

**REGULAR BOARD MINUTES  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
FLORENCE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. TWO  
DISTRICT OFFICE  
August 23, 2010  
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, August 23, 2010.

**Those present:**

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

**Call to Order**

Mrs. Elleveen T. Poston, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. by welcoming the visitors. Mr. Robert L. Carter, served as secretary.

**Recognition of Visitors**

**Mr. Thadis D. Calcutt, Jr.**, was presented with a pin and a certificate for reaching the SCSBA Level 2 Boardmanship. Level 6 is the highest recognition in the SCSBA Boardmanship Institute. Qualified board members will be awarded their Level 6 plaques and pins during the Annual Convention held in February.

**Mr. Johnny R. Jenkins** was recognized by the Board for his invitation to attend the Office of Urban Affairs - Responsible Fatherhood Stakeholder Policy Briefing which was held on June 21, 2010. During Mr. Jenkins' visit he had the honor of meeting and hearing remarks by President Barack Obama on Responsible Fatherhood. Mr. Sullivan thanked Mr. Jenkins for all the work he was doing with young people in the community.

**Minutes**

A motion was made by Mr. David Poston and seconded by Mr. Johnny R. Jenkins to accept the July 26, 2010, minutes as written. The motion carried unanimously.

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**Communication to the Board**

During the meeting, Mr. Sullivan had the Board to review the **Student/Teacher Handbooks & Activity Calendars** from Hannah-Pamplico Elementary/Middle School and Hannah-Pamplico High School. Hannah-Pamplico High School also gave each Board member an attache case with the school's logo which included their activity calendar and student handbook.

Mr. Sullivan presented as information to the Board concerning the South Carolina School Boards Insurance Trust (SCSBIT) **PARR - 5% Reduction with Emphasis on the EPA/Lead & Bus Driver Safety Training**. First, he informed the Board that under the new Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Renovation, Repair, and Painting (RRP) rule, which started on April 22, 2010, all contractors (painters, remodeling firms, maintenance workers, and others) performing renovation, repair and painting projects that disturb lead-based paint in houses, apartments, child care facilities, and schools built before 1978 must be certified. To become a Certified Renovator, the individual must successfully complete the Renovator initial course conducted by an EPA or State-accredited RRP training provider. Mr. Sullivan stated he plans to send two staff members to the EPA training in the near future. Second, Mr. Sullivan told the Board about the upcoming safety training for bus drivers to be conducted by the South Carolina School Boards Insurance Trust (SCSBIT) in conjunction with Florence County School District Three on Friday, September 24, 2010, at 9:00 a.m. in Lake City. Again, Mr. Sullivan stressed how these certifications and training sessions will continue to help the District in cutting cost in insurance premiums and claims. *(See 06/22/09, 01/25/10 & 06/28/10, Board Minutes)*

Mr. Sullivan presented as information a commendation letter for **2010 Census Partnership**. A plaque from Dr. Robert Groves, Director, U. S. Census Bureau was sent, along with the commendation letter, to the district as a token of their appreciation for Florence District Two's support in raising awareness of and inspiring participation in the 2010 Census.

Mr. Sullivan presented to the Board as information the **September 2010 Out-of-District Travel**.

Mr. Sullivan presented as information a thank you letter from the **Office of Comptroller - Transparency**. The district was commended for implementing the legislation in a timely manner requiring school districts to begin posting detailed spending information on their websites. This legislation was to take effect on July 1, 2010, giving the public greater access to government spending and financial information. Florence District Two plans to post its expenditures ("transaction register") on the website on a monthly basis. *(See 07/27/09, Board Minutes)*

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The **ACT Test Scores for Florence District Two/H-P High School** were presented to the Board as information by Mr. Sullivan. He highlighted *Table 1: Five Year Trends - Average ACT Scores* as follows:

	<b>Total Tested</b>	<b>English</b>	<b>Math</b>	<b>Reading</b>	<b>Science</b>	<b>Composite</b>
<b>2006</b>	36	16.8	18.2	17.6	17.8	17.8
<b>2007</b>	24	15.5	17.9	16.6	17.0	16.9
<b>2008</b>	14	15.6	15.9	15.6	15.9	15.9
<b>2009</b>	24	20.6	20.3	20.5	19.6	20.3
<b>2010</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>15.5</b>	<b>17.0</b>	<b>16.1</b>	<b>16.7</b>	<b>16.4</b>

Mr. Sullivan made an announcement to the Board concerning the **SCSBA Legislative Advocacy Meeting** to be held on Thursday, September 30, 2010, from 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. This SCSBA's live teleconference will be broadcast on SCETV digital channel (closed circuit) 4 free of charge at a local school. The teleconference format allows school boards to invite staff, parents, and other public school advocates to participate in the meeting. At this time, Mrs. Mona Lisa M. Andrews will represent the Board at this meeting.

