



Florence County School District 3

Board Meeting Minutes for Thursday, September 18, 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 September 18, 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 8 board members were in attendance and Ms. Paula Morris on speaker phone.

**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. Rutha Frieson 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. Rutha Frieson made the motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Ms. Rebecca Yates 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:** Contessa Bradley, Lake City CATE and Marlon Brown, School Bus Driver

**Board Chair Report:** Mr. Gregory McKnight visited J.C. Lynch on 9/2/25. Ms. Ruth Frieson commented on Scranton Elem. keeping our children said. Ms. Mattie Thomas spoke of the tour of all school sites in FSD3 today.

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

**Interim-Superintendent's Report:** –Ms. Kasey Feagin, Interim-Superintendent  
Ms. Kasey Feagin began with recognizing 2 student athletes for their awesome accomplishments in the SCHSL State Championships in Columbia, SC. On May 16, 2025. Tiara Muldrow AA State Champion 100m hurdles and Candance Ross AA State Runner-Up 100m hurdles. LCHS Track coaching team were invited to speak about the two young ladies and their hard work and accomplishments. Certificates were presented to Tiara and Candance.

**Finance Update - Hope Gibson, Finance Director** - September 2025 Finance Updates. Ms. Hope reviewed our mission statement and 2025-2026 district goals. Ms. Hope presented the August 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 for 2025-2026. Ms. Hope also reviewed the General Fund Budget by Object Code as of August 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. HR Job Alert app was explained. There were Policy Revisions: GBC, GCB, GCK, GCQC/GCQD that Ms. Scott read the current and revised versions. The policy needed to be reviewed and approved by the board. Ms. Julia Mims made the motion to approve the policy revision for GBC, GCB, GCK, GCQC/GCQD as presented. Ms. Rutha Frieson 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 also presented New Policy: GCCAAA. She gave the first reading of the new policy. New policy also needed to be reviewed and approved by the board.

Ms. Rebecca Yates made the motion to approve New Policy: GCCAAA 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 new policy as presented, motion carried 9-0. All the details of the revisions and new policy are available on our YouTube channel and posted on the FSD3 website.

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

Ms. Mary Howard presented the SC Ready ELA, SC Ready Math, End of Course Exams, SC Ready Science updates and scores. She also reported on the District Instructional Team weekly school visits and Ms. Amanda Dorris's Leadership Teams data meetings. FSD3 Food Service Team given a shout-out for the great job done for serving almost 7,000 meals over the summer. Upcoming events: October 6<sup>th</sup> is the 45<sup>th</sup> Day of School, October 9<sup>th</sup> are Intercession Days, October 15<sup>th</sup> is when Report Cards go out. Ms. Ruth Frieson asked for update on the SC Ready report for the special needs students. Ms. Mary Howard will provide that before the next meeting.

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

Ms. Kasey Feagin began by introducing the representatives from the City of Lake City for the Rehabilitation of the Matthews Road Water Tank. They gave a presentation showing what is needed to rehabilitate the water tower tank and asked for FSD3 to help fund the project. Dr. Julia Mims asked a few questions and Board Chair Jac'Kel Brown as the representatives to get a request in writing for they are asking for so that the board can review and come to a decision. The City of Lake City will get back to the board with the proper paperwork requested.

Ms. Feagin continued her report by congratulating Olanta Magnet School and Dr. Ray for receiving a grant for \$2,000.00 from Francis Marion's Center of Excellence. Ms. Tonyelle Thomas also wrote and received a grant for \$426,533.00 for Student Success Coaches. Ms. Feagin gave an update on the 2025 enrollment.

Two New Policies JHE & BEA were read for their first reading. The policy needed to be reviewed and approved by the board. Ms. Rutha Frieson made the motion to approve the first reading of new policy for JHE & BEA 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 policy revision as presented, motion carried 9-0.

Policy Revisions were also read for policy BE & JH. Revision policy also needed to be reviewed and approved by the board. Ms. Rebecca Yates made the motion to approve the revisions for policy BE & JH 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 policy revision as presented, motion carried 9-0.

All the details of the revisions and new policy are available on our YouTube channel and posted on the FSD3 website.

**Mr. Brian Huckabee, Director of Facilities and Technology** – Mr. Brian Huckabee and Mr. Mitch Driggers gave a FSD3 Facilities Update. The updates included an update on the fire alarm upgrades and cost, Lake City High School quotes for roofing and masonry contractors, Lake City Early Childhood Phase B, Ward Memorial Stadium upgrade costs estimates and how the upgrades can be funded. Mr. Huckabee and Mr. Driggers need the board to provide approval for the updated costs and for Facilities to proceed with upgrades as voted in last meeting. Football Stadium Option A \$2,918,375.00; Fire Alarms and add Olanta and Graham Road to the list of sites for fire alarms \$2,307,314.95; and Damaged Playground Equipment \$200,936.83. Ms. Julia Mims made the motion to postpone and take no further action on the rest of the items on the Priority Options list as presented. Ms. Rutha Frieson provided the 2<sup>nd</sup> for this motion. All board members present voted in favor of this motion. The motion to postpone 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. Julia Mims 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. Mr. Jason Kirby 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. Ms. Paula Morris was disconnected from the speaker/intercom call.

**Reconvene to Open Session** – Ms. Rebecca Yates made the motion to exit executive session and reconvene to open session. Ms. Jason Kirby 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 8-0.

**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. Jason Kirby provided the second for this motion. All board members present voted in favor of this motion. The motion to adjourn carries 8-0.

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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**