



**Florence County School District Three**

**Board of Trustees**

***Board Meeting***

**Olanta Elementary School**

**Multi-purpose room**

**Thursday, February 25, 2016**

**6:30 p.m.**

**In Attendance:** Lane Floyd, Paula Morris, Barbara Bryant, John Graham, Terrie Bryant, Julia Mims, Debra McKnight and Toby Ackerman.

**Absent:** Michael Blakeley

**Call to Order:** Board Chair, Dr. Lane Floyd, called the February 25, 2016, regular monthly meeting of the Florence County School District Three Board of Trustees to order. In accordance with the S. C. Code of Laws, 1976, Section 30-4-809d, as amended, the following have been notified of the time, date, place and agenda of this meeting: Lake City News & Post and Lake City News and Shopper. This agenda is also posted on the Florence County School District Three website. A moment of silence was observed after which Chair Floyd led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of Agenda:** Barbara Bryant made the motion to the agenda as presented. John Graham provided the 2<sup>nd</sup> for this motion. All board members present voted in favor of this motion. The motion to approve the February 25, 2016 meeting agenda as presented passed 8-0.

**Consent Agenda:** Terrie Bryant made the motion to accept the Consent Agenda as presented. Debra McKnight provided the 2<sup>nd</sup> for this motion. All board members present voted in favor of this motion. The motion to accept the consent agenda as presented at tonight's meeting passed 8-0. This consent agenda contained the following items: Minutes from the January 21, 2016 regularly monthly board meeting; the Certified Personnel Report; and a Student Transfer Request.

**Communications to the Board:**

a) **Special Recognition**

i. School Spotlight-Olanta Elementary School

12 students (1 via previous recording) grades 5K-5 provided board members, and those present at tonight's meeting, a glimpse of what their agenda would be if they were President of the United States.

ii. Perfect Attendance

Jay Alexander recognized the Bus Drivers, Food Service, & Maintenance Department employees with Perfect Attendance from July 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015. These employees, who were present for their job for these 6 months, received a monetary incentive.

b) Board Chair Report

i. Report of Any Meetings Attended – Barbara Bryant, Paula Morris, Julia Mims, and Paula Morris attended the 2016 SCSBA Annual convention held in Hilton Head Island February 18-21, 2016. All attendees gave a brief informative summary of the sessions each attended at this conference. Some of the highlights from these board members were:

- ✓ Barbara Bryant attended the Board Chair workshop on Thursday, the 18<sup>th</sup>. It was recommended in this session (*Raising student aspirations: the role of your school board, Terry McCabe, NSBA National Connections*) to listen to children and honor their voice by having districts to form a student advisory council to meet with the Superintendent, as well as the Board Chair. Mrs. Bryant also shared from the session *Effective Leadership, J. R. Green, Superintendent, Fairfield County School District*, that if your action requires others to work more and dream more, than you are a leader. Leadership is not a rank, or a position, but it is a choice. In the session *Conflict: A catalyst for positive change, Katrina Spigner, CPEC, MSW, Re-source Solutions, LLC*, what is your attitude? Fight, flight, avoiding or shutdown?
- ✓ Paula Morris – Counting what Counts – had some good talking points about our students. Students have the unique expressions. Trying to show students to take what they have and use it to help themselves. The example was used of Rudolph, the red-nosed reindeer. Rudolph's dad wanted to fix his red nose, but it was red for a reason. Don't try to fix who you are, but take what you have and use it.
- ✓ Julia Mims – *Marian Wright Edelman's* session *Children in the states: South Carolina* said we have to be about service. We need to treat the child as an individual. 98% of children are creative. Dr. Mims shared another session she attended which referenced Aiken County using virtual course for credit and the alternative school. There was a session on the legislative issues with *Debbie Elmore: SCSBA Legislative Update*. Of course, finance is always a big topic for our education world.
- ✓ John Graham – In the first session *Yong Zhao, Ph. D., Professor, University of Oregon*, is a great speaker. As he says we need to stop concentrating on preparing schools for children and concentrate on preparing children for school. These children are a unique product coming with a load of issues. Mr. Graham also attended a session that showed just how the *High School League* worked. In the *James Adams, Pickens County District Intervention Specialist*, session *Alternative Discipline/Restorative Justice*, he suggests we find an alternative to the alternative. Also, suggest that children must be in the middle of the table, not on the side or around.

