

**REGULAR BOARD MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FLORENCE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. TWO
DISTRICT OFFICE**

April 27, 2015

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, April 27, 2015.

Those present: **Mrs. Elleveen T. Poston, Chairman**
 Mr. Thadis D. Calcutt, Jr., Vice-Chairman
 Mrs. Angela P. Keith, Secretary
 Mrs. Mona Lisa M. Andrews
 Mr. Johnny R. Jenkins
 Mr. Bradford C. Poston
 Mr. Raleigh O. Ward, Jr.

Call to Order

Mrs. Elleveen T. Poston called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. by welcoming the visitors (Dr. W. L. Coleman, former Board Member was also recognized). Mrs. Angela P. Keith, served as secretary.

Recognition of Visitors

According to Policy BBB - Board Membership - Elections - the regular term of office for each trustee is three years and the individual will be sworn in at the next regularly scheduled board meeting following the certification of his/her election. The new board members - incumbents, Mr. Johnny R. Jenkins and Mrs. Elleveen T. Poston took the **Oath of Office**. Both had already signed the Code of Ethics. Their term of office will end 2018. The Code of Ethics for each member is located on the wall in the boardroom.

Certificates were presented to the National History Day Pee Dee Regional Primary & Junior Select Winners (Grades 3-5). The following students in Grade 3 - **Mallory Tisdale, Avery Stone, Chase Stone, Cierra Southard, and Ashwin Turbeville** did the Research Theme entitled, "Best Friend of Charleston - First Steam Engine Operational in the Charleston Area." The following students in Grade 5 - **Zander Poston, McCray Poston, Cullen Smith, and Keenan Kelly** - did research on Thomas Green Clemson & Clemson University (Mallory Tisdale and Keenan Kelly were absent). Mr. Richardson informed the Board that Alyssa Sarah Eaddy and Lauren Elizabeth Hyman (Junior-Select Division) from the last month's group went on to compete at Westbrook High School in Blythewood, South Carolina and came in 2nd place. They will compete in the National Competition in College Park, Maryland on June 14-18, 2015. On behalf of the Board, Mrs. Elleveen T. Poston commended all the students and went on to motivate the other students present to work hard and to come back to share their accomplishments in the presence of the Board and their families. A photograph was taken of each student

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Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Thadis D. Calcutt, Jr., and seconded by Mr. Raleigh O. Ward, Jr., to accept the March 23, 2015 (Regular), March 30, 2015 (Special), and April 1, 2015 (Special), minutes as written. The motion carried 7-0.

Communication to the Board

Mr. Sullivan presented the Board with information on the Classified Recommendations for 2015-2016. At this time, we have forty-eight (48) full-time classified employees and seven (7) part-time being recommended for the 2015-2016 school year. There are four classified vacancies at this time. Copies of the classified recommendations are on file in the Superintendent's office.

On recommendation of the Administration, a motion was made by Mrs. Angela P. Keith and seconded by Mrs. Mona Lisa M. Andrews to allow the Boys Basketball Team to attend an Overnight Field Trip to Newberry College on June 14-16, 2015, for the Junior Varsity and Varsity Boys Basketball Camp. The motion carried 7-0. A copy of this field trip request is on file in the Superintendent's office.

Mrs. Mona Lisa M. Andrews informed the Board about her attendance at the Christian Learning Center (CLC) Spring Banquet held on Thursday, April 23, 2015, at the Presbyterian Church. She stated Robert & Debbie Dockery, Robbie & Lynn Perry, Joe Finklea, and Nancy Thomas were all in attendance at the banquet. Mrs. Andrews stated she hopes all will continue to encourage our students to participate in this program.

Report of the Superintendent

Mr. Sullivan presented the Board with the **Finance Report** as follows:

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| Year-to-Date Revenue as of 3/31/2015 | \$7,556,921.88 |
| Year-to-Date Expenditure of 3/31/2015 | \$6,732,054.47 |

As of 3/31/2015, the cashflow balance is \$3,729,703.28. Mr. Sullivan told the Board that the CDs are holding steady and if they had any additional questions to please call the office or stop by to discuss. A copy of the finance report is on file in the Superintendent's office.

