



**Florence County School District Three**  
**Board of Trustees Meeting**  
District Office Board Room  
Thursday, March 10, 2011  
6:30 PM

**In Attendance:** David Eaddy, Dianne Smith, Richard Cook, Kimberly Sims, Gracie Hannah, Patsy McCutcheon, Bernard McIntosh, and Paula Morris. NOTE: Bernard McIntosh entered the meeting after the approval of the agenda.

**Absent:** Amy McLean.

**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 March 10, 2011 to order. A moment of silence was observed after which Chairman Eaddy led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of Agenda**

Richard Cook made the motion to approve the March 10<sup>th</sup> 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 January 20, 2011 Regular Board Meeting; (2) Monthly Financial Report; (3) Certified Personnel Report; (4) Student transfer requests; (5) a Facility Use request and, (6) a Field Trip request.

**Communications to the Board**

1) Special Recognition

- a. LCHS Wrestling Team – The LCHS Wrestling team has experienced a very successful season this year. Wrestling coaches, Kevin Graham and Ashley Powell, were present at tonight's board meeting to recognize the students on the LCHS wrestling team and present Certificates of appreciation from FCSD3 to those individuals qualifying for the regional and state tournament, which includes Cody Cooper, who won the SC 215-lb 2A State Championship. This is the first individual state wrestling championship for LCHS since 2003.
- b. Perfect Attendance – Florence District Three continues to maintain a positive reinforcement to our Food Service, Transportation, and Maintenance employees by awarding Perfect Attendance incentives to those individuals who maintain no absences each semester. Tonight's monetary awards are to those individuals who have maintained perfect attendance from July 1, 2010 to December 31, 2010.

Food Service – LCHS – Linda Thigpen, Monica Chandler, Bonnie Hickman, Priscilla Timmons

REMMS – Betty Smith-Wright, Willie M. Fulmore

JPTMS – Cynthia P. McElveen

OES – Charlene Reyes, Jacklyn Burgess

SES – Peggy Haygood, Elaine Myers, Sandra Hannah

LifeLong Learning Center – Yvonne E. Cave and Lottie Nelson

Maintenance – REMMS – Raleigh James and Bruce Henneghan

JPTMS – Frank Singletary and Samuel Graham

JCL – Luther Anderson

LCE – Johnson McCutcheon, Jr. and Jerome Singletary

MSE – Clinton Davis

DO – Isaiah Brown, McCurry Brown, and Jimmy Jones

Transportation – Hattie McElveen and Ella Graham

- c. SC Department of Consumer Affairs – Jaqawnya McElveen from REMMS was one of the ten winners to receive a \$100 savings bond, courtesy of the South Carolina Bankers' Association in the 'If I had a \$100, I would...' essay contest. Over 400 sixth grade students entered this contest for 2011.

#### Board Chairman's Report

- a. *Report of Meetings Attended by Individual Members* – Paula Morris attended the At-Risk Youth conference at Myrtle Beach at the invitation of the district as a member of their planning team.
- b. *Requests to Attend Meetings* – March 16, 2011 is FCSD3 day scheduled for 'A Day at the Capitol'. Any board member wanting to attend please let the district office know no later than Monday, March 14, 2011.
- c. *Facilities Visits by Trustees* – Dianne Smith visited J. C. Lynch Elementary School during their First in Math Karaoke'. Paula Morris was invited to read to a class at Main Street Elementary. Ms. Morris also was able to share her time with students at J. Paul Truluck Middle School.

#### 2) Superintendent's Report

- a. *Kindergarten registration (April 14-15, 2011)*

Superintendent Wright informed the board members that 4K and 5K registration will be on Thursday, April 14<sup>th</sup> and Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup>. She also informed the board of the Child Find program which is a district search that targets children with disabilities reaching the age of 3 years old.

*Taking It To The Streets (March 19, 2011)*

- b. Lake City Elementary School along with district staff and community sponsors will be conducting a community visit on Saturday, March 19, 2011, to three of the neighborhoods serving LCE. Flyers will be going out within the district promoting this event and the opportunity to pick up needed items such as clothes, home and school supplies.

- c. *TAP Incentive*

The second portion of the TAP incentive was distributed on February 18<sup>th</sup> to certified and classified personnel in the amount of approximately \$138,000. Main Street Elementary School was the star of this event receiving a value added '5', the highest growth rate you can receive. Lake City Elementary School received a value added 4. Lake City High School's payout will be distributed in the next few weeks due to the delay of the graduation rate from the state.

- d. *Legislative Update*

The state has provided a Base Student Cost (BSC) of \$1788, however, the superintendent shared that she does not feel this is a real solid funding level due to the collapsing of several funding categories within the EIA funds. The budget discussion is presently in the House so it is still a way to go before it is final. Mrs. Wright stated the district is watching to see what line items will be consolidated and eliminated and the greatly reduced level of Technical Assistance funds due to the creation of the line item for Charter Schools.

*Certified Contract Recommendations*

Superintendent Wright informed the Board of Trustees that contract recommendations for certified employees will be submitted for approval at the next board meeting.

e. *Other Comments*

*Longevity Pay*

The question was asked at the last board meeting in January for a recap the Longevity pay distributed in January 2011 by category. Superintendent provided the following information to the Trustees. Longevity is distributed in \$500 increments as follows: (1) a 5 yr disbursement was given to 9 certified and 23 classified employees; (2) a 10 yr disbursement was given to 7 certified and 6 classified employees; (3) a 15 yr disbursement was given to 6 certified and 5 classified employees; and (4) a 20 yr. and final disbursement was given to 4 certified and 5 classified employees. With fringe this was a total cost of \$34,986.25.

*Board of Trustee Elections*

The election of board trustees for seats 4A, 5, and 7A has been advertised in the Lake City News and Post and The Shopper on February 2<sup>nd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>, 2011. This meets the requirement by law to have this run twice in at least 2 local circulations. Sign up to run for these seats will be at the district office beginning March 15<sup>th</sup> through 12 noon on April 1<sup>st</sup>. The Statement of Economic Interest and the Campaign Disclosures now must be completed online. In compliance with South Carolina law, Florence District Three will provide a complimentary CD of the instructions for each candidate.

Following a brief discussion, Richard Cook made the recommendation to have a representative from the SC Department of Education come to do a workshop to tell just where FCSD3 stands in all areas. Chairman David Eaddy took this recommendation under into consideration.

*SACS Accreditation Certificate*

Florence District Three has received full accreditation by the voting members of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and framed SACS accreditation certificates were presented to each principal and the district staff for display in their schools. Mrs. Woodbury was once again congratulated for her dedication to this effort in appreciation by the district.

*Recognition of MSE's R.E.A.L Men (Raising Expectations, Achievement and Leadership)*

This program was highlighted in the Francis Marion University's National Network of Partnership Schools newsletter.

**Public Comment**

The following individuals addressed the Board of Trustees during public comment: Barbara Bryant, Greg Wilson, and Albert Mims.

**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.

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Date approved

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David Eaddy, Chairman

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Shelia Knotts, Recording Clerk

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Kimberly Sims, Secretary