



Florence County School District Three

Board of Trustees

Board Minutes

District Office Board Room

Thursday, May 15, 2014

6:30 PM

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

Absent: Michael Blakeley and Debra McKnight

Call to Order: Board Chair Dr. Julia Mims called the May 15, 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: John Graham made the motion to approve tonight's agenda as presented. Terrie 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 7-0.

1. Approval of Consent Agenda:

Paula Morris made the motion to accept the Consent agenda as presented. Barbara Bryant 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 April 24, 2014 board meeting, Certified Personnel Report, and the Student Transfer Requests (4).

2. COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD

a) Special Recognition

i. Ronald E. McNair Middle School Show Choir –

This Show Choir performed at Carowinds competing against other schools, which included high schools. The REMMS Show Choir was the only school to receive a Superior for the day and won Best in Show.

ii. School Teachers of the Year for SY 2014-2015

Angel Yock – LCHS – Choral Teacher

Tiffany Golden – JCL – 3rd Grade Teacher – Self-Contained teaching all subjects

Brandi Baker – SES – 5th Grade Math Teacher

Angela Welch – OES – 1st Grade Teacher

Kathy Epps – MSE – 5K Grade Teacher

Helen Gardner – LCE – Special Education Self-Contained Teacher

James (Cliff) Gardner – JPTMS – Band Teacher

Holly Havenstein – REMMS – 6th & 7th Grade Math Teacher

Christy Evans – Alternative Center for Education – 6th – 12th Grade Math Teacher

The three finalists were: Angel Yock, LCHS, Brandi Baker, SES, and Angela Wech, OES.

b) Board Chair Report

i. *Report of Any Meetings Attended*

Paula Morris visited JCL during the Book Fair and viewed the children's art and the school choir. She also attended the Spring concert directed by Ms. Angel Yock and Ms. Susan Cox.

Julia Mims attended MSE during the Cocky's Main Express, where the young attorneys read to students.

ii. *Report to Attend Any Meetings*

None were requested.

c) Public Participation

Lori Horsey – she had four sons to graduate from LCHS and now her grandchildren are attending Florence School District Three. Ms. Horsey petitioned the board to help with her children to continue in Florence School District Three.

Allison Coker – Lynchburg address, however, she goes to Town of Olanta for banking, shopping, and etc. Due to the recent information of Sumter County dissolving the agreement between the Sumter County and Florence School District Three, Mrs. Coker spoke on behalf of all the residents of the Lynchburg area whose children benefitted from this agreement. The request is for the board to help with these children to continue in Florence School District Three.

d) Staff Reports

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

Darlene Matthews and Juanita Wilson presented the 21st Century skills used in the district is project-based learning. Mrs. Matthews and Jessica Humphrey teamed together to come up with a project-based curriculum of creating wreaths. They are making these wreaths and selling them with the funds going to help with field trips for these OEC students. They will take your orders. This crafting is combined with the curriculum of project-based learning for next year at the high school.

Legislative Instructional Updates – The exit exam for high school, the HSAP, has been eliminated. July HSAP will be the final administration of this test. The summer HSAP scores will count in the graduation rate. Students may 'opt out' of taking summer HSAP if they have completed all unit requirements. These unit requirements will be based on the requirements in place at the time of the specific student's enrollment date. Students will

have to petition the board for their high school diploma if the only reason for not receiving the high school diploma was because of not passing the HSAP. The 'new test' will not be an exit exam, but will be something like Work Keys, ACT, etc.

As of May 6th LCHS had 37 students completing the CATE program at LCHS: 6 students from Culinary Arts, 14 students in Automotive Technology, 2 students in Masonry, 1 student in Building construction, and 14 students in Health Science. Of last year's 49 completers of the CATE program, 85% are in a College/University, 5% are employed in their CATE field, 3% are employed, 2% are in the military, and 5% are either not working/ not going to college/ or the student could not be located. LCHS also received an on-site monitoring visit on March 11th concerning fiscal compliance. Areas that were evaluated were Local Plan/Expenditures/Salaries, quality review measures, work-based learning efforts, current equipment inventory, progress reports, and advisory council meetings. LCHS was compliant in all areas evaluated.

A grant for \$6,000 from the Goldman Sachs Discover Brighter Futures Fund was secured. Yvonne Scott wrote this grant with the goal for students to graduate with the knowledge they need to make informed decisions about personal finances.

Palmetto Gold and Silver awards go to J. Paul Truluck Middle School, Main Street Elementary, and Lake City Elementary School received a Gold award for General Performance and a Silver award for Closing the Achievement Gap.

Dates and times for summer programs available within the district were given to board members and community members present at tonight's meeting.

Planning Work Sessions for SACS; Title I, Title III, Effective Coaching; MAP; discipline; and field trips will be June 10, 25th, July 31st, and August 4th.

