

**REGULAR BOARD MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FLORENCE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. TWO
DISTRICT OFFICE
November 23, 2009
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 23, 2009.

Those present: **Mr. Thadis D. Calcutt, Jr.**
 Mrs. Elleveen T. Poston
 Mr. Lawrence S. Kennedy, Jr.
 Mrs. Mona Lisa M. Andrews
 Mr. Robert L. Carter
 Mr. Johnny R. Jenkins
 Mr. David Poston

Mrs. Elleveen T. Poston, Vice-Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the absence of Mr. Thadis D. Calcutt, Jr., Chairman, by welcoming the visitors. Mr. Calcutt presided as Chair after Mrs. Poston finished welcoming the visitors. Lawrence S. Kennedy, Jr., served as secretary.

Recognition of Visitors

Mrs. Poston and Mr. Sullivan welcomed Mrs. Dresden Floyd and four of the **Hannah-Pamplico High School Teacher Cadets**. Mrs. Floyd presented the Board with a brief overview of the program. The program was established in 1986 by the Center for Educator Recruitment, Retention, & Advancement (CERRA). She stated the goal of the program was to involve the students at a young age in the educational community, especially obtaining insight into how board meetings were conducted. Mrs. Floyd presented the Board with data on the success of the program and the field experience portfolio evaluation the students will have to complete by January 6, 2010. The four students that were present are Juniors at the high school. They gave their names and the classes they were involved in at Hannah-Pamplico Elementary/Middle School. Mr. Sullivan presented the cadets with a writing journal. The Board thanked Mrs. Floyd and the Teacher Cadets for their visit.

Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Johnny R. Jenkins and seconded by Mrs. Elleveen T. Poston to accept the October 26, 2009, minutes as written. The motion carried unanimously.

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Communication to the Board

Mr. Sullivan presented as information to the Board the date, time, location, and menu for the **December Board Meeting**. The meeting will be held on **December 8, 2009**, at 6:30 p.m. at the Railway Restaurant in Lake City, S. C.

A motion was made by Mrs. Elleveen T. Poston and seconded by Mr. Lawrence S. Kennedy, Jr., to accept the layout of Florence County School District Three for the **Board Website Information**. Mr. Sullivan presented to the Board five samples of the web sites in Florence County School Districts One through Five. The Board's web page will be updated once photos are made of the board members at the January 25, 2010, board meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Sullivan reminded the Board of the upcoming **Annual SCSBA Convention - February 18-21, 2009**. The annual convention will be held at the Kingston Plantation in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. At this time, five Board Members plan to attend the annual convention. The South Carolina School Boards Association will be celebrating their 60th Anniversary.

Mr. Sullivan presented the Board with the **Class A - 2010-2012 Region Realignment Proposal**. Hannah-Pamplico is in the Class A - Region VII. Other Region VII schools include C. E. Murray, East Clarendon, Governor School of Science & Math, Lamar, Scott's Branch, and Timmons ville. A copy of the 2010-2012 Realignment Proposal is on file in the Superintendent's office.

Report of the Superintendent

Mr. Sullivan presented the Board with a **Finance Update** on the cash flow as of November 20, 2009. The cash flow sheet will be updated again on November 30, 2009. Mr. Sullivan stated the figures will continuously change as new financial information is presented. A copy of the cash flow sheet is on file in the Superintendent's office.

Mr. Sullivan thanked Mr. Jenkins for bringing the information on the **H.3272 - SC Property Tax Legislation Pending Assessable Transfer of Interest (ATI) from Florence County - Richard Starks, Administrator**. He stated this bill is a major education funding reform. The information entailed examples on how the law works now, versus the House and the Senate Finance versions illustrating the impact each would have on public institutions' operations and services. Mr. Sullivan stated this information will be a heavy topic at the upcoming SCSBA Annual Convention in February 2010. A copy of this information is on file in the Superintendent's office.

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Mr. Sullivan gave as information to the Board the **S. C. Code 59-20-20 - Index of Taxpaying Ability (Index) - S. C. Department of Revenue - Bill Paradise**. The index is a measure of a local district's relative fiscal capacity in relation to that of all other districts of the state based on the full market value of all taxable property. The Board directed Mr. Sullivan to research contacting the Legislation on a consolidated tax millage for the entire Florence County. This information will be presented at the January 25, 2010, Board Meeting. A copy of this information is on file in the Superintendent's office.

Mr. Sullivan offered to the Board as information the following:

December 2009 - HPHS Calendar of Events

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

Old Business

A motion was made by Mrs. Elleveen T. Poston and seconded by Mr. Lawrence S. Kennedy, Jr., to accept 2nd Reading of **Policy IJ - Instructional Resource and Materials & IJ-E - Notification of Rights Under the Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment (PPRA)**. The motion carried unanimously. A copy of the policy will be sent to the South Carolina School Boards Association to be codified and placed in Florence District Two's Board Manual.

Mr. Sullivan asked the Board to table the **Tax Anticipated Note Resolution** at this time.

