



Florence County School District Three
Board of Trustees Meeting
District Office Board Room
Thursday, April 14, 2011
6:30 PM

In Attendance: David Eaddy, Dianne Smith, Kimberly Sims Richard Cook, Gracie Hannah, Patsy McCutcheon, Amy McLean, and Paula Morris.

Absent: Bernard McIntosh.

Notice to Media:

In accordance with the S. C. Code of Laws, 1976, Section 30-4-80(d), as amended, the following have been notified of the time, date, place and agenda of this meeting: Lake City News & Post and Morning News.

Call to Order

Chairman David Eaddy called the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees held April 14, 2011 to order. A moment of silence was observed after which Chairman Eaddy led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda

Patsy McCutcheon made the motion to approve the April 14th agenda as presented. A second was provided by Kimberly Sims. This motion was passed unanimously. The approved agenda contained a consent agenda of the following items: (1) Minutes from the March 10, 2011 Regular Board Meeting; (2) Monthly Financial Report; and, (3) Student transfer requests.

Communications to the Board

- 1) Special Recognition
 - a. Clemson Biology Merit – FCSD3 has participated in this program for the past six years under the guidance of Dr. Patricia Chandler in conjunction with Clemson University's Barbara Speziale. The exam is given to recognize and promote outstanding achievement in the biological sciences among middle and high school students in South Carolina. Participants include middle school or high school students who have completed or are currently enrolled in a biology or life science course AND who have been identified by their teachers as having a strong interest and aptitude in the biological sciences are eligible to participate.

Middle school students at Ronald E. McNair Middle School (REMMS) who participated in this program were recognized by Trustee Kimberly Sims, along with REMMS principal, Margie Myers, Science 6-8 Master Teacher, Deb Whittington, and REMMS teacher Odette Burgess. Those students who received certificates of special recognition were: *Larry Cooper, Michael Dunbar, Quashema Durant, Williams Durnan, Thomas Fulmore, Jakequavise Gibson, Mikayla Hanna, Zachary Howard, Zhana Jones, Jacara Lowery, Jenna Lynch, Damien Mealhouse, Megan Parrott, Cecilia Rivera-Toledo, and Noah Coleman.*

Trustee Richard Cook and JPTMS principal, Ned Blake joined Mrs. Whittington in presenting certificates of recognition to the students at J. Paul Truluck Middle School (JPTMS) who participated

in this program. They are as follows: *Haleigh Altman, Alyssa Blackwell, Lanesha Brown, Aden Cheek, Jakira Goodman, Matthew Haines, Jami Jihad, Megan Lewis, Christian Luna, Kaitlyn Luna, Elijah McCutcheon, Amanda Pace, Daniel Pinckney, Ryder Ward, and Rustie Welch.*

Principal Kasey Feagin and Trustee Dianne Smith acknowledged the students from Lake City High School for their participation in the Biology Merit Exam. Those individuals are as follows: *Joye Altman, Alaina Carr, Thomas Cokley, Antron Coleman, Thomas Dewaine, Bridgett Fipps, Stanton Gause, Jimell Green, Kyianna Jones, Jovon McClam, Shelbi McGee, Dylan Morris, Christina Scott, Devonte' Spates, and Kacie Sullivan.*

Mrs. Whittington announced the following honors awarded to Florence District Three students based on individual performance on the examination. Division I - 1st Honorable Mentions – Matthew Haines and Christina Luna (JPTMS); Division I – 2nd Honorable Mentions – Michael Dunbar, Zhana Jones (REMMS) and Megan Lewis, Amanda Pace, and Rustie Welch (JPTMS).

Taking It to the Streets – Trustee Paula Morris joined Lake City Elementary School principal, Renee' Kirby for the presentation of the community outreach event held Saturday, March 19, 2011. Staff members visited three areas in the school's attendance zone to share valuable information, school and home supplies with parents and the community. LCE staff shared information about PASS testing and the importance of school attendance. District staff members were also on hand to share information about kindergarten registration, immunization, adult education services and the Office of Exceptional Children services. The local police and fire department participated to share safety tips with parents and children. Drawings were given away for gift baskets. Several churches also participated to give away new articles of clothing. There were 145 parents who signed in at the event. Over 600 hotdogs and drinks were served to parents and children on this day. Certificates of appreciation for the success of this event were given to the following establishments and/or individuals: *Azalea Acres, Rev. William H. D. Bowser, City of Lake City, FD3 Student Services, Jessica Graham, Terry Green, LC Fire Department, LC Housing Authority, LC Police Department, LC Recreation Department, Lake City Wal-Mart, Lifelong Learning Center, FD3 Office of Accountability, FD3 Office of Exceptional Children, and Pepsi- Cola of Florence.*

