



Florence County School District Three

Board Meeting

Minutes

District Office

Thursday, July 20, 2017

6:30 p.m.

In Attendance: Terrie Bryant, Lane Floyd, Julia Mims, Rodney Poston, Almeta Fleming, Debra McKnight, Barbara Bryant, John Graham, and Paula Morris

Absent: None

Call to Order: Board Chair, Lane Floyd, called the July 20, 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: Terrie Bryant made the motion to approve tonight's 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 the July 20, 2017, meeting agenda as presented passed 9-0.

Consent Agenda: Barbara Bryant made the motion to accept the Consent Agenda as presented. Julia Mims provided the 2nd 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 9-0. This consent agenda contained the following items: Minutes from the June 15, 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 – Paula Morris, Julia Mims, Barbara Bryant, Almeta Fleming, Rodney Poston, and John Graham asked to attend the School Law Conference, which will be August 19-20, 2017.

If anyone wants to attend the SCSBA Regional meeting, which will be in Marion for our district, please let Shelia know.

FYI-A letter was received from Wayne Joye, Florence County Treasurer. FTC has petitioned to the IRS to be tax exempt on a portion of their properties for years 2010 to 2015. The IRS has granted this request. FSD3's portion of this refund to FTC is \$199,246. FTC has agreed to spread out this amount for 3 years.

Basically, this will reduce the amount of income we receive from taxes. Florence County has secured an attorney to deal with this matter.

Public Participation – None

Staff Reports

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

Reports for the month of June are linked to the board agenda, as well as posted on the FSD3 website. The General Fund Revenue/Expenses equal \$29,150,191.59. FSD3 is continuing the goal of saving \$500K in General Fund expenditures.

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

Staff from LCHS, REMJH, & two district office staff members attended the New Tech conference (NTAC) in St. Louis July 7-9, 2017. Cliff Gardner & Crystal Huckabee, from REMJH, had a presentation on co-teaching & agency. Miranda Atkinson & Steven Barr, from LCHS, presented on Open door Policy visits.

Youth Grant – the Pee Dee workforce Development Area (LWDA) conducted their onsite summer work experience monitoring visit for FSD3 Youth Grant. There were ‘no findings’. The comment given was as follows:

“FSD#3 should be commended for their efforts to place participants in work experiences that will broaden their work based knowledge.”

A summary of the summer school program was given by Mrs. Feagin. The Middle School Promotion and HS Credit Recovery Programs ended on June 30 as well as the Summer Reading programs for 21st Century and 4K Bridge program. Provided transportation made a significant difference with attendance for the 1st four weeks of summer school.

➤ Magnet School Application Update – *Dr. Cutina Barrineau, Principal, OES; Jeanette Altman, Principal, JPTS, and Renee Kirby, Director of K-8 Literacy, SS Curriculum, and Academic Assistance*

An update of the magnet grant application was given to board members and those present at this meeting. This application has survived the 1st round through the Office of Civil Rights (OCR). The OCR has asked us to update our Voluntary Desegregation Plan for Florence School District Three. This Voluntary Desegregation Plan has not needed, nor has it been, updated since 1968. This plan was revised to include the following paragraph:

“Now, therefore be it resolved, that pending the award of the MSAP grant, Florence County School District Three’s School Board and Superintendent hereby approve this Voluntary Desegregation Plan to develop and implement new schoolwide magnet programs at the following schools:

- Olanta Elementary School, Creative Arts & Science*
- J. Paul Truluck Intermediate School, Creative Arts & Science”*

Julia Mims made the motion to approve the updated Voluntary Desegregation Plan as presented. Barbara Bryant provided the 2nd for this motion. All board

members present voted in favor of this motion. The motion to approve the updated Voluntary Desegregation Plan as presented passed 9-0.

➤ **Sonic Sponsorship proposal with LC High Athletics**

Ned Blake, Principal, LCHS & Matt Apicella, Athletic Director, LCHS

Mr. Blake and Mr. Apicella asked the board to approve this sponsorship with Sonic which will be very beneficial for the athletic department. Sonic already supports the LC High School Athletics, but this sponsorship agreement will expand that support. This agreement does not conflict with the LCHS's concession stand.

John Graham made the motion to approve the sponsorship agreement with Sonic. Debra McKnight provided the 2nd for this motion. All board members present voted in favor of this motion. The motion to approve and sign the sponsorship agreement with Sonic in Lake City passed 9-0.

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

- i. **Legislative Updates** – Five Regional meetings will be held around SC by the SCSBA to preview educational issues that are likely to top the General Assembly's agenda in 2018. These meetings have been entitled 'Stand Up for S.C. Public Schools!' The meeting that FSD3 board members will attend is August 30 in Marion County. Please let Shelia know if you would like to attend. Because of the Efficiency Review completed in March focusing on the five areas of 1) overhead, 2) financial management, 3) human resources, 4) procurement, and 5) transportation, the surrounding area districts will be meeting on Wednesday, August 2, to discuss ways to consolidate services. Ms. Hickson will keep the board updated.
- ii. **2017-2018 Plan for District and Student Success** – Ms. Hickson shared with board members and those present for tonight's meeting her vision for FSD3 to be a premier district of choice for all students. Based on Ms. Hickson's meetings in the Spring of 2017 with all stakeholders, her plan for District & Student Success will 1) Focus on culture; 2) School Safety; and 3) Decrease student flight & Improve Academic Achievement. Principals presented their plan for the 2017-2018 to develop/improve these areas within each school.

The General Fund Balance after all 2016-2017 Expenditures is \$1,579.757, which means FSD3 will begin the 2017-2018 SY in the "BLACK".

Action Items

➤ **Revised Policy ABCC – Board member Term of Office and Method of Election**

Due to the local law change, Policy ABCC needed to be revised to reflect the different terms of office and method of election change. **Terrie Bryant made the motion to accept this revised policy as presented. Paula Morris provided the 2nd for this motion. All board members present voted in favor of this motion. The motion to approve the revised policy ABCC as presented passed 9-0.**

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

Adjourn: There being no further business for the Board of Trustees Terrie Bryant made the motion to adjourn. Paula Morris provided the 2nd for this motion. All board members present voted in favor of this motion. The motion to adjourn passed 9-0.

Date approved

Lane Floyd, Chair

Shelia Knotts, Recording Clerk

Paula Morris, Secretary