

**REGULAR BOARD MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FLORENCE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. TWO
DISTRICT OFFICE
September 25, 2017
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 on Monday, September 25, 2017.

Those present: **Mr. Thadis D. Calcutt, Jr.**
 Mrs. Mona Lisa A. Andrews
 Mr. Johnny R. Jenkins
 Mr. Robert B. Singletary
 Mr. Raleigh O. Ward, Jr.

Those absent: **Mrs. Angela P. Keith**
 Mrs. Elleveen T. Poston

Call to Order

Mr. Thadis D. Calcutt, Jr. called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. by welcoming visitors and staff.

Declaration of FOIA

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.

Recognition and Awards

JRTOC Cadet Leadership Challenge - After thanking parents and administration, Major Eric Brown, along with Sergeant Stomy Gillens, presented certificates to students for their participation in the JROTC Cadet Leadership Challenge. Mr. Neal Vincent expressed his appreciation to the JROTC instructors and parents for their support of these students. Sergeant Gillens gave the Board a verbal invitation to the Veterans Day Program on November 10, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. in the High School Gym.

Consent Agenda Items

A motion was made by Mr. Raleigh O. Ward, Jr. to approve Consent Agenda Items: Approval of Agenda, Approval of Board Minutes, Approval of Financial Reports, but to pull the Approval of the Personnel Sheet for Executive Session. Mr. Robert B. Singletary seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Participation

None

Superintendent Update

Mr. Neal Vincent began the update by presenting preliminary student enrollment totals for Hannah-Pamplico Elementary/Middle School (HPEMS) and Hannah-Pamplico High School (HPHS). As of September 25, 2017, HPEM had 764 with 15 more students than September 2016 while HPH had 368 students with an increase of 14 students compared to September 2016. On the 135th day of the 2016-2017 school year, district enrollment was 1,112 and currently our enrollment is 1,132. Mr. Vincent stated that Abbeville Capital Funds were awarded to the district for \$1,000,000 and that a list of capital priorities would be presented during the capital update. Further, Mr. Vincent stated that the 2016-2017 audit is on track and will be presented to the Board in November. Mr. Vincent informed the Board that he gave a presentation to the Education Reform Committee on September 19, 2017. In the presentation, he stated that our district has no interest in consolidating with other districts in the county but is willing to share district services with districts. In addition, Mr. Vincent informed the Board that he is currently serving on the Accreditation Task Force and the Fiscal Practices Task Force at the state level.

Action Items

Supplement Addendum - Mr. Vincent requested approval from the Board to add a bass fishing team supplement to the approved 2017-2018 Supplement list. Mr. Robert B Singletary made a motion to approve the supplement addendum and Mr. Johnny R. Jenkins seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Policy Updates - IC, IHAQ, JICDA.R, JLD, KDB, KLGA - Policy updates were presented by Mr. Vincent for second reading. Policy IC - School Year - SCSBA recommends adding language on waivers for make-up days for charter schools and home schooling programs due to changes made to Regulation 43-234. Policy IHAQ - Career Transition to Work Education revised to reflect changes to Regulation 43-205. Policy JICDA.R - Code of Conduct - SCSBA recommends updating the administrative rule to reflect amendments to Regulation 43-279. Policy JLD - School Counseling revised to reflect changes to Regulation 43-205. Policy KDB - Public's Right to Know/Freedom of Information - SCSBA recommends revising the freedom of information policy to include the new requirements. Policy KLGA - School Resource Officers - SCSBA recommends adopting a model policy based on Regulation 43-210. Mr. Johnny R. Jenkins made a motion to approve Policy Updates - IC, IHAQ, JICDA.R, JLD, KDB, KLGA and Mr. Raleigh O. Ward, Jr. seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Reports and Items for Discussion

Capital Update - Mr. Hyman provided the Board with an update on current capital improvement projects. Mr. Hyman stated that the Abbeville Capital Funds were awarded for \$1,000,000. He provided the Board with a list of priorities for the funds. He added that the lighting project has slowed because of being too wet. The gym floor for HPH is complete and work has begun on the HPEM gym floor.

Technology Update - Mr. Vincent presented the Board with a technology update. The schools are in the process of rolling out Chromebooks for grades 2-5 and HP 810 laptops for grades 6-12. Hotspots are available for the students to check out in the library. Wi-Fi is available on buses. Wi-Fi has also been added to the two largest activity buses. Mr. Vincent added that VOIP is working well. In closing, Mr. Vincent stated that the district's firewall is reaching end of life and will need to be replaced soon and the district will be looking for a new filtering software. The district will also be updated both servers within the next year.

Policy Updates - IHCD, IHCD.R, JICDA, KLG - Policy updates were presented by Mr. Vincent for first reading. Policy IHCD, IHCD.R - Advanced College Placement - SCSBA recommends adopting a model policy based on Regulation 43-258.1. Policy JICDA - Code of Conduct - Revised using additions from the SCSBA model. Policy KLG - Relations with Law Enforcement Authorities revised by adding that school officials must attempt to notify parents/legal guardians when their child is being questioned by law enforcement.

2017 SCSBA Delegate Assembly - Mr. Thadis D. Calcutt, Jr. stated that he will represent Florence County School District Two at the SCSBA Delegate Assembly.

Executive Session

At 7:40 p.m., Mrs. Mona Lisa Andrews made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters. Mr. Robert B. Singletary seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

In open session, the following actions were taken:

At 8:30 p.m., Mr. Robert B. Singletary made a motion to come out of Executive Session and Mr. Johnny R. Jenkins seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Raleigh O. Ward, Jr. made a motion that the Board authorize legal counsel for the Board to take all steps necessary to transfer ownership of the property adjacent to the early childhood center on Hickory Street to First Baptist Church of Pamplico at no cost. Mr. Robert B. Singletary seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Raleigh O. Ward, Jr. made a motion that the Board authorize legal counsel for the Board to execute a written settlement and release to resolve a pending legal matter, consistent with the terms reviewed with the Board in executive session. Mr. Johnny R. Jenkins seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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Adjournment

At 8:30 p.m., Mrs. Mona Lisa Andrews made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. Johnny R. Jenkins. The motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business to discuss, on motion duly made and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Mr. Thadis D. Calcutt, Jr.
Chairman

Mrs. Elleveen T. Poston
Secretary