



Florence County School District Three

Board of Trustees

Board Minutes

District Office Board Room

Thursday, September 17, 2015

6:30 PM

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

Absent: None

Call to Order: Board Chair, Dr. Lane Floyd, called the September 17, 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: Barbara Bryant made the motion to approve tonight's agenda. Michael Blakeley 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:

John Graham made the motion to approve the September 17, 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 August 20, 2015 board meeting and the Certified Personnel Report.

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD

a) Board Chair Report

i. Report of Any Meetings Attended

Barbara Bryant, Terrie Bryant, John Graham, Michael Blakeley, Julia Mims, and Paul Morris all attended the SCSBA Law Conference. Each member commented on the different work sessions attended which were ABC's of IDEA, Transgender students, Gun-free schools, Board ethical dilemmas and legal liability, Medical marijuana and schools, and Why must we do it that way-It's the law.

ii. Request to Attend Any Meetings

Board members were asked to check their schedules to see if anyone could attend the 2015 Legislative Advocacy Conference & Delegate Assembly to be held December 4-6,

2015 at Hilton Head Island. FSD3 is allowed 2 delegates/votes to attend this business meeting. If a board member can attend, please let Shelia know.

Julia Mims asked to attend the 'Beyond the Basics Series-The Poverty Factor' workshop to be held at the SCSBA Training Center Wednesday, October 7, 2015.

Lane Floyd asked to attend the 'Risky Business' seminar held at Myrtle Beach October 21-23, 2015.

b) Public Participation

Rechelle Jones with the LCHS Alumni Association signed to speak before the FSD3 Board of Trustees. Ms. Jones gave all board members a LCHS Alumni t-shirt, an honorary alumni member card, and bands for attendance to some of the activities scheduled for next weekend. Ms. Jones shared with board members that a mass mail-out was sent to alumni informing everyone that there will be zero tolerance of any gang activity, drugs, alcohol or violence. Ms. Jones also shared with board members that she has a hard copy of the insurance provided for this event. All of the Carver alumni are included in the LCHS alumni activities.

c) Staff Reports

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

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 2 payroll. Finance will need to make a draw from the TAN (Tax Anticipation Note). The biggest amount of monies the district will receive should be coming in by January 2016.

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

All of the 4K classrooms are full with the exception of LCECC, which have one waiting on paperwork.

MAP testing is almost complete. Mrs. Prosser from Scranton Elementary School (SES) showed her school's reading scores from spring to fall for this current SY compared to the previous year's spring to fall scores where no summer learning opportunity was available. SES had 8 students that came consistently to the Scranton Town Hall for the summer, and approximately 30 students participated online at home. Scores from this Fall's MAP test were comparably on target and above of what the scores were at the previous spring MAP testing.

All districts are still waiting on the state department to decide what testing process will be used for the 2015-2016 SY.

Test scores for the 2014-2015 SY are gradually being released. A handout was given to board members of the dates that test scores will be supposed to be released. District will not be receiving a grade on the state report cards.

The Gifted and Talented 5-year plan has been updated and is in the Action section of this agenda for your approval.

The SACS team will be in the district November 15-18. A special called meeting will be needed November 18. A time will be determined as soon as possible.

d) Superintendent's Report – Ms. Laura Hickson

i. Legislative Update

Ms. Hickson also attended the SCSBA Law Conference. She, like the board members who attended this conference, feels that we need to have an attorney come and talk with the board about some of the items that are now challenging public schools. Ms. Hickson is trying to arrange such a meeting.

Immunization records in schools have been updated for auditing purposes.

A press release will go out tomorrow concerning the first round of test scores to be released. A copy of this release will be forwarded to you in the morning.

ii. Special Events

There is a Gang Awareness Meeting Tuesday, September 22, 2015 at 6 p.m. in the LCHS commons area.

We will try to have a 'Meet & Greet' for town mayors, councils and ministers Thursday, October 8, 2015.

e) Action Items

i. Class of 1963 request

Henry Lyerly and Nicholas Lee presented to the board members a request for approval, from the Class of 1963, J. Paul Truluck School of Lake City High School, to place a memorial on the corner of East Main Street and Carolina Avenue. The monument will be made and erected by Brown Memorial of Florence, SC. This memorial dedication will read as follows:

"Dedicated to the caring teachers of Lake City Schools who have gone before us, those with us now, and those yet to come for instilling the skills needed for success in our journey through life with grateful appreciation from the Class of 1963."

Julia Mims made the motion to approve this request contingent upon Jay Alexander, Director of Facilities; Laura Hickson, Superintendent; and Lane Floyd, BOT Chair, meeting with the representative from this group to establish the logistics. Terrie Bryant provided the 2nd for this motion. All board members present voted in favor of this motion. The motion to approve this request contingent upon the meeting of mentioned Florence School District personnel and board chair with the group to establish the logistics passed 9-0.

ii. GT 5-year Plan

Julia Mims made to motion to approve the updated Gifted and Talented (GT) 5-year plan as presented. Paula Morris provided the 2nd for this motion. All board members present voted in favor of this motion. The motion to approve the updated GT 5-year plan as presented passed 9-0.

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

g) Adjourn

There being no further business for the board of trustees, Barbara Bryant made the motion to adjourn. Julia Mims 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