

**REGULAR BOARD MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FLORENCE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. TWO
HANNAH-PAMPLICO ELEMENTARY/MIDDLE SCHOOL
February 23, 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, February 23, 2015.

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

Absent: _____ **Mr. Bradford C. Poston**

Call to Order

Mrs. Elleveen T. Poston called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. by welcoming the visitors. Mrs. Poston thanked the staff of Hannah-Pamplico Elementary/Middle School for the delicious meal. Mrs. Angela P. Keith, served as secretary.

Recognition of Visitors

Mrs. Poston announced that the **Boys' Basketball Team** will be recognized at the March 23, 2015, Board Meeting for winning the **Regional Championship**. The boys will be in the playoffs against Timmons ville on February 24, 2014. Mr. Sullivan also acknowledged Ms. Connie Jackson, Esquire with Childs & Halligan for attending the meeting.

Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Raleigh O. Ward, Jr., and seconded by Mr. Johnny R. Jenkins to accept the January 26, 2015, minutes after discussing an editorial change will have to be made under the **Communication to the Board - (D2) 2015 Index of Taxpaying Ability/Homestead Exemption/Millage Information**. The motion carried 6-0.

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Communication to the Board

A motion was made by Mrs. Angela P. Keith and seconded by Mrs. Mona Lisa Andrews for approving Draft B of the **2015-2016 District Calendar**. Mr. Hyman reviewed the calendar again with the Board. With this draft, early dismissal days were removed except one early dismissal day on March 25, 2016 (Good Friday). The 180th day and Graduation will be on May 27, 2016 (the day before the Memorial Day Holiday). The teachers' last day will be June 1, 2016. A copy of this calendar will be placed on the district's website. The 2015-2016 Calendar Committee members were Mr. Charles Hyman, Timothy Gibbs, Janice Drawdy, Kim Tuten, and Ellen Poston. A copy of this calendar will be on file in the Superintendent's office. The motion carried 6-0. *(See the 12/8/09, 01/25/10, 2/28/11, 1/23/12, and 1/28/13, 01/26/15 Board Minutes)*

Mr. Sullivan presented the Board with the **Black History Month Activities**. Along with the photos of some of the students' work on the hallway walls at Hannah-Pamplico Elementary/Middle School that were given to each Board member, Mr. Sullivan also informed them about a special program at 12:00 noon on February 24, 2015, at the elementary/middle school featuring Orlando "O Dog" Hudson, former major league baseball player and Charlton Singleton, Jazz Player. Mr. Sullivan stated the **Alive at 25 Mentor Safe Driver Program** will be taking place at Hannah-Pamplico High School on that same date. SRO Warren Poston will be one of the instructors and the media was also going to be present for the introduction of this new program. *(See the 01/26/15 Board Minutes)*

With concerns of the poles not being visible at the entry of the high school behind the gym, Mr. Sullivan reassured the Board that fluorescent decals will be placed back on the poles (they were previously covered over with paint). It was brought to Mr. Sullivan's attention that it was difficult to see at night whether the gate was opened or closed when turning in to park.

The **ACT Scores** (bar graph) were presented to the Board. The following shows a five-year trend for the Hannah-Pamplico High School:

	Total Tested	English	Math	Reading	Science	Composite
2011	15	15.53	20.13	16.73	18.93	17.83
2012	19	17.41	21	18	20.53	19.24
2013	14	17.07	19.71	19	18.14	18.48
2014	17	19.71	20.47	22.06	20.47	20.68
2015	15	23.2	22	24.7	21.7	22.9

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Mr. Sullivan informed the Board that the appeal for changing the Report Card (Changing the Report grade from an “F” to a “D”) was denied. A copy of the SAT Scores was previously given to the Board. Mr. Hyman told the Board that every 11th grade student would be taking the PSAT and the PSAT Work Keys. He stated there will not be a state report card for the next two years. He said meetings are now being held for the federal report card. He said attendance for the PSAT workshops is done on a voluntary basis. It is not mandatory for students to attend. *(See the 10/27/14, 11/17/14, and 12/8/14, Board Minutes)*

Mr. Hyman and Mr. Parker presented the Board with the **Technology E-Rate RFP (Request for Proposal)/Equipment**. The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) E-Rate Program was initially established in 1996 to help schools and libraries to connect to broadband. The E-rate Program is the government’s largest educational technology program giving schools and libraries internet access. The next phase in modernizing the E-Rate Program is underway in upgrading WLAN (wireless local area network) and cabling infrastructure. Mr. Hyman stated these upgrades will help with one-on-one initiatives for students and online testing. Mr. Parker explained how logging on the internet with so many devices can cause congestion. He likens it to four-lane traffic trying to merge back onto a two-lane highway. He said with these upgrades, every classroom and office in the district will have access to the internet. Most important, Mr. Parker stated how filtering devices will aid in the streaming educational videos, i.e., use video-sharing web sites like YouTube. He stated the state department is now using YouTube with filtering devices. He said students will be about to use devices at home with these filtering programs. Mr. Hyman gave the procedures on how the district will proceed with completing the RFP bidding proposals beginning sometime in the Summer of 2015 and on into the 2015-2016 school year. The Board was concerned with security measures on the computers, especially for personnel. Mr. Sullivan said the administration will look at how the district can mandate some type of lock-out/time-out procedure for the district. They will bring this information to the Board at a later date.

