



Florence County School District Three

Board of Trustees

Board Minutes

District Office Board Room

Thursday, April 16, 2015

6:30 PM

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

Absent: None.

Call to Order: Board Chair, Dr. Lane Floyd, called the April 16, 2015 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: Michael Blakeley made the motion to approve tonight's agenda. Barbara Bryant provided the 2nd for this motion. All board members voted in favor of this motion. The motion to approve tonight's agenda as presented passed 9-0.

1. Consent Agenda:

Barbara Bryant made the motion to approve the April 16, 2015 consent agenda. Julia Mims provided the 2nd for this motion. All board members voted in favor of this motion. The motion to accept the consent agenda as presented passed 9-0. This consent agenda contained the following items: minutes from the March 19, 2015 board meeting, Certified Personnel Report for April, and student transfer requests.

2. COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD

a) Special Recognition

- i. Morning News Girls Basketball Player of the Year – Shaunice Fulmore
- ii. All-State Chorus
 - J. C. Lynch Elementary School – Carmen Matthews
 - Lake City High School – Jacob Malasky
- iii. National History Day 2015: Leadership and Legacy in History – *Barbara Woodbury, Director of Curriculum and Instruction*
- iv. Lake City Early Childhood Center – 21st Century Platinum Star Award

b) Board Chair Report

Report of Any Meetings Attended – Paula Morris attended a meeting at FMU- The National Network of Partnership of Schools. Spotlighted is Greenwood Elementary School's Bring Dad to school day, where the dads shadow their child all day. Also, spotlighted during this meeting was North Vista's assignments family homework night. The parents can use their cell phone to scanned homework that the children have been given. Julia Mims attended the Reading Partners meeting. Shared the statistics of success with this program. Encouraged everyone present to support this program. Ms. Morris also mentioned that Carver Alumni has adopted the ACE program to mentor students assigned to this program.

i. *Request to Attend Any Meetings* – None were requested.

ii. *Board Goals – Dr. Lane Floyd, Board Chair, FSD3 BOT*

At the board work session, board members present decided on the following goals: *(please note that these goals are in no order of importance, all goals are equal in need)*

To ensure the safety of all district schools, offices, students, and staff.

To improve the academic success of all students.

To increase the number of students reading on grade level in grades K-3.

To recruit, retain, and train excellent instructional and administrative staff.

To build effective school, community and business relationships/partnership.

To ensure financial stability

c) Public Participation- No one signed up to speak.

d) Staff Reports

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

Mrs. Sullivan is at the SCASBO meeting tonight, therefore, Dr. Callicutt shared the financial information. The financial and transparency reports for March 2015 are posted on the website. Board checks for those in attendance will be processed on the payroll dated May 8th. FY 2016 budget process is underway. The 1st public hearing will be Thursday, April 23, 2015 here in the Board Room.

ii. *Instructional Update – Ms. Laura Hickson, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction*

Ms. Hickson shared with board members an update on Community Outreach events. On April 6th, 2015 Ms. Hickson presented at the Coward Town Council Meeting. The Coward Town Council is very supportive of J. C. Lynch Elementary School and Florence School District Three. This council sponsors a pizza party for students with perfect attendance during each quarter of the school year. This council has also agreed to allow the district to use the community center for summer-long tutoring/learning opportunities.

Ms. Hickson continued her report by reviewing the Stakeholders' Strategic Planning meeting held on March 31st at the NanYa Plastics meeting room. More than 125

students, parents, community leaders, and educators gathered to brainstorm suggestions for preparing our graduates for college and careers and for continuous district-wide improvement. The following suggestions were from groups at the stakeholders' meeting:

1. Technology literacy.
2. Begin foreign languages in elementary schools.
3. Secure full-time mental health counselors at all schools.
4. Lower the class sizes of five-year-old kindergarten.
5. Develop district and school literacy plans.

Following are the priority goals from the District Instructional Team:

1. Continue to address the achievement gaps in the African American male and disabled subgroups.
2. Improve literacy and written communication.
3. Expand the implementation of project-based learning at all grade levels.

Ms. Hickson continued her report commenting on the Board retreat held on Monday, March 30th. 7 out of 9 board members were able to attend and participate in a review/discussion of:

1. The book Speed of Trust by Stephen Covey
2. Comprehensive summary of findings from the district's study conducted by Dr. Rainey Knight.
3. Initial planning for establishing Board goals for the superintendent (given earlier by Dr. Floyd-which he also expressed to the board, that as the 2015-2016 budget is finalized, it should support these goals.)

Ms. Hickson concluded her report with her vision for excellence for FSD3: Every Child Ready and a list of the Summer Learning Opportunities to be offered within the district.

e) Superintendent's Report

i. Legislative Update

The Senate and the House began deliberations this week. June 2-4th they will consider vetoes that the governor might send. BSC still stands at \$2220, which we are using for our budget. The state bond bill which would have provided us with some funds for capital improvements did not make it through the House.

f) Action Items

➤ *Textbook approval*

The following textbooks are being recommended to the board of trustees for approval by the textbook committee:

- Social Studies Grade 6 and 7
- Economics – High School
- Zaner- Bloser Cursive Handwriting (Grades 2-5)

Michael Blakeley made the motion to approve these textbooks as recommended by the textbook committee. Debra McKnight provided the 2nd for this motion. All board members present voted in favor of this motion. The motion to accept the textbooks presented by the textbook committee passed 9-0.

- g) Public Comment** – *To comment on items that appeared on the agenda*
No comments.

- h) Adjourn**
There being no further business for the board of trustees, Julia Mims made the motion to adjourn. Barbara Bryant provided the 2nd for this motion. All board members present voted in favor of this motion. The motion to adjourn passed 9-0.

Date approved

Lane Floyd, Chair

Shelia Knotts, Recording Clerk

Paula Morris, Secretary