

**REGULAR BOARD MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FLORENCE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. TWO
HANNAH-PAMPLICO ELEMENTARY/MIDDLE SCHOOL
October 26, 2015
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 Elementary/Middle School of Florence County School District No. Two on Monday October 26, 2015.

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

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

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.

Call to Order

Mr Thadis D. Calcutt, Jr. called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. by welcoming visitors and staff. Mrs. Angela P. Keith served as secretary.

Recognition and Awards

Mr. Legrande Richardson welcomed all visitors and staff to his school. He expressed his excitement about this school year and the different programs at Hannah-Pamplico Elementary/Middle School.

A certificate was presented to Samantha Torres Sanchez by Mr. Neal Vincent and Mr. Thadis D. Calcutt, Jr. for receiving a Platinum score on the Act WorkKeys test. In South Carolina, out of 48,613 students, only 0.8% scored at the Platinum level. Mr. Thadis D. Calcutt, Jr. congratulated Samantha on her hard work and a job well done.

Certificates of merit were presented to Mrs. Dresden Floyd and Mr. Rohan Howard for their hard work with the Hannah-Pamplico High School's (HPHS) Advanced Placement Program (AP). HPHS had the third highest passing rate (tying with Fort Mill High School) in South Carolina for 2015 with 91%. Mrs. Dresden Floyd is the AP English teacher and Mr. Rohan Howard is the AP Math teacher. Mr. Neal Vincent congratulated both Mrs. Floyd and Mr. Howard for achieving this accomplishment.

Consent Agenda Items

A motion was made by Mrs. Angela P. Keith and seconded by Mr. Johnny R. Jenkins to accept the Consent Agenda Items. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Participation

None

Superintendent Update

Mr. Neal Vincent recognized Mrs. Mona Lisa M. Andrews who introduced First Officer William Breazeale with Southwest Airlines. He informed the Board that he is looking for a school to adopt him through Southwest Airlines' Adopt-A-Pilot Program. This program is a no cost STEAM-focused program for fifth grade students. He stated that he wanted to make an impact on students in a rural school district. The program consists of seven, one hour units; as well as, a tie contest (the "Art" in STEAM). It allows fifth grade students to explore STEAM related careers. Mr. Neal Vincent thanked Mr. William Breazeale for his presentation and stated that he and Mr. Legrande Richardson would take the program under consideration.

Mr. Neal Vincent informed the Board that the district has organized a Strategic/Accountability Planning team. He stated that if it was the pleasure of the Board, he would like the goals created by this team to become the goals of the superintendent and district. He further stated that the AdvancEd External Review Report from April 2015 included a recommendation for more stakeholders to be involved in creating and reviewing the Mission, Vision, and Belief statements. As a result, the team is using a survey for input as they craft these statements and goals.

Action Items

Policy BBB Board Elections - Mr. Neal Vincent stated that he would like the Board's input on the latest draft of this policy. Mr. Johnny Jenkins asked who would select the DEC (District Election Committee). Mr. Vincent replied that the Board would select the DEC. Mrs. Angela Keith asked if the DEC would count the votes and if three DEC members would be enough. Mr. Vincent replied yes, the DEC would count the votes and the Board could increase the DEC members if needed. Mr. Johnny Jenkins agreed with Mr. Angela Keith that three DEC members would not be enough and that we should increase the committee to five members. Mr. Neal Vincent added that we may need to discuss paid poll managers/poll clerks if we could not obtain enough volunteers. Mrs. Angela Keith asked if the Election Commission would hold the elections at the high school instead of the precincts. Mr. Neal Vincent added that it was Mr. David Alford's professional opinion to use precincts not the high school gym per state law. The proposed changes discussed were to change the election date to the third Thursday after the third Monday in March, add a Spring Break clause for runoff dates if needed and change the DEC to five members. Mr. Vincent thanked Mr. Hyman for all his hard work and for being a wealth of knowledge. Mrs. Elleveen Poston made a motion for Mr. Neal Vincent to move forward with the changes pending legal approval. Mr. Johnny Jenkins seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Policy BEDA Board Meeting Notification - As a summary, Mr. Neal Vincent stated that the written notice of regular board meetings will be made public at the beginning of each school year. He added that Board Agendas will be posted on the district's website and on the bulletin board located in the reception area in the district office. Mrs. Angela Keith made a motion to accept the second reading of Policy BEDA. Mrs. Elleveen Poston seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

December 2015 Board Meeting - The December 2015 Board meeting will be a public meeting held at Sweet T, in Pamplico, on December 7, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. Mrs. Elleveen T. Poston made a motion to accept the December Board meeting date and Mr. Johnny Jenkins seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Reports and Items for Discussion

Safety/Capital Needs - Mr. Neal Vincent presented the Board with a list of current Safety/Capital Needs. He stated that the needs represent all programs. He added that the administration could bring back finance options to the Board at the next meeting. Mrs. Angela Keith made a motion to bring back the finance options to the November Board meeting. Mr. Johnny Jenkins seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Weather Make-Up Days - Mr. Charles Hyman stated that the district will have to make up three days due to inclement weather. He stated that the first proposed make up day is March 14, 2016. The next proposal is to extend the school year by two days adding May 31, 2016 and June 1, 2016. The last day for students would be June 1, 2016. Graduation would still take place on Friday evening, May 27, 2016. Mr. Charles Hyman stated that on behalf of the Calendar Committee he recommends these changes and he will bring the proposed changes for action to the Board meeting in November.

Mr. Neal Vincent presented the following policies revisions for discussion and consideration. He will request second reading at the November Board meeting.

Policy EEAE Bus Safety Program - The SCSBA recommends amending language in the school bus safety policies to include new requirements.

Policy IC School Year - The SCSBA recommends amending the school year policy to reflect the new waiver granting authority.

Policy GCC Professional Staff Leaves and Absences - District administration recommends changing this policy to reflect current practice/procedures.

Policy IHAM Health Education - The SCSBA recommends adding domestic violence to the list of subjects covered in the health education policy.

Policy IHBH Charter School - The SCSBA recommends adding language in the charter school policy stating that charter school staff and board members are subject to state ethics and government accountability requirement.

Policy IKF, IKF-R Graduation Requirements - The SCSBA recommends including the citizen test in the graduation requirement administrative rule. District administration recommends removing reference to the Exit Exam and adding graduation ceremony requirements.

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Adjournment

At 8:15 p.m., Mrs. Mona Lisa Andrews made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Elleveen Poston. The motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business to discuss, on motion duly made and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

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

Mrs. Angela P. Keith
Secretary