



Florence County School District 3

Board Meeting

Minutes

Location: FSD3 Board Room

Thursday, July 14, 2022

6:30 p.m.

In Attendance: Barbara Bryant, Julia Mims, Rutha Frieson, Paula Morris, Gloria Robinson, Almeta Fleming and Mattie Thomas. Jason Kirby and Jac'Kel Brown attended this meeting via telephone.

Absent: None.

Call to Order: Board Chair, Barbara Bryant called the July 14, 2022 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: Rutha Frieson 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 9-0.

Approval of the Consent Agenda: Gloria Robinson made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Almeta Fleming 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 9-0. This consent agenda contained the following items: June 16, 2022 board minutes, the Certified Personnel Report, and Student Transfer Requests.

Public Participation: None.

Special Recognition – 2021-2022 Staff Retirees

The following staff members were recognized with FSD3 commemorative clocks:

Jay Alexander – 1992-2022; Sonia Beard – 2008-2021; Mary Lee Browder – 2006-2022; George Brown – 1984-2022; Kathy Epps – 1994-2022; Dixie Floyd – 2006-2022; Darlene Graham – 2004-2022; Peggy Haygood – 1991-2021; Melanie Hudson – 2005-2021; Michelle Humphrey – 2017-2022; Pearl Major – 2015-2022; Vermella McCray – 2020-2021; Barbara McFadden – 1998-2022; Lorraine McKnight – 2004-2022; Janet Meredith – 2017-2022; Fred Moore – 2019-2022; Amy Richardson – 1994-2022; Amanda Wilkes – 1989-2022; Joan Williams 2014-2022; Brenda Woods 2009-2022.

Board Chair Report

Ms. Barbara Bryant, FSD3 Board Chair welcomed everyone attending the July 14th, 2022 board meeting either personally or on Facebook. As always, the board's quest is to keep everyone informed and involved about what is going on in Florence School District 3.

1. Report of any Meetings/Schools Attended – Rutha Frieson attended the 22nd and 23rd Dramatic Coffee Beans (DCB) presentations as well as the 24th Camp Power Up celebration at MSE.
2. Request to Attend Any Meetings –Rutha Frieson asked to join the School Law Conference in Greenville August 26-28, 2022.

Staff Reports

Finance Update – *Hope Gibson, Finance Director*

June Financials - The June financials are linked to your board agenda and on the FSD3 website. The 2022-2023 current budget is the final approved amount of \$29,900,845. \$573,497 and \$376,503 were amounts approved use of fund balance for Employee appreciation/retention bonus and Band, Chorus, Athletics and Potential Housing, respectively. This brings the total amount to \$30,850,845. The General Fund budget was also shown by Object Code.

Amend General Fund budget FY 2022-2023 – Ms. Gibson presented to board members and those present for tonight’s meeting, the requested amendment to the approved 2022-2023 General Fund Budget: \$18,372,198 was anticipated from the State, however, due to the new funding formula, FSD3 will receive \$15,701,260, which is a difference of (\$2,670,938). FSD3 will, however, also receive \$2,716,167 in ‘Aid to Classrooms’ funding. This makes a change of an additional \$285,618 to the revenue of the General Fund budget. The new budget for the FSD3 2022-2023 FY is \$33,477,137. There was also a request of wording change to the Local descriptions. 100-001-960-9999-00 USE OF FUND BALANCE-PROJECTS IN PROGRESS was asked to be amended to: 100-001-960-1000-00 USE OF FUND BALANCE-HOUSING AND SAFETY and 100-002-960-9999-00 USE OF FUND BALANCE-PROJECTS IN PROGRESS. Julia Mims made the motion to accept these amendments to the approved 2022-2023 General Fund Budget 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 amendments to the approved 2022-2023 General Fund budget as presented passed 9-0.

