



# Florence County School District 3

*Board Meeting Minutes for Thursday, August 21, 2025 @ 6:00p.m.*

*Location: Board Room*

125 S. Blanding St. , Lake City, SC 29560

Live Stream –YouTube@fsd3

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**Call to Order:** Board Chair Jac'Kel Brown called the August 21, 2025 board meeting of the Florence County School District Three Board of Trustees to order.

**Declaration of Freedom of Information Act (FOIA):** 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.

**Roll Call by Board Secretary:** Ms. Rebecca Yates reported that all board members were in attendance.

**Moment of Silence:** Ms. Kasey Feagin requested prayers for all FSD3 students and staff. We observed a moment of silence.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Board Chair Jac'Kel Brown led the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of the Agenda:** Ms. Rebecca Yates made the motion to approve the agenda as presented. Ms. Mattie Thomas provided the 2<sup>nd</sup> for this motion. All board members present voted in favor of this motion. The motion to approve the agenda as presented passed 9-0.

**Approval of the Consent Agenda:** Ms. Rebecca Yates made the motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Ms. Paula Morris provided the 2<sup>nd</sup> for this motion. All board members present voted in favor of this motion. The motion to approve the consent agenda as presented passed 9-0.

**Public Participation:** None

**Board Chair Report:** There were no reported school visits. Ms. Paula Morris did share her meeting with Mr. Jamie Daniels and others on July 22, 2025.

**Request to attend meeting:** Let Ms. Yates know and she will convey to Ms. Acuña.

**Interim-Superintendent's Report:** –Ms. Kasey Feagin, Interim-Superintendent Introduced Ms. Hope Gibson for the finance update report, and continued to call all other directors with their August updated reports.

**Finance Update – Hope Gibson, Finance Director** - August 2025 Finance Updates. Ms. Hope reviewed our mission statement and 2025-2026 district goals. Ms. Hope presented the July 2025 financial updates. She went through the PowerPoint of the General fund reports. She reviewed the board approved balance of the general fund budget \$35,646,811. Ms. Hope also reviewed the General Fund Budget by Object Code as of July 31, 2025. No questions or comments were asked by the board.

**Human Resources Updates: – Angelia Scott, Director of Human Resources**

Ms. Scott began her presentation with the personnel report and reading off the openings that are available. There were 2 Policy Updates that needed to be reviewed and approved by the board. Policy Code GCLE regarding Unencumbered Time was reworded in certain areas and a few updated details added. Ms. Rutha Frieson made the motion to approve the policy revision as presented. Ms. Paula Morris provided the 2<sup>nd</sup> for this motion. All board members present voted in favor of this motion. The motion to approve the policy revision as presented, motion carried 9-0.

Ms. Scott then went over the 2025-2026 Calendar Update. There was a change to the calendar to add the three potential weather make-up days. 10/13/25, 2/12/26 and 2/16/26 which are all intercession days. A copy of the new calendar was presented. Ms. Rebecca Yates made the motion to approve the 2025-2026 calendar update as presented. Mr. Jason Kirby provided the 2<sup>nd</sup> for this motion. All board members present voted in favor of this motion. The motion to approve the 2025-2026 calendar update as presented, motion carried 9-0.

**Instructional Updates– Mary Howard Ed. S., Chief Academic Officer**

Ms. Mary Howard presents the 25-26 Priorities including high expectations matter, relationships matter, systems matter and feedback matters. She reviewed the curriculums being used, spotlighted the 30 for 30 reading challenge, and the power forward program. She gave shout outs to Kayla & Kory Fulton for attending and completing the Business Success Academy Week in June and also to Fahim Temple 266 for their valued partnership and recent donation of \$1,000.00 to the Gentlemen Leadership Clubs in FSD3. Ms. Howard had a few “Save the Dates”, including Aug. 25<sup>th</sup> -District Level PD @ 2:45 and 4:00pm, Aug. 28<sup>th</sup> -Parent Teacher Conferences/Interims Issued and Aug. 29<sup>th</sup> -Early Dismissal.