Save the Dates: May 16th – College Planning @ LCHS 6:00 pm – Parent meeting
May 17th – College Planning Volunteer Recruitment Training
(9 a.m. to 12 noon)
May 27th – Parent Academy/Volunteer Recognition Program @ 7:00 pm
May 20th – 23rd – New Tech Teacher 7 Administrator Training in Gary, IN
August 9th – Back to school parent conference
August 11th – District-wide Professional Development

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

The financial report board members have access to will be posted on the Florence School District Three website tomorrow, May 16, 2014, under the Finance tab. Board members' checks will be issued on the June 6th payroll.

e) Superintendent's Report

i. Legislative Update

The state budget has not changed significantly; however, additional funds were added for the purchase or lease of new school buses. Common Core activities will continue next year, however, they are requiring a 'cyclical review' led by the state with the adoption of SC standards to be implemented in the 2016 SY. This establishes the goal of computer testing for all students by 2016-2017 with paper and pen format until then. It also requires the Budget and Control board to handle the procurement of the new assessment with approval of assessment coming from a six person panel.

ii. Students Attending FSD3 residing in Lynchburg 'shared area'

Dr. Callicutt recommended to the board of trustees to 'grandfather' in students from Sumter County who are currently attending school in Florence School District Three. He also recommended to allow these students to attend tuition free due to the dissolution of the agreement with the two counties to 'share this attendance area'.

iii. 2nd Public Hearing for SY 2014-2015 Budget held May 8, 2014

This hearing entertained a small crowd of approximately 20 individuals. Nothing has changed from this balanced budget for tonight's 2nd and final reading listed in the Action portion of this agenda.

f) Action Items

i. Banking Services RFP approval

Hand-delivered RFP's to the five (5) banks within Lake City and the State Credit Union. Three (3) banks responded to this RFP, First Citizens Bank, South Carolina Bank and Trust, NA, and TD Bank. This RFP provided the Scope of Services, Investments, Special Conditions, Volume of Activity, Account Structure, Account Services, Cost Data Worksheets, and the List of all Schools and Departments. South Carolina Bank and Trust earned the highest score of a 99 in the evaluation process, which is the recommendation for Florence School District Three's Cash Management Services to the Board of Trustees. Lane Floyd made the motion to accept the recommendation as presented. Terrie Bryant provided the 2nd for this motion. All board members present voted in favor of this motion. The motion to approve South Carolina Bank and Trust as Florence School District Three's provider for cash management services passed 7-0.

ii. Waiver of tuition to Sumter County students

John Graham made the motion to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent, Dr. V. Keith Callicutt to continue to accept Sumter County students already enrolled for the duration of their school career at Florence School District Three with a waiver of the tuition due and the administration is directed to contact attorneys concerning this situation. Barbara Bryant provided the 2nd for this motion. All board members present voted in favor of this motion. The motion to allow students already enrolled in Florence School District Three from the Sumter County attendance area to continue attending Florence School District Three schools tuition free passed 7-0.

iii. *2nd and final reading of the 2014-2015 SY budget*

Lane Floyd made the motion to accept 2nd and final reading of the balanced budget for the 2014-2015 SY. Paula Morris provided the 2nd for this motion. All board members voted in favor of this motion. The motion to approve 2nd reading of the 2014-2015 SY budget passed 7-0.

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

Cathy Ackerman requested clarification of the approval for Sumter County students. The question is about siblings of students already attending. With kindergarten registration situation as such have come up for the Olanta school area.

Lane Floyd made the motion to revise the previous motion concerning the Sumter County area students to accept anyone in the particular attendance area specified in the agreement with Sumter County as we have for the past 15 plus years. Paula Morris provided the 2nd for this motion. All board members present voted in favor of this motion. The motion to accept anyone in the Sumter County attendance area specified in the previous agreement with Sumter County as the district has for the past 15 plus years passed 7-0.

Lane Floyd also made the motion to pursue the legislature to share this area with Sumter County considering the distance of the closest school in the residence zone is so far from this area. Dr. Floyd is comparing this situation to the Pergamus area and agreement Florence School District Three has with Williamsburg County. John Graham provided the 2nd for this motion. The motion to pursue the legislature concerning the Sumter County attendance area specified in the previous agreement with Sumter County passed 7-0.

I. Exit to Executive Session

- Lane Floyd made the motion to enter into executive session to discuss personnel changes due to grade restructuring for SY 2014-2015. 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 discuss personnel changes due to grade restructuring for SY 2014-2015 passed 7-0.

II. Enter back to Public Session

- A. Lane Floyd made the motion to return to public session. John Graham provided the 2nd for this motion. All board members voted in favor of this motion. The motion to exist executive session and re-enter to public session passed 7-0. No action was taken as a result of the executive session.
- B. There being no further business for the board of trustees, Lane Floyd made the motion to adjourn. Terrie Bryant 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