis of *The Morning News*. He thanked her for the Progress articles and coverage. Mr. Vincent shared that the district has gained 11 students since the Average

Daily Membership on the 45th day. The Average Daily Membership for the 135th day for 2016-017 was 1,112 compared to the Average Daily Membership for the 135th day in 2015-2016 at 1,133.

Action Items

2017-2018 School Calendar - Mr. Charles Hyman presented the Board with a revised 2017-2018 school calendar for approval. Due to the anticipated solar eclipse, the first day of school will be moved to Thursday, August 17, 2017. Mrs. Elleveen T. Poston made a motion to approve the 2017-2018 School Calendar and Mr. Robert B. Singletary seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Policy Updates for DJ.R, GCIE, JFAB - Policy updates were presented by Mr. Vincent. Changes in policy DJ.R would update the District's procurement code. The District administration used a model procurement policy provided by SCSBA and reviewed by a procurement officer in a larger district. Policy GCIE has been updated to include current incentives offered using rural recruiting funds. Proposed revisions in Policy JFAB will allow District administrators to charge a lower tuition rate for nonresident students. Mr. Robert B. Singletary made a motion to approve Policy Updates for DJ.R, GCIE, and JFAB. Mr. Thadis D. Calcutt, Jr. seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Reports and Items for Discussion

VOIP Phone System - Mr. Hyman introduced Mr. Peter Langevin with Frontier. Mr. Langevin gave a presentation concerning a proposed VOIP phone system for the District. Mr. Vincent added that the main purpose for this proposed system is security and safety particularly at the high school.

Capital Update - Mr. Hyman presented the Board with current capital requests for the 2017-2018 school year. He added that many items on the list have been discussed for a number of years. Mr. Hyman introduced Mike Gallagher of Compass Municipal Advisors. Mr. Gallagher made a presentation for possible funding sources and ways the district could complete these upgrades beginning in July 2017. Mr. Vincent added that he hopes that the District will receive additional capital funds from the state to do other projects such as replacing the high school roof.

2017-2018 Budget Update - Mr. Vincent gave a budget update using projected numbers from the approved South Carolina House Budget. Mr. Vincent noted that technology funds delegated to the District for the last three years were removed. These funds have been allocated back into the lottery scholarship program since more students will qualify for state scholarships due to the change in the uniform grading policy.

Mr. Vincent stated that the budget for the 2017-2018 school year will be presented to the Board in June for final approval. The 2017-2018 district budget requests were shared with the Board. Several of the requests include expanding the Montessori program to first grade in which two assistants will need to be added. The high school has requested a science teacher. He noted that the employers share of insurance and retirement will increase next year. The requests also included a step increase for all qualified employees.

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Board of Trustees Election Update - Mr. Hyman stated that everything for the Board of Trustees Election was organized and planned. Five hundred ballots have been printed and more will be printed as needed.

Policy Update for JKE, JKE.R - Policy updates were presented by Mr. Vincent for first reading. The District administration used a model provided by the SCSBA to update this policy and administrative rule.

Executive Session

At 8:15 p.m., Mrs. Elleveen T. Poston made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel, and contractual matters. Mr. Robert B. Singletary seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

In open session, the following action was taken:

At 8:40 p.m., Mr. Thadis D. Calcutt made a motion to come out of Executive Session and Mr. Robert B. Singletary seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

No action was taken in Executive Session.

Adjournment

At 8:42 p.m., Mrs. Elleveen T. Poston made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. Thadis D. Calcutt, Jr. The motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business to discuss, on motion duly made and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

Mr. Raleigh O. Ward, Jr.
Chairman

Mrs. Elleveen T. Poston
Secretary