



# Florence County School District Three

*Board Meeting*

*Minutes*

*District Office*

Thursday, August 17, 2017

6:30 p.m.

**In Attendance:** Lane Floyd, Julia Mims, Rodney Poston, Almeta Fleming, Barbara Bryant and John Graham.

**Absent:** Paula Morris, Debra McKnight and Terrie Bryant.

**Call to Order:** Board Chair, Lane Floyd, called the August 17, 2017, 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: Morning News, Lake City Shopper, WBTW, WPDE, & WMBF. 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:** Julia Mims made the motion to approve tonight's agenda as presented. Barbara Bryant provided the 2<sup>nd</sup> for this motion. All board members present voted in favor of this motion. The motion to approve the July 20, 2017, meeting agenda as presented passed 6-0.

**Consent Agenda:** Barbara Bryant made the motion to accept the Consent Agenda as presented. John Graham provided the 2<sup>nd</sup> for this motion. All board members present voted in favor of this motion. The motion to accept the consent agenda as presented at tonight's meeting passed 6-0. This consent agenda contained the following items: Minutes from the July 20, 2017, regularly monthly board meeting, the Certified Personnel Report, and Student Transfer Requests.

## **COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD:**

### **Board Chair Report**

- i. Report of Any Meetings Attended – None
- ii. Request to Attend Any Meetings – Lane Floyd asked to attend the Risky Business Seminar in Myrtle Beach provided by the SCSBA in October. Julia Mims, Lane Floyd, and Almeta Fleming asked to attend the Regional 'Stand Up for Public Education' meeting in Marion on August 30<sup>th</sup>.
- iii. Legal Update of information from Duff & Childs, L.L.C. – Ken Childs, Attorney  
Mr. Childs gave board members an explanation of the Farmer's Telephone Cooperative's relief from the SC Department of Revenue of property taxes paid in years 2010-2015 and what this actually means to Florence County School District Three. With this explanation, Mr. Childs also recommended to the board to join in the pending litigation with the involved surrounding counties concerning this matter.

Barbara Bryant made the motion to engage the law firm of Parker, Poe, with offices in Charleston, Columbia and Greenville, SC to represent the interest of Florence County School District Three and file a motion to intervene in the matter pending in the SC Administrative Law Court, Captioned, Clarendon County vs. SC Department of Revenue, Farmers Telephone Cooperative, Inc., et al., Docket No.: 17-ALJ-17-0237-IJ; and that the District's law firm, Duff & Childs monitor this litigation, keeping the board, District Administration and the Public informed of the progress of said litigation. Julia Mims provided the 2<sup>nd</sup> for this motion. All board members present voted in favor of this motion. The motion passed 6-0.

**Public Participation** – None

**Staff Reports**

i. Monthly Finance Report – *Michelle Humphrey, Finance Director*

General Fund Revenue reports for the month of July are linked to the board agenda, as well as posted on the FSD3 website. All other budgets will be presented as they are balanced and loaded to the ledger for the 2017-2018 SY.

Mrs. Humphrey, Finance Director, shared with board members that negative account reports will be sent to fund managers on a semimonthly schedule for review and correction.

ii. Instructional Update – *Kasey Feagin, Senior Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessments*

Mrs. Feagin gave board members a quick review of some of the events that staff were able to attend before the actual SY started. Opening Ceremony was August 10<sup>th</sup>. This event welcomed back returning staff and new employees to the district. The district Teacher of the Year was announced, Tonia Wilson, LCHS, as well as the 2 runners-up, Paige Parrot, SES and Keyonna Hampton, MSE.

This event also provided staff with active shooter training by Wayne Freeman, SLED. Annual trainings on FERPA, Mandatory Reporting & District Policies were also covered during this event.

On Saturday, August 12<sup>th</sup>, FSD3 held its annual Back to School Bash with Guest Speaker Brooks Harper. 491 registered for this conference. There were several breakout sessions and activities for students. A special thanks goes out to Linda Hair, Angelia Scott and all Parent Liaisons.

