



Florence County School District Three

Board of Trustees

Board Minutes

District Office Board Room

Thursday, June 19, 2014

6:30 PM

In Attendance: Julia Mims, Barbara Bryant, Paula Morris, Lane Floyd, Terrie Bryant, Michael Blakeley and Debra McKnight

Absent: Toby Ackerman and John Graham

Call to Order: Board Chair Dr. Julia Mims called the June 19, 2014 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 Mims led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda: Lane Floyd made the motion to approve tonight's agenda as presented. Michael Blakely 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. Approval of Consent Agenda:

Barbara Bryant made the motion to accept the Consent agenda as presented. Debra McKnight provided the 2nd for this motion. All board members present voted in favor of this motion. The motion to approve tonight's consent agenda as presented passed 7-0. The approved consent agenda contained minutes from the May 15, 2014 board meeting, Certified Personnel Report, and the Student Transfer Requests.

2. COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD

a) Board Chair Report

i. Report of Any Meetings Attended

Barbara Bryant is currently attending the Drop-Out convention at Myrtle Beach.

A discussion concerning board members attending conferences and staying within the budgeted amount allowed for board members was discussed. The conclusion of this discussion ended when Dr. Callicutt was asked to look at options such as having only a certain number of board members attending conferences at a time, a larger amount for board members travel as a total and/or individual amounts, and even considering having training within the district available to board members.

ii. *Report to Attend Any Meetings*

None were requested.

b) Public Participation

No one signed up for public participation.

c) Staff Reports

i. *Instructional Report – Laura Hickson, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction*

Parent Academy/Volunteer Recognition

This May 27th event had 207 attendees. This event recognized parent academy participants, volunteers, and this event also was a recruitment of new volunteers. Ms. Hickson shared with the group present that another event such as this is being considered for this summer.

Early Registration (June 4th & 5th) – Some schools saw a significant increase in the participation of this early registration while some were not as successful with the registration numbers as they were last school year during this time. Ms. Hickson shared with board members and those attending tonight's board meeting that another registration for SY 2014-2015 will be on July 30th and July 31st at one location, LCHS, for all schools. This is the same format for registration used in SY 2013-2014.

HSAP (Act 155) Updates – As most board members know, the Exit exam (HSAP) has been eliminated (ACT 155). Summer HSAP takers will count in the graduation rate. Students can "opt out" of taking summer HSAP if they have completed all unit requirements.

The SC Department of Education has issued a template for petitioning for a diploma, if all other unit requirements have been met, to the district's board of trustees. A procedure for this request must be approved by board of trustees before being implemented in districts. Ms. Hickson explained to the board members present the procedure Florence County School District Three will be recommending for approval tonight during the action section of this agenda. The procedure will consist of the superintendent and/or his designee receiving the applications and researching the individual's school record to be sure that all other unit requirements other than BSAP & HSAP have been met. Once a list of individuals has been gathered, these names will be brought to the board for approval to receive a high school diploma.

As always, Ms. Hickson shared with board members the events currently going on in Florence County School District Three. Summer School 2014 for elementary grades K-5 is 8:30 am to 2:30 pm @ J. C. Lynch Elementary School and is currently serving 237 students. Summer School 2014 for middle school/upper elementary grades 6-8 is 8:45 am to 2:00 pm at J. Paul Truluck Middle school and is currently serving 77 students. Lake

City High School (LCHS) Credit Recovery Program located at the LCHS Career Center is 8:00 am to 12 noon and is currently serving 68 students.

Space camp participants will be leaving this Sunday, June 22, 2014

July 6-11, 2014 – New Tech training in New Orleans for 32 participants

August 9, 2014 – Back to School Parent conference

August 11, 2014 – District-wide Professional Development

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

Mrs. Sullivan reported to board members that the finance department is very busy at the present time with end of the year activities, including 4 payrolls to run before July 1st. The financial report board members have access to will be posted on the Florence School District Three website tomorrow, June 20th, 2014 under the Finance tab. Board members' checks will be issued on the July 3rd payroll.