Mr. Sullivan asked the Board to give him some direction on whether to proceed or not with the **8% Bond Resolution**. After much discussion on the district’s current debt service, fund balance, and the possibility of a tax increase, the Board decided to revisit/discuss the resolution at a later date. At this time the district can borrow \$741,000. *(See the 10/27/14 & 11/17/14 Board Minutes)*

Report of the Superintendent

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

Year-to-Date Revenue as of 1/31/2015	\$4,811,481.34
Year-to-Date Expenditure of 1/31/2015	\$4,992,665.23

As of 1/31/2015, the cashflow balance is \$2,844,221.41. Mr. Sullivan again reminded the Board that federal money has started coming in and the fringes are a big expense at this time. A copy of the finance report is on file in the Superintendent’s office.

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Mr. Sullivan offered to the Board as information the upcoming Athletic Banquet for Fall/Winter Sports on March 5, 2015, at 6:30 p.m. at Hannah-Pamplico Elementary/Middle School. This will be the first year the Athletic Banquet will be divided into two banquets - fall/winter and spring/summer sports.

Old Business

Mr. Sullivan presented the **Board of Trustees Election Update** as information. At this time, there are two Board Seats up for election - Seat No. 6 - Mr. Johnny R. Jenkins and Seat No. 7 - Mrs. Elleveen T. Poston. The Board of Election is scheduled for Thursday, March 26, 2015, from 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. in the gymnasium at Hannah-Pamplico High School. The deadline to sign up for candidacy is Tuesday, March 3, 2015, at 4:30 p.m. in the District Administrative Office.

Mrs. Elleveen Poston asked the Board to present any **SCSBA Annual Convention Updates** they would like to share. Mrs. Poston said some good information was given. Mrs. Mona Lisa Andrews stated you can tell from the presence and input of the General Assembly that education could be headed in a new direction in South Carolina.

Mr. Legrande Richardson presented the Board with the **8th Grade Rooming List**. The students will be going to Washington, D.C. from April 15-17, 2015. *(See the 10/27/14 Board Minutes)*

Mrs. Poston stressed to the Board to please go online and complete the Statement of Economic form in a timely manner (this annual report is filed by noon, **March 30**) and the Candidate Campaign Disclosure form for the candidates (the Pre election form must be filed fifteen days before the election and then after the election the Final Report is filed). Mrs. Poston told the Board if they have any questions to please contact Ms. Karen Wiggins at the South Carolina Ethics Commission.

New Business

Mrs. Poston asked that the agenda be amended to go into Executive Session prior to discussing the 2015-2016 Administrative Staff Recommendations.

A motion was made by Mr. Raleigh O. Ward, Jr., and seconded by Mr. Johnny R. Jenkins to approve the Out-of-District Field Trip for the **SkillsUSA - SC Leadership Conference**. The conference is scheduled for March 26-28, 2015, in Greenville, South Carolina. A copy of the field trip request is on file in the Superintendent's office. The motion carried 6-0.

At 8:25 p.m., Mrs. Angela P. Keith made a motion to go into Executive Session, Mrs. Mona Lisa Andrews seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0.

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At 9:53 p.m., Mr. Thadis D. Calcutt, Jr., made the motion to come out of Executive Session, Mrs. Mona Lisa Andrews seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0.

In Open Session, no action was taken.

A motion was made by Mrs. Mona Lisa Andrews and seconded by Mr. Thadis D. Calcutt, Jr., to approve the **Administrative Staff Recommendations for the 2015-2016** school year. The motion carried 6-0. A list of names of the Administrative Staff is on file in the Superintendent's office.

A motion was made by Mr. Raleigh O. Ward, Jr., and seconded by Mr. Thadis D. Calcutt, Jr., to accept the **Teacher Resignation** of Mrs. Phyllis Brown, Speech Pathologist. The motion carried 6-0. A copy of the teacher resignation is on file in the Superintendent's office.

A motion was made by Mr. Raleigh O. Ward, Jr., and seconded by Mr. Thadis D. Calcutt, Jr., to accept the **Administrative Resignation** of Mrs. Debbie M. Carter, Co-Principal of Hannah-Pamplico Elementary/Middle School. The motion carried 6-0. A copy of the administrative resignation is on file in the Superintendent's office.

A **Superintendent Search Update** was given to the Board. A meeting will be held on Thursday, February 26, 2015, at 1:00 p.m. with BWP and an eight-member slate. March will be a very busy month with meetings for the Board of Trustees. Mr. Sullivan said the board room will be reserved for these meetings. He also told the Board to mark their calendar for a call meeting with the AdvanceED Visiting Team on Wednesday, April 1, 2015, from 1:20 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Mr. Sullivan also said he would contact the board via email to set up times to be interviewed on Monday, March 30, 2015, from 10:45 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.

The following documents were mailed to the Board on **February 10, 2015**, as information.

- 1. Board Minutes - January 26, 2015 [Please Review]**
- 2. SCSBA Annual Convention - Travel & Confirmation Information**
- 3. SC Education Oversight Committee Update - January 2015**
- 4. February 2015 Calendar of Events - HPEM**
- 5. February 2015 Calendar of Events - HPHS**

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

Adjournment

At 10:02 p.m., Mr. Johnny Jenkins made the motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. Raleigh O. Ward, Jr. The motion carried 6-0.

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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 10:02 p.m.

Mrs. Elleveen T. Poston
Board Chairman

Mrs. Angela P. Keith
Secretary