Human Resources Update – *Angelia Scott, HR & Federal Programs Director*

Mrs. Scott showed the comparison of the vacancies from May and until this present date:

	May	June	July
Early Childhood	11	5	3
Elementary	6	2	4
English	1	0	
Math	1	0	
Science	2	1	2
Social Studies	3	3	2
Special Education	8	3	4
Building Construction	1	1	
School Counselor	2	2	1
Art		1	1
Music (Band)	2	3	3

Physical Education	1	0	
Media	1	1	1

Mrs. Scott was asked if there were any prospects. To which she replied, there were 7 interviews yesterday and interviews today. These also include classified positions.

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

Legislative Updates – The following updates were shared with board members:

Members of the General Assembly spent the Tuesday before July 4 working through the 73 budget vetoes in the \$13 billion state budget.

- Of the K12 budget vetoes, one of the vetoes that were sustained (agreed to) and no longer exist in the budget is Proviso 1.99 that authorizes school districts to “hire noncertified teachers in critical needs geographic areas and subject areas if a certified teacher is not available”.
- A new state spending plan for FY 2022-2023 was adopted, and the state minimum teacher salary schedule will increase by 44,000.

On August 27-28, 2022 the School Law Conference will be held in Greenville, SC.

District Updates – The following updates were shared with board members:

- In April, the board approved a transfer of \$950,000 from the fund balance for potential housing, safety upgrades, athletic, chorus/ensemble, and needs/upgrades, and staff bonuses in December 2021.
- To date, we have ordered metal detectors and bleachers.
- The current purchase list:
 1. Clear book bags for students
 2. Remove carpet in several offices/spaces.
 3. Items on the athletic needs list
 4. Humidifiers for Panther Pride Classrooms due to boarded windows.

The S. C. sales tax holiday kicks off August 5.

The Summer Learning Opportunities for Students for 2022: (these relevant opportunities for learning reduces the learning gap & learning loss)

- Leadership camp @ FMU – 11 students
- STEM Camp @ Allen University – 10 students
- Girls' State in Columbia, SC – 2 students
- Darlington Exploratory/Bridge Camp – 52 students
- Governor School of ARTS – 2 students
- LCECC Academic 7 21st Century Camps – 200 students
- MSE Read to Succeed & 21st Century Camps – 165 students
- Middle School Academic Camp – 79 students
- LCHS Academic Camp (Grades 9-12) – 88 students
- Boys and Girls Club Camp – 100 students
- Photography Camp – 6 students
- Theater/Acting camp – 6 students

- Culinary camps – 33 students
- Yale Young Global Scholar – 1 student
- McLeod Nursing Academy – 2 students
- FMU;s Camp Activate – 9 students
- Art Camp – 5 students
- CNA – 6 students
- Clemson Reading Camp – NNK

Some of the financial supporters who were instrumental in helping provide meals and transportation for some of the camps out of town were:

- Class of 1982 (Sarah Gay; Dr. Evelyn Fulmore; Rebecca Elliott, Retired Principal, Principal's daughter-engineer and others)
- Dr. Ronald E. McNair Committee

Important Dates and Events:

- Tuesday, July 19, @ 12:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. will be the Superintendent' virtual town Hall Informational Meeting for parents & Stakeholders
- Wednesday, July 20, will be the New Employee luncheon
- Thursday, July 21, will be the Student On-Site registration (7:00 am to 7:00 pm)
- Monday, July 25, – All employees return to work. Opening ceremonies will be at 8:30 a.m. at the LCHS Gymnasium.
- Thursday, July 28, will be Open House at all schools (3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.)

Executive Session: Almeta Fleming made the motion to enter into executive session to discuss personnel regarding hiring, termination, resignation or potential legal matters. Rutha Frieson provided the 2nd for this motion. All board members present voted in favor of this motion. The motion to enter into executive session passed 9-0.

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 and enter into public session passed 9-0

PUBLIC SESSION

Action from Executive Session:

No action was needed from executive session.

Adjourn: There being no further business for the Board of Trustees, Rutha Frieson made the motion to adjourn. Gloria Robinson 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

Barbara Bryant, Chair

Shelia Knotts, Recording Clerk

Rutha Frieson, Secretary