- c. Skills USA – Lake City High School students have once again shined at the Skills USA state championships. At the South Carolina competition for public high school and college students in trade, technical and skilled service profession instructional programs including allied health occupations several LCHS students received 2nd and 3rd place winnings in addition to Alexander Brown, who won the SC state championship in the Action Skills Leadership competition. Trustee Dianne Smith along with Kasey Feagin, LCHS principal and the LCHS Career/Technology teachers, Calvin Cade, Contessa Bradley, Tonia Wilson, Glen Matthews, and James Shaw presented certificates of Special Recognition to the following students: *Crystal Barr, Darius Bell, Alexander Brown, Dianna Contreras, Gerald Evans, Joey Floyd, Altron Fulmore, Raven Ham, Dearrian Hanna, William Hanna, Alexander Luna, Corey Matthews, Jonathan Matthews, Jarissa McFadden, Vernon McKenzie, Daniel Miles, and Edward Parker.*
- d. State Superintendent Writing Awards – This competition for 5th and 8th grade students only was formally known as the Lt. Governor's Writing award. Ashley Eaddy, 5th grade teacher at Lake City Elementary School coordinated the event for the district for the second year. Together with Trustee

Amy McLean, they presented certificates of Special Recognition from board to the following students for their placement in the State Superintendent Writing competition:

School District Winners – Jennifer Carter (Grade 5) and Megan Parrott (Grade 8)

School Winners for Grade 5– Kaila McClam, LCE; Cathryn Ackerman, OES; Grace Marsh, JCL; Paul Coker, SES

School Winners for Grade 8 – Alyssah Blackwell, JPTMS

Class Winners for Grade 5 - LCE: Nadia Huell, Tyshara Elmore.

OES: Giselles Sanchez, Keashia Brand

JCL: Hunter Stone, Conner Purvis

SES: Daniel Malasky, Kendal Wallace

MSE: Joshawn Robinson, Demetri Harrison

Class Winners for Grade 8 – JPTMS: Dakwais Palmer, Lanesha Brown

REMMS: Jenna Lynch, Mikayla Hanna

Board Chairman's Report

- a. *Report of Meetings Attended by Individual Members – None to report.*
- b. *Requests to Attend Meetings – None to report.*
- c. *Facilities Visits by Trustees – Board Member, Patsy McCutcheon, visited Scranton Elementary School (SES) for Hero's Day celebration.*

2) Superintendent's Report

- a. *Office of Exceptional Children Assisted Technology*

Juanita Wilson, Senior Director for the Office of Exceptional Children Services, , and Ashlee McLeod, OEC's Assisted Technology Leader were joined by Valeska Giola, Assistive Technology Specialist with the South Carolina Department of Education to present to the Board information regarding available assistive technology services available to the district and how Florence District Three is doing to best meet the needs of students with disabilities and all students in need of assistive technology services.

- b. *Preliminary HQ Report*

Superintendent Wright shared according to the preliminary highly qualified report issued to Florence School District Three by the SDE the district is presently at 99.48%. This .52% includes 1 class in one school and 3 classes in another school. The Human Resources Department has previously submitted the required information to the State Department of Education for correction as all 4 of the classes are being taught by teachers who maintain HQ certification issued by the SCSE. Once this is cleared, she stated Florence School District Three will have 100% Highly Qualified under NCLB.