ii. Request to Attend Any Meetings – None.

iii. Report of Schools Visited – None.

c) Public Participation – No one signed up for public participation.

d) Staff Reports

i. Instructional Update— *Barbara Woodbury, Senior Director of Instruction*

- Kasey Feagin, Director of Assessments & Accountability, reviewed with board members the textbooks recommended, by a committee consisting of teachers from Florence Three, for adoption as funds become available. This item is in the Action section of tonight's agenda for board approval.
- Yvonne Scott, Supervisor of Career, College and Outreach, presented the calendar recommended for the 2016-2017 SY. Two options of the calendar were given to all employees of Florence Three. The option presented tonight is the calendar that received the most votes from employees (944 votes for; 62 votes for other option; and 14 votes for either option). NOTE: This calendar does include weather days within the academic year before the EOY state testing dates. This item is also in the Action section of tonight's agenda for board approval.
- Barbara Woodbury presented the Winter MAP testing data showing the RIT and Percentile for Reading and Math. Increased, Same, and Decreased number of students and percentages were given for Fall to Winter in addition to Spring (Last SY) to Winter. Mrs. Woodbury also presented information concerning the bottom 25<sup>th</sup> Percentile Reading Data, which a board member specifically asked for.
- Each school presented their Winter MAP testing data and their School Goal for the end of SY 2015-2016 in ELA, Math, Science and Social Studies.

ii. Personnel Report – Accreditation HQ Report – *Angelia Scott, Director of Human Resources*

Ms. Scott was called away with a family emergency; therefore, this report was postponed to the March 17, 2016 board meeting.

iii. Monthly Finance Report – *Donna D. Sullivan, Director of Finance*

All of the January transparency reports are not posted yet on the Florence School District Three website due to the budget process requirements. The 2<sup>nd</sup> payment of the TAN was made with no difficulties. Board checks for tonight's attendance will be in the March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016 payroll.

e) Superintendent's Report – *Laura Hickson, Ed. S., Superintendent*

- i. Legislative Update – 2 items of interest for Florence School District Three- 1) Senate Bill H3579, which is the transportation infrastructure, would reduce the income tax revenue by approximately \$77 million for education. 2) AdvancED Accreditation Bill H4778 will require all SC schools to be accredited by ADVANCED by the year 2017. Florence Three is already accredited by AdvancED.

f) Action Items

- i. 15-16 Weather makeup days – 5 days from the October flood were missed by students this past October, 2015. According to S. C. Code of Laws § 59-1-425 (HB3890), the three weather days will be implemented in this year's school calendar, May 31, June 1 and June 2. Two days remain to either makeup or the board has the ability, by a majority vote, to waive. Terrie Bryant made the motion to waive these two days from the academic school year. Toby

Ackerman provided the 2<sup>nd</sup> for this motion. All board members present voted in favor of this motion. The motion to waive the 2 remaining weather days passed 8-0.

- ii. 2016-2017 School Calendar – Julia Mims made the motion to accept the recommended 2016-2017 SY calendar as presented. Barbara Bryant provided the 2<sup>nd</sup> for this motion. All board members present voted in favor of this motion. The motion to accept the option recommended for the 2016-2017 SY calendar passed 8-0.
- iii. Textbook Approval – Julia Mims made the motion to approve the list of recommended textbooks as presented. Barbara Bryant provided the 2<sup>nd</sup> for this motion. All board members present voted in favor of this motion. The motion to approve the list of recommended textbooks passed 8-0.

**Public Comment** – *To comment on items that appeared on the agenda*

**Adjourn:** There being no further business for the Board of Trustees, Barbara Bryant made the motion to adjourn. Debra McKnight provided the 2<sup>nd</sup> for this motion. All board members present voted in favor of this motion. The motion to adjourn passed 8-0.

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Date approved

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Lane Floyd, Chair

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Shelia Knotts, Recording Clerk

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Paula Morris, Secretary