



Florence County School District Three

Board of Trustees

Board Minutes

Scranton Elementary School Auditorium

Thursday, October 15, 2015

6:30 PM

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

Absent: Barbara Bryant and Michael Blakeley

Call to Order: Board Chair, Dr. Lane Floyd, called the October 15, 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: Julia Mims made the motion to approve tonight's agenda. Paula Morris 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 7-0.

1. Consent Agenda:

Terrie Bryant made the motion to approve the October 15, 2015 consent agenda. Toby Ackerman 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 7-0. This consent agenda contained the following items: minutes from the September 17, 2015 board meeting, the Certified Personnel Report, and one Student Transfer Request.

2. Communications to the Board:

a) Special Recognition

i. SES Spotlight

Mrs. Allana Prosser, SES Principal, introduced the 1st grade class who shared the ABCs and sounds through song.

ii. Summer Learning Students

Ms. Hickson recognized the Town mayors, councils, and ministers who opened their town halls and churches to provide sites for our Summer Learning Programs. 10 sites were out in the communities. In the reading program we had approximately 700 students. 76% of these students showed growth on their MAP assessment from Spring to Fall. 67% of these students showed growth on their Math MAP assessment from Spring to Fall. Majority of our programs during the summer were ELA programs.

Principals recognized their students up who made gains from Spring to Fall. Each student received a gift bag as an incentive for their growth.

b) Board Chair Report

i. November 9th Work Session/SCSBA

During a previous work session, the board concentrated on six primary goals for this SY. One of these goals was children regressing after the summer months. Dr. Floyd commended Ms. Hickson and her efforts in this successful program. He further commented that this is what needs to happen to meet our goals. We will have a work session to talk about the Superintendent's evaluation. It will begin at 6:00 to 8:30 p.m.

ii. November 18th SACS board meeting

Two meetings with board members are needed during the SACS Accreditation visit. The first will be interviews of board members by the SACS External Review team Monday, November 16. If you can come, please do. The team will accept call-ins from board members for this interview. On Wednesday, November 18, a called board meeting is necessary in order to receive the results of this visit. If you can come, please do. This meeting is at noon, therefore, we will have our regular board meeting November 19 as usual at 6:30 pm.

iii. Report of Any Meetings Attended

Dr. Floyd talked about the presentation from Ms. Kristi Anderson and the New Tech teachers and students during the Rotary Club Friday, October 2. Comments from community members were how much things have changed since their school days. Dr. Floyd felt this was a good outreach to the community of what is going on in the FSD3 schools.

iv. Request to Attend Any Meetings

Barbara Bryant and Julia Mims have requested to attend the 2015 Legislative Advocacy and Business Meeting hosted by the SCSBA in Hilton Head December 4-6, 2015. FSD3 is entitled to 2 delegates (votes) for this business meeting.

c) Public Participation

No one signed up for public participation

d) Staff Reports

i. Facilities Update – *Jay Alexander, Facilities Director*

LCHS served as a Red Cross shelter. We also had the Turbeville communities due to their shelter shutting down due to power outages. The shelter set up at LCHS stayed open an entire week. Lots of churches and communities entities donated time and materials to help this shelter. The Technology Center received the most damage in the district. The whole building was flooded. All the carpet had to be removed. This building was immediately 'dried out', which literally saved the building. Contractors were scheduled for this past Monday for new flooring and sheetrock. It will take another 35 days before the building ready. SRO office at LCHS had an overflow from the roof. There is floor damage in this office, but not nearly as much damage as the Technology Center. Technology department helped the maintenance department tremendously in helping

moving equipment as necessary during this crisis. All of the damages for FSD3 are covered by insurance, and we have been given the green light from the adjusters to go ahead with our needed repairs. We are getting back to normal quickly. What could have been a major disaster in this district was avoided due to the immediate action implemented by the maintenance and facilities team.

ii. Monthly Finance Report – Donna D. Sullivan, Director of Finance

Mrs. Sullivan reiterated Mr. Alexander's comment reporting that Insurance Trust commented that FSD3 was the first to notify them and keep them involved. All of the transparency reports are posted on the Florence School District Three website. These reports are also posted on the Florence School District Three website. Board checks will be in the October 30 payroll. Finance will need to make a second draw from the TAN (Tax Anticipation Note). \$635,000 is left to draw from this note. The district will receive the taxes paid in December in January. The taxes paid in January, will be received in February.

iii. Instructional Update – Mrs. Barbara Woodbury, Senior Director of Instruction

Mrs. Woodbury asked if any more questions concerning the summer learning enrollment numbers. The SACS accreditation dates and times were given to all board members. Stakeholder interviews will be Monday, November 16, at 11:00 a.m. until 11:45 a.m. Mrs. Woodbury shared with board members that the test data was to be shared during this meeting, but, the date of release has changed again. However, we are able to share with you the WorkKeys data, which was presented by Kasey Feagin. This test was given to all 11th graders for the first time. Student has to score a 3 in each area. The mean scores are listed along with the state's scores and other districts. This assessment is so valuable because students can receive a certificate to take to businesses for employment. What does this mean? A website is available that gets updated regularly to show which jobs a student is qualified for depending on which certificate s/he earns: bronze, silver, or platinum. A score of 3 in each area is a bronze certificate. A score of 4 is a silver certificate. If a student scores between 1 and 2, they do not receive a certificate. There is a site where students can work on skills for this test. This test is only available in schools one time in the 11th grade. But you can go somewhere else and take this test again, such as Adult Education. There are 80 jobs currently in SC that will accept a silver or above certificate.

e) Superintendent's Report – Ms. Laura Hickson

i. Equity Lawsuit Update:

Laura Hart, an attorney with Duff, White, and Turner and one of the lead attorneys with the Equity Lawsuit, gave the board an update on the lawsuit. Ms. Hickson shared that she had the opportunity to hear Ms. Hart during the SCSBA Law conference as well as Superintendent's meetings where she has presented this information. The general assembly shall provide for a liberal education. Ms. Hart gave a presentation on the history of the equity lawsuit and its current status. Ms. Hart did a wonderful job of

translating this complicated legal issue into language that can be understood by all stakeholders of FSD3 that were in attendance at this meeting.

ii. *Legislative Update*

Ms. Hickson shared with board members that a 'Workshop on School Law training' will be held for employees Friday, October 16, 2015 in the LCHS Gymnasium from 12:30 to 3:00 p.m. Attorneys from Duff, White, and Turner will be conducting this session. If your schedule will allow, Board members are invited to attend. Some of the items to be covered are: The ABC's and 1, 2, 3s of the IDEA and 504, Medical Marijuana, Transgender students, etc.

iii. *Weather Days*

According to the legislature it is up to the local boards of each district to decide if and when to make up days missed from school due to weather. These days, however, cannot exceed six. Recent bill passed last H3890, this bill removed the general assembly from this decision. Ms. Hickson recommended to the board to wait on voting on the days missed from the previous flooding until after the winter months just in case more days are missed due to weather. Of course, the three days built into the calendar will have to be used. All three days are at the end of the SY for 2015-2016, May 31st, June 1st, and June 2nd. Ms. Hickson suggested that this decision can be revisited during the March, 2016 board meeting.

- f) Public Comment – *To comment on items that appeared on the agenda*
None heard.

g) Adjourn

There being no further business for the board of trustees, Julia Mims made the motion to adjourn. Debra McKnight provided the 2nd for this motion. All board members present voted in favor of this motion. The motion to adjourn passed 7-0.

Date approved

Lane Floyd, Chair

Shelia Knotts, Recording Clerk

Paula Morris, Secretary