

# Addendum

## March 25, 2013, Board Minutes

### South Carolina Jobs, Education and Tax Act of 2013 - Comments (Excerpt from Original Minutes under Communication to the Board)

Mr. Sullivan presented the Board with an update on the meeting held at J. Paul Elementary in Lake City on February 21, 2013, with Attorney Bick Halligan and Attorney Donnie Wilson on the **S. C. Jobs, Education and Tax Act of 2013 (SCJET)**. Mr. Raleigh O. Ward, Jr., and Mr. Thadis D. Calcutt, Jr, also attended this meeting. Mr. Sullivan stated three organizations - S. C. School Boards Association (SCSBA), S. C. Association of School Administrators (SCASA), S. C. Association of School Business Officials (SCASBO), are trying to have a statewide 100 mills equalization. This will increase funding for Florence Two by \$613,000 per year. With these funds, the district will be able to reestablish programs that were cut over the past few years. Mr. Sullivan said with this bill being comprehensive, it will first have to establish a transition fund for the first few years costing approximately \$334 million to be able to fund those areas where money may be lost due to mills being changed around. Mr. Sullivan also stated under SCJET, tax relief for businesses would be \$604 million which will help put people to work. Mr. Sullivan told the Board he would be glad to have a spokesperson to come and discuss this further with the Board. Mr. Ward reiterated since our district has a low tax base due to small number of businesses in our area, the equalization will help our district increase funding. Mr. Calcutt also added how the person who created this complicated formula was able to perform tests on pass state budgets to prove it will be successful in upcoming tax savings for the entire state. *(See the 2/25/13, Board Minutes)*

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Mr. Thadis D. Calcutt, Jr., asked that the following statement be added to the March 25, 2013, board minutes concerning the **SC Jobs, Education and Tax Act of 2013**: *“I asked our attorney, as well as, Lake City’s attorney was this going to be a reason to consolidate the school districts. Our attorney said it would if we passed the millage across the state to be an even 100 mills then that would be a reason to de-consolidate.”*

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Mr. Raleigh O. Ward, Jr.  
Board Chairman

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Mr. Johnny R. Jenkins  
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