As a note, due to the grade re-structuring of the four schools, LCE, MSE, JPTMS, and REMMS, the SC Department of Education has requested for Florence County School District Three to officially close these schools and have new school IDs for the newly named schools, Lake City Early Childhood Center, Main Street Elementary School, J. Paul Truluck Intermediate School, and Ronald E. McNair Jr. High School. This will force the finance department to restructure account numbers (general fund) for these schools.

iii. *Summer Projects and Facilities Update – Jay Alexander, Facilities Director*

Mr. Alexander reported that his maintenance team has, on top of the normal summer maintenance activities such as stripping and re-waxing floors within the schools, the task of moving classrooms necessary for the grade restructuring and remodeling due to the needs of the New Tech implementation for SY 2014-2015. He is happy to report the maintenance department is partially finished with the moving of classrooms, and the remodeling for New Tech should be finished by next week. Also, at present time, the maintenance team is on schedule with the summer floor waxing. Other projects thrown into the mix for the maintenance's summer activities is the dishwasher upgrade for several school cafeterias (paid for by food service funds) and the athletic lighting upgrade, which should be completed by the middle of July.

d) Superintendent's Report

i. *Legislative Update*

The second session of the 119th SC General Assembly officially ended on June 5, 2014. The K-12 education budget remained the same with only a few changes. The BSC is still at \$2120. The budget conforms to Governor Haley's K-12 Education Plan. The final budget contains the following:

- \$5M increase for hold harmless/transition money to guarantee no district receives less state funding under the new formula than they did in the current formula;
- \$20M expands the state's 4K program for students in poverty (free and reduced lunch eligible) to now includes all districts with a poverty index of 70% or greater; and
- \$1.8 M increase on the teacher salary line.

ii. Calendar for SY 2014-2015

Based on what we have learned about our misinterpretation of state statutes regarding the November election day and November 11th (Veteran's Day) and feedback we received from parents concerning Memorial Day, as the agent for the board of trustees, Dr. Callicutt, acting on behalf of the board, made the following changes to the 2014-2015 school calendar:

- November 4th is now listed as a holiday
- November 11th is now a regular student day
- Memorial Day, May 25th, is now a student holiday and the 3rd weather day is now June 5th.
- Spring Break has been moved from March 30th – April 3rd to April 6th – April 10th. This week will be in line with all other Florence County school districts.

e) Action Items

i. Board Meeting Dates for SY 2014-2015

Lane Floyd made the motion to accept the dates presented as regular monthly board meetings dates being on the 3rd Thursday of each month for SY 2014-2015. Terrie Bryant provided the 2nd for this motion. All board members present voted in favor of this motion. The motion to accept the board meeting dates presented for SY 2014-2015 passed 7-0.

ii. Procedures for receiving ACT 155 Diploma Requests

Terrie Bryant made the motion to accept the procedure that Ms. Hickson presented during her instructional report as the procedure for Florence County School District Three to implement to approve any individual who request a diploma under ACT 155. This procedure will allow the superintendent and/or his designee to accept the applications submitted to the district and to research to be sure the individual did not receive a diploma only because of not passing the HSAP exit exam. This name(s) will be brought to the board to receive approval and then sent to the SC Department of Education. Barbara Bryant provided a 2nd for this motion. All board members present voted in favor of this motion. The motion to approve this procedure associated with ACT 155 passed 7-0.

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

Lane Floyd commented on the district's finance department receiving another award for achievement in excellence in finance. He congratulated Donna Sullivan and her department for meeting the requirements to receive this award again for another year.

I. Exit to Executive Session

- Barbara Bryant made the motion to enter into executive session to hear personnel recommendations. Paula Morris provided the 2nd for this motion. All board members present voted in favor of this motion. The motion to enter executive session to hear personnel recommendations passed 7-0.

II. Enter back to Public Session

- a) Lane Floyd made the motion to return to public session. Paula Morris provided the 2nd for this motion. All board members voted in favor of this motion. The motion to exit executive session and re-enter to public session passed 7-0.

Barbara Bryant made the motion to accept the recommendation of Michael Clark for LCHS's band director. Paula Morris provided the 2nd for this motion. All board members present voted in favor of this motion. The motion to accept the recommendation of Michael Clark for LCHS's band director passed 7-0.

Lane Floyd made the motion to accept the recommendation of Matthew Scandrol as principal for J. C. Lynch Elementary School. Debra McKnight provided the 2nd for this motion. All board members present voted in favor of this motion. The motion to accept the recommendation of Matthew Scandrol as principal for J. C. Lynch Elementary School passed 7-0.

- b) There being no further business for the board of trustees, Lane Floyd made the motion to adjourn. Michael Blakely 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

Julia Mims, Chair

Shelia Knotts, Recording Clerk

Paula Morris, Secretary