- c. *LCHS and District Report Cards*

Mrs. Wright stated the Palmetto Gold and Silver Awards Program was established for high schools to recognize and reward schools based on longitudinal High School Assessment Program (HSAP) performance, first-attempt HSAP performance, percentage passing End of Course test, and on-time graduation rate; and that attain high rates of improvement. Lake City High School (LCHS) received Palmetto Gold for outstanding academic achievement and a Palmetto Gold for closing the achievement gap. LCHS had an HSAP passage rate of 93.3% and an On-Time Graduation Rate of 84.7%. The LCHS report card rating went from an 'Average' Absolute Rating to a 'Good' and from an 'At Risk' Growth rating to an 'Excellent'. The Florence School District Three report card rating went from a 'Below Average' Absolute Rating to an 'Average' and from an 'At Risk' Growth rating to a

'Good'. Congratulations were extended to Principal Feagin and her staff and Chairman presented Mrs. Feagin in recognition of receiving two Palmetto Gold awards at Lake City High School.

d. *Extension of public review for instructional materials*

The Instructional Materials Review Panels have finalized their instructional materials recommendations for the mid-year adoption cycle. The student editions of each of the recommended programs will be on display from March 18, 2011 through April 18, 2011 at nineteen (19) review sites. This is an additional eight (8) days of public review. The superintendent shared that members of the board, staff, and the public were invited to review instructional materials at the closest site at Francis Marion University in Florence. More information was available from Senior Director Yvonne Scott who serves as the district's Textbook Coordinator.

New Business

1) 1st Reading of 2011-2012 Budget

Following the Board Work session for the budget for FY 2011-2012, Superintendent Wright highlighted for the proposed budget for First Reading. Mrs. Wright noted that the remaining ARRA monies will carry through September, 2011. The Base Student Cost (BSC) is projected to be \$1,778, however, Florence District Three is continuing its pattern of conservative budgeting and utilizing a BSC of \$1,600. This budget does have a reduction of 7 certified positions due to natural attrition ("no live bodies"). Additionally, three classified positions have also been eliminated in like manner. A total of fifteen (15) positions have been impacted due to the reduction in TA and ARRA funding. However, four of these individuals will be continuing in employment under Title I funding, nine are pending employment under an SDE Early Connection Grant/IDEA funding and the remaining two may also have the option for continuing employment available mid-June through another grant opportunity.

This budget does not include a step increase for certified employees and administrators as permitted under a proviso. It does, however, request consideration that after receiving the results of the audited figures in November, 2011, and upon the recommendation of the superintendent at that time. This decision will be based on the financially feasible at that time of the impact of a step increase for certified employees and possibly administrators on the 2011-2012 budget as well as the 2012-2013 budget.

Eligible classified employees will receive a performance raise included in the budget plan. This budget as presented does not include any furlough days for the district's employees. The approved calendar for SY 2011-2012 does have furlough days built in just in case the need arises. All administrators and employees on a 240-day contract will continue to take a three day reduction in their contract to 237-days as has been consistent over the past several years.

Richard Cook made the motion to accept the proposed budget for FY 2011-2012 as presented. Kimberly Sims provided the 2nd for this motion. All board members present voted in favor of this motion. The motion passed 8-0 with Trustee Bernard McIntosh was absent at tonight's meeting. Second Reading for FY 2011-2012 will be by a Special Call Meeting on Thursday, April 21, 2011 in the District Office Board Room at 6:00 pm.

2) 2011-2012 Certified Employee Recommendations

Kimberly Sims made the motion to approve the JCL 2011-2012 certified employee recommendations as presented. Patsy McCutcheon provided the 2nd for this motion. This motion passed 7-0 with Richard Cook abstaining from this vote and Bernard McIntosh absent.

Kimberly Sims made the motion to approve the LCHS 2011-2012 certified employee recommendations as presented. Patsy McCutcheon provided the 2nd for this motion. This motion passed 7-0 with David Eaddy abstaining from this vote and Bernard McIntosh absent.

Patsy McCutcheon made the motion to approve the JPTMS 2011-2012 certified employee recommendations as presented. Paula Morris provided the 2nd for this motion. This motion passed 8-0 with Bernard McIntosh absent.

Paula Morris made the motion to approve the 2011-2012 certified employee recommendations for LCE, MSE, OES, SES, District Office, and the Office of Exception Children as presented. Richard Cook provided the 2nd for this motion. This motion passed 8-0 with Bernard McIntosh absent.

Public Comment

The following individuals addressed the Board of Trustees during public comment: Anna Washington and Verlie Batton.

Adjourn

There being no further business before the Board of Trustees, Richard Cook made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Patsy McCutcheon seconded the motion which was passed unanimously.

Date approved

David Eaddy, Chairman

Shelia Knotts, Recording Clerk

Kimberly Sims, Secretary