



Florence County School District 3

Board Meeting Minutes for Thursday, June 18, 2026 @ 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 Jason Kirby called the 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:** Board Chair Jason Kirby reported that 9 board members were in attendance. Present in person with him were Mr. Steve Locklair, Ms. Rutha Frieson, Mr. Gregory McKnight, Mr. Jac'Kel Brown, Ms. Mattie Thomas, Ms. Paula Morris, and Dr. Julia Mims. Ms. Rebecca Yate was attending on speakerphone.

**Moment of Silence:** Dr. Suber requested that we observe a moment of silence.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Board Chair Jason Kirby led the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of the Agenda:** Mr. Jac'Kel Brown made the motion to approve the agenda as presented. Ms. Rutha Frieson provided the second for this motion. All board members present voted in favor of this motion. The motion to approve the agenda as presented carries 9-0.

**Approval of the Consent Agenda:** Ms. Paula Morris made the motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Dr. Julia Mims. provided the second for this motion. All board members present voted in favor of this motion. The motion to approve the consent agenda as presented carries 9-0.

**Public Participation:** None

**Board Chair Report:** Board Chair Kirby addressed the items on the Board Chair Report.

**Board members report of any meetings/schools attended:** Mr. Jason Kirby opened the floor for board members to report their activities within Florence School District Three:

**Ms. Julia Mims:** Nothing to report.

**Ms. Paula Morris:** Nothing to report.

**Ms. Mattie Thomas:** Nothing to report.

**Mr. Jac'Kel Brown:** Nothing to report

**Ms. Rebecca Yates:** Nothing to report.

**Mr. Gregory McKnight:** Nothing to report

**Ms. Rutha Frieson:** Nothing to report

**Mr. Steve Locklair:** Nothing to report.

**Mr. Jason Kirby:** Nothing to report

**Request to attend any meetings:** Let Ms. Yates know and she will convey to Ms. Acuña. Currently registering for Law Conference.

**Superintendent's Report:** *Dr. Suber -Superintendent* introduced Ms. ?? from the Olanta Class of 1980, Olanta High School. They are requesting approval from the School Board to place a commemorative alumni sign/banner at or near the former Olanta High School campus, now operating as the middle school. A proposal to Honor the Legacy of Olanta High School was given to Board Members previously. Mr. Jac'Kel Brown made the motion to approve the request for Olanta High School Class of 1980 to place a memorial at or around Olanta Elem/Mid School as presented. Ms. Mattie Thomas provided the second for this motion. All board members present voted in favor of this motion. The motion to approve the consent agenda as presented carries 9-0.

**Finance Update - Hope Gibson, Finance Director - June 2026 Finance Updates.** Ms. Hope presented the June 2026 financial updates. She reviewed the May 2026 Financials PowerPoint of the General fund reports beginning with the FSD3 mission and district goals. She reviewed the board approved balance of the general fund budget \$35,646,811.00 for fiscal year 2025-2026. She read over her financial slides and totals for 2025-2026 budgets. New approved general fund budget for 2025-2026 is \$41,199,818.00 and the General Fund Budget by Object Code as of May 31, 2026. The final page of the presentation was the timeline for the 2026-2027 General Budget Approval. Ms. Hope moved on to her report by reviewing and/or reading the Final Reading of the 2026-2027 General Fund Budget. She went through the complete report Preliminary Budget for 2026-2027 in its entirety. Dr. Julia Mims, Ms. Paula Morris, Rutha Frieson asked questions regarding the amount shortage to balance the budget and they were answered by Ms. Gibson and Dr. Suber. Mr. Jac'Kel Brown and Ms. Mattie Thomas made comments regarding the number of releases from FSD3 that are approved by the board in the consent agenda. Dr. Mims asked we needed to approve the money transfer now. Dr. Suber and Ms. Hope responded yes, we want approval to move the money needed from the general fund to cover the shortage. The board did not make a motion because that request was not on the agenda for approval. Mr. Jac'Kel Brown made the motion to approve the Final Reading of the General Fund Budget Fiscal Year 2026-2027 as presented. Ms. Mattie Thomas provided the second for this motion. All board members present voted in favor of this motion. The motion carries 9-0. \*All of this presentation is also on YouTube fsd3. \*

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

Ms. Scott presented her report with the updated Certified/Administrative Vacancies - Tentative for 2026-2027.

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

Ms. Mary Howard began her report by reviewing board goals, Read to Succeed law / Act 114, SC Ready ELA, the district snapshot of 3<sup>rd</sup> grade SC Ready data and the next steps and strategic priorities. Board members asked a few questions regarding Title 1 parenting liaisons, how calls are made to parents regarding attending summer ready program, and retention in early grades. \*All of this presentation is also on YouTube fsd3.\*

**Other Legislative and District Updates - Dr. Suber, Superintendent**

Dr. Suber then invited Mr. Brian Huckabee to give the Facilities Update. Mr. Huckabee gave a five-page update presentation. No questions asked.

\*\*\*All power points are also posted online and can be seen on YouTube@fsd3.\*\*\*

**Exit into Executive Session** - Ms. Julia Mims made the motion to exit from open session into executive session to discuss student appeal and personnel matters, concerns, possible hiring, termination, resignation, placed on leave or potential legal matters. Paula Morris provided the second for this motion. All board members present voted in favor of this motion. The motion to enter executive session carries - 0. Mr. Steve Locklair is disconnected from speakerphone.

**Reconvene to Open Session** - Ms. Rebecca Yates made the motion to exit executive session and reconvene to open session. Ms. Rutha Frieson 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 7-0.

**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 7-0.

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**Date approved**

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**Jason Kirby, Chair**

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**Elizabeth Acuña, Recording Clerk**

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**Rebecca Yates, Secretary**