A motion was made by Mr. Robert L. Carter and seconded by Mr. David Poston to allow Mr. Sullivan to sign the award contract and to waive the right to proceed during the 2009-2010 for the Qualified School Construction Bonds (QSCB) - CATE (HPH) Building. The motion carried unanimously. Mr. Sullivan told the Board he will not sign the award if the waiver is not approved for the 2010-2011 construction. A copy of QSCB Authorization Award is on file in the Superintendent's office. *See the September 28, 2009, Board Minutes.*

New Business

On recommendation of the Administration, a motion was made by Mr. David Poston and seconded by Mr. Robert L. Carter to accept 1st reading of **Policy ILB-R - Test/Assessment Administration**. This is an existing administrative rule for our district. It entails information for administration of tests by the district or through the state board of education. Mr. Hyman stated our state testing has changed from PACT to the new PASS test. The motion carried 6-0 (Mrs. Mona Lisa Andrews was not present during the motion). A copy of this policy is on file in the Superintendent's office.

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After a brief overview by Mr. Charles Hyman, a motion was made by Mr. Lawrence S. Kennedy, Jr., and seconded by Mrs. Elleveen T. Poston to accept 1st reading of **Policy ILBB - State Program Assessments**. This is an existing policy for our district. The purpose of this policy is to establish the basic structure for statewide assessment programs. This policy was last updated in October 2004. The motion carried unanimously. A copy of this policy is on file in the Superintendent's office.

After a brief summation by Mr. Timothy Gibbs, a motion was made by Mr. Robert L. Carter and seconded by Mr. Johnny R. Jenkins to accept 1st reading of **Policy IKF-R - Graduation Requirements**. This is an existing policy for our district. The purpose of this administrative rule is to clarify the requirements for students upon graduation. Mr. Gibbs stated a student has five attempts to pass the HSAP. A student must earn 24 units of credit in state-approved courses for graduation. The courses are defined in this policy. This administrative rule was last updated March 2009, introducing the Apprenticeship Program Diploma for students with disabilities. Mr. Hyman stated the present Freshman class contains the first students to be involved in the Apprenticeship Program. The motion carried unanimously. A copy of this policy is on file in the Superintendent's office.

Mr. Hyman presented to the Board the Eighth Grade (HPEM) Overnight Field Trip to Charleston, South Carolina. A motion was made by Mrs. Mona Lisa M. Andrews and seconded by Mr. David Poston to allow Hannah-Pamplico Elementary/Middle School to explore the possibility of the trip for Spring 2010. Mr. Sullivan reminded the Board that the charter buses are chosen from a list approved by the state. The motion carried unanimously. The student/chaperones' information will be presented to the Board once the trip is confirmed in the spring. The tentative trip dates are April 8-9, 2010. A copy of the overnight field trip information is on file in the Superintendent's office.

A motion was made by Mr. Lawrence S. Kennedy, Jr., and seconded by Mrs. Elleveen T. Poston to accept the **South Carolina Retirement Systems (SCRS) Tax Deferred Resolution - Payroll Deduction**. This resolution will allow an employee to pay back time to the retirement system through a pretax deduction from his monthly paycheck. The motion carried unanimously. A copy of the signed resolution will be on file in the Superintendent's office.

The following documents were mailed to the Board on **November 4, 2009**, as information.

1. **Board Minutes - October 26, 2009 [Please Review]**
2. **2009-2010 Cashflow Sheet/Financial Budget Review 2008-2009**
3. **2009-2010 School Year Audit of Student Immunization Status**
4. **Property Tax Forum - November 12, 2009**
5. **Follow-up to the Appeal by Mrs. Glenda Hyman-Singleton**
6. **Six Month Year AHERA Reinspection**
7. **HPEM Highlighted on the School Improvement Funds (SIF) Grant**

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8. **Announcement - Connie P. Jackson, Shareholder, Childs & Halligan, P.A.**
9. **Newspaper Article: *Federal Researchers Find Lower Standards in Schools***
10. **November 2009 - HPEM Calendar of Events**
11. **November 2009 Out-of-District Travel**
12. **October 2009 - District Newsletter**
13. **October 2009 - HPEM Raider Revue**

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

Mrs. Mona Lisa Andrews shared with the Board her trip to the Dixie Stampede on November 20, 2009. She wanted to acknowledge and show her appreciation to the students of **Mrs. Bernethio Livingston's class**. She stated this group was the most talented and well-mannered group and she really enjoyed her trip to Myrtle Beach with them. Mrs. Livingston teaches a self-contained class at Hannah-Pamplico High School.

Executive Session

At 8:10 p.m., Mrs. Elleveen T. Poston made the motion to amend the agenda and to go into Executive Session to discuss a legal matter. Mr. Lawrence S. Kennedy, Jr., seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

At 8:19 p.m., Mrs. Elleveen T. Poston made the motion to come out of Executive Session. Mr. David Poston seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

In Open Session, there was no action taken.

Adjournment

At 8:19 p.m., Mrs. Elleveen T. Poston made the motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. David Poston. 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 8:20 p.m.

Mr. Thadis D. Calcutt, Jr.
Board Chairman

Mr. Lawrence S. Kennedy, Jr.
Secretary