Mrs. Feagin continued with her report covering the 2016-17 Assessment Updates on SC READY, SCPASS and EOCEPs. The changes in the Federal Accountability Assessments added an elementary Science assessment for grade 4 and a SS assessment for grade 5. This assessment also added middle school Science assessment for grades 6 & 8, and a SS assessment for grade 7 (Section 59-18-325). With Section 59-18-325 the 10<sup>th</sup> grade assessment will offer a choice of PSAT, pre-ACT, or 10th grade Aspire tests in order to assess and identify curricular areas that need to be strengthened and reinforced. Also, the 11<sup>th</sup> grade assessment all 11th-grade students must be offered a college entrance assessment that is from a provider secured by the department and administered a career readiness assessment. In the 12<sup>th</sup> grade, if funds are available, the State shall provide all students the opportunity to take or retake a college readiness assessment, the career readiness assessment, and/or earn industry credentials or

certifications at no cost to the students. With this assessment, the district has to enter into the contract with SAT and/or ACT. The district has to set the date and pay for the assessment and then the State reimburses the district.

Mrs. Feagin reviewed the Preschool (4K) registration and enrollment process. This registration has been open since March 2017. Registration included on-site enrollment and screening.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> grade retention plan actually goes into effect this SY 2017-2018. Students who fall in the NOT MET category on SC READY:

- All parents of these students will receive a letter explaining the law,
- Each nine weeks progress monitoring letters will be sent to students not meeting the target scores on DRA and MAP Lexile,
- Student literacy portfolios developed for all student falling below level in reading over the next three years,
- Reading boost Camps for identified 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students,
- Summer Reading Camp to include 2<sup>nd</sup> graders this summer.

Next, Mrs. Cheryl Hubbard-George gave board members a brief update of the Tier I and II plans. The Tier 1 MFS Spending plan has 3 elements, behavior, ELA and Math. Mrs. Hubbard-George explained the requirement of purchasing for these 3 areas. Tier 2 (\$706,735.00) requires spending in one area of concern from the 3 in Tier 1 and developing a plan that helps make systematic changes.

iii. Human Resources Department Update – *Angelia Scott, HR Director*

FCSD3 presently has 7 vacancies in the areas of art, music, math and social studies.

**Superintendent's Report** – *Laura Hickson, Ed. S., Superintendent*

- i. Legislative Updates – in the SCSBA Regional meeting in Marion County on the 30<sup>th</sup> of August, participants will preview educational issues that are likely to top the General Assembly's agenda in 2018; discuss hot topics such as school start date, consolidation, funding and vouchers. Attendees of this meeting will leave with action steps for how school boards can address these key issues with local, state and federal legislators.
- ii. School Openings – 1<sup>st</sup> Day of SY 2017-2018 – Today was the 1<sup>st</sup> day of school for students.
- iii. CEP (Community Eligibility Program) – this application has been approved. All students of Florence County School District Three will be offered free breakfast and lunch.

**Public Comment** – *To comment on items that appeared on the agenda* – NONE

**Exit to Executive Session**

Barbara Bryant made the motion to exit into executive session to discuss a personnel matter. John Graham provided the 2<sup>nd</sup> for this motion. All board members voted in favor of this motion. The motion to exit into executive session passed 6-0.

**Any Action needed from executive session**

Rodney Poston made the motion for the district to uphold the recommendation from HR to continue with 2 teachers in breach of contract. John Graham provided the 2<sup>nd</sup> for this motion. All board members present voted in favor of this motion. The motion to uphold the recommendation to continue forward of 2 teachers in breach of contract passed 6-0.

**Adjourn:** There being no further business for the Board of Trustees, John Graham made the motion to adjourn. Julia Mims provided the 2<sup>nd</sup> for this motion. All board members present voted in favor of this motion. The motion to adjourn passed 6-0.

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Date approved

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Lane Floyd, Chair

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Shelia Knotts, Recording Clerk

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Paula Morris, Secretary