**Other Legislative and District Updates – Kasey Feagin, Interim-Superintendent**

Ms. Kasey Feagin began with announcing that Scranton Elementary Steam Academy was awarded a \$3,500 grant from Whole Kids Garden Grant Program. This along with the \$1,000 grant from Newman’s Own Foundation will help sustain the outdoor classroom that SES has. She then moved on to the enrollment update for 2025 by showing the graft of all grades enrollment and also compared to 2024-2025 enrollment. The chart shows we have lost or will lose about 159 students. She also gave the enrollment demographic breakdowns. Ms. Kasey then introduced the Ms. Madelyn Hyatt and Hal Whitsitt from Schneider Electric to review the Infrastructure Efficiency & Modernization Partnership with FSD3 and Schneider Electric. They reviewed the Phase 2 Project Financial Overview and explained, in detail, the other projects that are needed in FSD3. There was a PowerPoint presentation provided with monetary details for the project projection cost.

**Mr. Brian Huckabee, Director of Facilities and Technology** – Mr. Brian gave a FSD3 Facilities Update. The updates included an update on each school site and/or other district locations that needed upgrades throughout our district. The updates included estimated costs to upgrade all that was needed at each location. There was discussion between board members, with Mr. Brian and Mr. Driggers answering questions and providing more information as needed. Action item, in Mr. Brian’s presentation, to prioritize the options on the list available needed for the upgrades at the various school sites and locations. Board chair Mr. Brown then brought the list to a vote to prioritize some of the items on the list.

From the list provided the board voted on 3 items. Football Stadium Option A, Fire Alarms and Damaged Playground Equipment. Vote for Football Stadium Option A was 5 Yes and 4 No, Fire Alarms 9 Yes and 0 No, Damaged Playground Equipment 9 Yes and 0 No. Therefore, by board member vote to approve the Priority Option of the Football Stadium Option A to be upgraded as presented. All board members present

voted. The vote to approve the Priority Option of the Football Stadium Option A to be upgraded as presented, vote carried 5-4.

By board member vote to approve Priority Option of the Fire Alarms and Damaged Playground Equipment to be upgraded as presented. All board members present voted in favor of this action. The vote to approve Priority Option of the Fire Alarms and Damaged Playground Equipment to be upgraded as presented, vote carried 9-0.

Ms. Rebecca Yates made the motion to table the rest of the items on the Priority Options list as presented. Ms. Paula Morris provided the 2<sup>nd</sup> for this motion. All board members present voted in favor of this motion. The motion to table the rest of the items on the Priority Options list as presented, motion carried 9-0.

All the department updates and PowerPoint reports are posted for the public on the FSD3 website and are shown on the streamed meeting on youtube@fsd3.

**Exit into Executive Session** – Ms. Rutha Frieson made the motion to exit regular session to go into executive session to discuss personnel matters concerns, possible hiring, termination, resignation, placed on leave or potential legal matters. Ms. Mattie Thomas provided the second for this motion. All board members present voted in favor of this motion. The motion to enter executive session carries 9-0.

**Reconvene to Open Session** – Ms. Rebecca Yates made the motion to exit executive session and reconvene to open session. Ms. Mattie Thomas provided the second for this motion. All board members present voted in favor of this motion. The motion to exit executive session and reconvene to open session carries 9-0.

**PUBLIC SESSION**

**Action from executive session** – No action needed from executive session.

**Adjourn:** There being no further business for the Board of Trustees; Ms. Julia Mims made the motion to adjourn. Ms. Rutha Frieson provided the second for this motion. All board members present voted in favor of this motion. The motion to adjourn carries 9-0.

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**Date approved**

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**Jac’Kel Brown, Chair**

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**Liz Acuña, Recording Clerk**

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**Rebecca Yates, Secretary**