



# Florence County School District 3

## *Called Board Meeting Minutes Location: FSD3 Board Room*

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Thursday, July 11, 2024

5:45 p.m.

**Call to Order:** Board Chair, Jac'Kel Brown called the July 11, 2024 board meeting of the Florence County School District Three Board of Trustees to order.

**Roll Call:** Secretary Rutha Frieson informed the Board Chair, Jac'Kel Brown, that board members Jac'Kel Brown, Jason Kirby, Rutha Frieson, Mattie Thomas, Paula Morris, Julia Mims, and Barbara Bryant were present. *Rebecca Yates and Gloria Robinson were not in attendance.*

**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. A moment of silence was observed after which Dr. Hickson led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of the Agenda:** Rutha Frieson 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 11, 2024 agenda as presented passed 7-0.

**Public Participation:** No one signed up for public participation.

**Superintendent's Report**— *Dr. Laura Hickson, Superintendent*

Dr. Hickson gave board members an overview and update of the 2024-2025 general fund budget process. The general fund proposed budget is focused on our mission to ensure our students are college and career ready as well as focus on our 6 operational goals with safety still a priority. In May, the second reading of GF budget was not balanced and was out by \$6,599,025.00. The updated second reading of the GF budget 2024-2025 on June 20, 2024 the updated second reading was done, where the board approved a continuous resolution because the budget was still not balanced. Noted that as of June 20, 2024 the budget was still off by \$3,991,126.00. The proposed GF 2024-2025 budget will be shared by Ms. Gibson showing the budget is balanced. However, we balanced the budget using the funds from the GF that were set aside for the stadium. The reason that was done because student achievement is always first and it only makes sense that if we are still going to accomplish our mission of ensuring that students are college or career ready and accomplish our operational goals that we use funds that are already moved into our GF, instead of going back into our GF and requesting funds. Tonight the report shows our total revenue \$36,556,053.00 and that includes fund balance from prior year that was still in our current GF from the stadium. Expenditures total are 36,556,053.00 which gives us a balanced budget of \$36,556,053.00. Reminder that \$2,414,000.00 was used from the fund balance that was approved prior year that were approved for the stadium infrastructure.

Board Chair recognized *Rebecca Yates arrived to meeting.*

Finance Update – Hope Gibson, Finance Director

*Final Reading of Proposed General Fund Budget for 2024-2025* - The General Fund financials are linked to your board agenda and on the FSD3 website. **Final reading of the 2024-2025 General Fund Budget**

The final reading of the 2024-2025 General Fund Budget was read by Ms. Gibson. The motion to accept the General Fund Budget was made by Julia Mims. Ms. Barbara Bryant provided the 2<sup>nd</sup> for this motion. The motion to approve the Final Reading of the 2024-2025 General Fund Budget was passed 7-1

**Enter into Executive Session** – Rutha Frieson made the motion to enter into executive session to discuss student discipline or potential legal matters, and personnel matters (possible hiring, termination, resignation, placed on leave or potential legal matters). Rebecca Yates provided the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 and enter into public session. Jason Kirby provided the 2<sup>nd</sup> for this motion. All board members present voted in favor of this motion. The motion to exit executive session and enter back into public session passed 8-0.

## **PUBLIC SESSION**

**Action from executive session** – No action was needed from the executive session

**Adjourn:** There being no further business for the Board of Trustees, Barbara Bryant 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 8-0.

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Date approved

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Jac’Kel Brown, Chair

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Elizabeth Acuña, Recording Clerk

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Rutha Frieson, Secretary