



Florence County School District 3

Board Meeting

Minutes

Location: FSD3 Board Room

Thursday, December 16, 2021

6:00 p.m.

In Attendance: Barbara Bryant, Julia Mims, Jac'Kel Brown, Paula Morris, Rutha Frieson, Jason Kirby, and Mattie Thomas. ***Gloria Robinson joined the meeting after it had begun.**

Absent: Almeta Fleming.

Call to Order: Board Chair, Barbara Bryant called the December 16, 2021 board 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 Board Chair Bryant led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of the Agenda: Jac'Kel Brown made the motion to approve tonight's agenda as presented. Julia Mims provided the 2nd for this motion. All board members present voted in favor of this motion. The motion to approve tonight's agenda as presented passed 7-0.

Approval of the Consent Agenda: Rutha Frieson made the motion to approve 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 approve the consent agenda as presented passed 7-0. This consent agenda contained the following items: November 18, 2021 board minutes and the Certified Personnel Report.

Public Participation: There were no requests for public participation.

Board Chair Report

1. *Report of Any Meetings/Schools Attended* – Barbara Bryant and Mattie Thomas attended the SCSBA Legislative and Delegate Assembly conference held in Charleston. All SC districts are dealing with issues such as compulsory attendance, school safety, early retiring teachers, the issue of fully-funding BSC, and re-districting. All of these, and more, items were discussed at this conference, and the business meeting was deciding what bills will be coming up in legislature this year. Jac'Kel Brown visited MSE; Rutha Frieson enjoyed the schools Winter conferences. ***Gloria Robinson joined the meeting at this time.**
2. *Request to Attend Any Meetings* – If anyone wants to attend the SCSBA Annual conference in February, please let Shelia know.

Staff Reports**Finance Update** – *Michelle Humphrey, Finance Director*

November Financials - The November financials are linked to your board agenda and on the FSD3 website. The 2021-2022 current budget is the final approved amount of \$29,900,845. The General Fund budget was also shown by Object Code.

Draft of Technology Security and Data Recovery Plan – *Brian Huckabee, Technology & Communications Director*

Mr. Huckabee presented to board members the draft of the Technology Security and Data Recovery Plan, which included, but not limited to, the following areas:

- ✓ *Internet Content Filtering*
- ✓ *Malicious software*
- ✓ *Firewalls*
- ✓ *Physical Security*
- ✓ *Network Security*
- ✓ *Incident Management*
- ✓ *Business Continuity*
- ✓ *Data Privacy*

Instruction Update – *Mary Howard, Elementary & Early Childhood Director*

The Arbor Day celebration was December 3, 2021 with guest speaker, Mrs. Terasa Lott, State Coordinator, SC Master Gardener Program with Clemson Extension. Awarded 3 classes in the 4K-5K category; 1st12th categories for Literacy and Art where 35 students were recognized with monetary prizes for their work.

Winter Benchmark Testing: MAP, TE21 will be finishing up this week; DRA, easy CBM, MyIGDIs will be in January.

Upcoming events: District Spelling Bee will be January 20th at 9:30 a.m. in the Blanding Street auditorium; Magnet Schools Showcase Night will be January 24th (OES 5:00 p.m. and JPT 6:30 p.m.); Dr. Ronald E. McNair Day will be held on January 28th beginning at 10:00 a.m. at REMJH.

Operations Update – *Kasey Feagin, Ed. S., Chief Operations Officer*

COVID 19 cases update - A summary of cases in November and December as well as a breakdown of cases by schools. 150 of F2F students were quarantined due to exposure/contact or tested positive in November. 48 F2F students were quarantined due to exposure/contact or tested positive in December. 0 virtual students either month. These number were as of 12/13/2021.

Beds Ministry – On Saturday December 10th 25 beds with mattresses, bedding, and other items were given to needed FSD3 students by the Methodist Church in Florence.

Cell Phone Policy Feedback – A survey with all employees was conducted in order to get feedback on the current Cell Phone Policy (JCDAG). Results will be gathered and recommendations for policy revision will be present during the January 2022 board meeting.

Superintendent's Report- *Laura Hickson, Ed. D., Superintendent*

Legislative Update – the 2022 legislative session begins January 12, 2022. 47 new bills and resolutions were recently introduced in the Senate. Two of the local bills were quickly acted upon and sent to the House to take up in January when they reconvene. 12 of the new bills are of interest for K12 education.

COVID #s – Dr. Hickson elaborated on the COVID #s mentioned earlier by Ms. Feagin. Dr. Hickson provided a visual of each day in December with a # of students that will be out physically from school due to quarantined either for exposure/contact or testing positive for COVID.

2022 Annual School Board Convention- This conference is scheduled for February 17-20, 2022 at Hilton Head Island. Again, if you would like to attend, please let Shelia know.

FSD3 Receives Cognia's 2021 District of Distinction Award – Dr. Hickson received a congratulations notification from Cognia for being recognized with a 2021 Cognia System of Distinction Award. This award is a result of FSD3's 2020-2021 Accreditation Engagement Review with Cognia.

School Board Appreciation Month – Each board member has been assigned to a specific school:

Dr. Julia Mims – Lake City Early Childhood Center

Barbara Bryant – Main Street Elementary

Almeta Fleming – J. C. Lynch Elementary

Paula Morris – Olanta Elementary Magnet

Gloria Robinson – Scranton Elementary

Jason Kirby – Ronald E. McNair Jr. High

Rutha Frieson – J. Paul Truluck Magnet

Mattie Thomas – Lake City High

Jac'Kel Brown – ACE/Adult Education Program

Executive Session: Jac'Kel Brown made the motion to enter into executive session to discuss personnel regarding hiring, termination, resignation or potential legal matters. Gloria Robinson provided the 2nd for this motion. All board members present voted in favor of this motion. The motion to enter into executive session passed 8-0.

Exit Executive Session – Rutha Frieson made the motion to exit executive session. Gloria Robinson provided the 2nd for this motion. All board members present voted in favor of this motion. The motion to exit executive session passed 8-0.

PUBLIC SESSION

Action from Executive Session:

No action was taken from Executive Session.

Adjourn: There being no further business for the Board of Trustees, Jason Kirby made the motion to adjourn. Jac'Kel Brown provided the 2nd for this motion. All board members present voted in favor of this motion. The motion to adjourn passed 8-0.

Date approved

Barbara Bryant, Chair

Shelia Knotts, Recording Clerk

Jac'Kel Brown, Secretary