A motion was made by Mr. Raleigh O. Ward, Jr., and seconded by Mrs. Angela P. Keith to schedule the **2016 Citizens General Fund Budget Meeting** on **Thursday, June 11, 2015**, at 7:00 p.m. in the Hannah-Pamplico High School Gymnasium. First reading of the general fund budget will take place at the May Board Meeting. An advertisement of the meeting will be placed ten (10) days prior to the meeting. Mr. Sullivan reminded the Board that the separation of the two meetings (Election of Board and the Budget Meeting) took place during the 2008-2009 school year. The motion carried 7-0. *(See the 09/22/08, 01/26/09, 02/23/09, Board Minutes)*

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Old Business

A motion was made by Mrs. Mona Lisa Andrews and seconded by Mr. Bradford C. Poston to approve the May Board Meeting for Tuesday, May 26, 2015, at Hannah-Pamplico Elementary/Middle School. The motion carried 7-0. (This date, which was recorded on the 2014-2015 Board Meeting Calendar, was approved on June 23, 2014). The location has been changed to the Hannah-Pamplico Elementary/Middle School. Mr. Sullivan reminded the Board that the May Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 26, 2015, at Hannah-Pamplico Elementary/Middle School. The meeting is scheduled on this date due to Memorial Day being on May 25, 2015.

A motion was made by Mr. Raleigh O. Ward, Jr., and seconded by Mr. Johnny R. Jenkins to review Policy BID - Board Member Compensation & Expenses. After obtaining information from neighboring districts, the Board will review the board compensation and expenses. The current compensation is \$50 for Board Chair and \$30 for Board Member per month (not per meeting). The motion carried 7-0. A copy of the policy is on file in the Superintendent's office.

After a discussion was made on the appeal process of Mrs. Elizabeth Boyle being denied and the request by Ms. Kay Packett concerning Policy BBB - Board Membership - Election, the Board clarified that they do not play a role in the election process and that the tellers are the ones who certified the votes. At this time, the Board did not take any action on policy BBB - Board Membership - Elections. The Board did agree to schedule a meeting to review the policy in connection with the 1952 legislation that allowed districts to run their own election. Since the legislation was changed during the 2008-2009 school year to run the Board Election all day from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., the Board would like to add an administrative rule to the policy to include detailed voting and appeal procedures, as well as, looking at the cost to see whether it is in the best interest of the district to change to a county election with the South Carolina Election Commission or remain with a district-run election. (A district run election has always been assisted by the South Carolina Election Commission, Florence Election Commission, South Carolina Ethics Commission, and South Carolina School Boards Association). Also, many of the same citizens who work the polls for the district-run election also assist with the county elections. Mr. Sullivan stated, to the best of his knowledge, this is the first time the district has had an appeal. The district has been running their own election for the past sixty-three (63) years.

New Business

At 7:55 p.m., Mrs. Angela P. Keith made the motion to go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter. Mr. Raleigh O. Ward, Jr., seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

At 8:01 p.m., Mr. Bradford C. Poston made the motion to come out of Executive Session. Mr. Raleigh O. Ward, Jr., seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

In Open Session, no action was taken.

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A motion was made by Mr. Thadis D. Calcutt, Jr., and seconded by Mr. Raleigh O. Ward, Jr., to accept the following recommendations and resignations:

Resignations

Mrs. Gwyn Finklea

Ms. Chalisa Wolfe

(The resignations of Mrs. Mary Morse, Mrs. Mary Collins, and Mrs. Mary L. Cox were presented to the Board as Information.)

Recommendations

Ms. Sharanda L. Bartell (Elementary/Fifth Grade)

Mrs. Stacie H. Kirby (Elementary/Fourth Grade)

Mr. Sullivan proceeded with the Election of Board Officers for Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Secretary after Mrs. Elleveen T. Poston relinquished her seat as Board Chair. Mrs. Poston also informed the Board that she would be unable to hold a seat as an officer for the upcoming school year due to personal and professional responsibilities. The Board was given Policy BD - Organization of the School Board and Policy BDB - Board Officers to review prior to the Board Meeting. Mr. Sullivan proceeded with the voting process. Mr. Hyman collected and tabulated the ballots. The results of the Board election were as follows:

**Mr. Raleigh O. Ward, Jr., Chairman
Mr. Thadis D. Calcutt, Vice-Chairman
Mrs. Angela P. Keith, Secretary**

In conclusion of the meeting, a financial handout was given to each Board Member.

The following documents were mailed to the Board on **April 16, 2015**, as information.

- 1. Board Minutes - March 23, 2015 [Please Review]**
- 2. Special Board Minutes - March 30, 2015 [Please Review]**
- 3. Special Board Minutes - April 1, 2015 [Please Review]**
- 4. Florence County Forward Project (SCDOT)**
- 5. April 2015 Calendar of Events - HPEM**
- 6. 4th Quarter Calendar of Events - HPHS**

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

Adjournment

At 8:12 p.m., Mrs. Mona Lisa M. Andrews made the motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. Thadis D. Calcutt, Jr. The motion carried 7-0.

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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 8:12 p.m.

Mrs. Elleveen T. Poston
Board Chairman

Mrs. Angela P. Keith
Secretary