Mr. Robert L. Carter expressed his concerns about obtaining someone to spray insecticides on the district campus. Mr. Sullivan informed the Board that a staff member was in the process of studying to become a certified insecticide sprayer for the district.

**Report of the Superintendent**

Mr. Sullivan presented as information to the Board the **Student Dropout Rate** for the 2009-2010 school year for high school students as follows:

<b>School District</b>	<b>Dropouts</b>	<b>Enrollment</b>	<b>Dropout Rate</b>
Florence 1	117	4,698	2.5
Florence 2	8	376	2.1
Florence 3	18	944	1.9
Florence 4	10	280	3.6
Florence 5	14	423	3.3

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Mr. Sullivan stated that the high school principal is still accountable to students even after they have dropped out the regular school setting and have enrolled in the Adult Education Program. He also stated the new SRA Instructional Program will help students to strengthened their academics performance. Mr. Jenkins wanted to know what the trend was in our district for students wanting to drop out.

The **1<sup>st</sup> Day/5th Day Enrollment - August 16, 2010**, was presented to the Board. The 1<sup>st</sup> day enrollment was 1,161 for grades K-12. The 5<sup>th</sup> day enrollment was not available at this time.

After a brief update by Mr. Sullivan, a motion was made by Mr. Robert L. Carter and seconded by Mr. Johnny R. Jenkins to accept the revised QSCB Resolution. This QSCB Resolution will give Mr. Sullivan and Mrs. Poston, Board Chair, authorization to handle matters relating to the \$600,000 bond payment. The Board will continue to support the revised resolution and will continue to move forward in researching competitive rates until all funding for the vocational project is finalized. The motion carried unanimously. A signed copy of the revised resolution is on file in the Superintendent's office. *(See 09/28/09, 02/22/10, 03/22/10, & 6/28/10, Board Minutes)*

Mr. Sullivan gave to the Board as information a **Finance Update**. The district is still waiting on final enrollment number in determining the WPU's for the 2010-2011 school year.

**Old Business**

On recommendation of the Administration, a motion was made by Mr. David Poston and seconded by Mrs. Mona Lisa M. Andrews to accept the **Extracurricular Funding for 2010-2011**. The motion carried unanimously. A copy of the funding sheet is on file in the Superintendent's office. *(See the 06/28/10, Board Minutes - Athletic "B" Team Concept)*

A motion was made by Mr. Johnny R. Jenkins and seconded by Mr. David Poston to accept the **2010-2011 Milk/Bread Bids**. Interstate Brands was awarded the bread products bid and PET - Land-O-Sun Dairies, L.L.C. was awarded the milk/dairy bid for the 2010-2011 school year. The motion carried unanimously. A copy of the bids are on file in the Superintendent's office.

**New Business**

**Teacher Recommendation**

A motion was made by Mr. Robert L. Carter and seconded by Mr. David Poston to officially employ **Ms. Chalisa E. Wolfe**, a Continuing Special Education Teacher at Hannah-Pamplico High School. The motion carried unanimously. A copy of the teacher recommendation is on file in the Superintendent's office.

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At 8:09 p.m., Mr. Thadis D. Calcutt, Jr., made the motion to go into **Executive Session** to discuss Personnel/Legal Issues. Mr. David Poston seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

At 8:19 p.m., Mr. Thadis D. Calcutt, Jr., made the motion to come out of Executive Session. Mr. David Poston seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

In Open Session, no action was taken.

The following documents were mailed to the Board on **August 16, 2010**, as information.

1. **Board Minutes - July 26, 2010 [Please Review]**
2. **Confidential Personnel Information**
3. **United States Census 2010 Commendation Plaque**

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

**Adjournment**

At 8:20 p.m., Mr. Robert L. Carter 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.

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Mrs. Elleveen T. Poston  
Board Chairman

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Mr. Robert L. Carter  
Secretary