



Florence County School District 3

Board Meeting

Minutes

Location: FSD3 Board Room

Thursday, November 18, 2021

6:30 p.m.

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

Absent: None.

Call to Order: Board Chair, Barbara Bryant called the November 18, 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: Rutha Frieson made the motion to approve tonight's agenda as presented. Gloria Robinson 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. 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 9-0. This consent agenda contained the following items: October 26, 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* – Several board members attended the Title I 'Reading Under the Lights' event at the LCHS track.
2. *Request to Attend Any Meetings* – Barbara Bryant and Mattie Thomas will be attending the Legislative Advocacy Conference in Charleston on December 4-5, 2021. Chairman Bryant had a copy of the Delegate Assembly Handbook sent to board members and encouraged board members to review, and if you have any concerns, please let Ms. Bryant know so she can be a voice during this assembly. Chair Bryant will be representing FSD3 as a voting delegate. Almeta Fleming wanted to thank Brian Huckabee and Abra Bolling for the media being communicated through the videos, Bits and Pieces, etc. Julia Mims had the pleasure to attend the announcement of the Darla Moore Foundation joining with the Meeting Street Scholarship Program. Such a game changer for the students in these 8 districts.
3. **Staff Reports**

Finance Update – *Michelle Humphrey, Finance Director*

October Financials - The October 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 shown by Object Code.

Mauldin & Jenkins, District auditors, conducted the SY 2020-2021 fiscal audit. Mr. Tim Lyons, partner with Mauldin & Jenkins, gave a summary of results from this audit. This is the 2nd year Mauldin & Jenkins have had the opportunity to work with FSD3 to conduct the FY 2020-2021 Annual Independent Audit. Mr. Lyons thanked Michelle Humphrey and the finance staff for being so easy to work with and very accommodating during this audit. It was a 'clean' audit and the items required to share with the board were presented at this time.

Julia Mims made the motion to accept the results presented for the 2020-2021 fiscal audit. Rutha Frieson provided the 2nd for this motion. All board members present voted in favor of this motion. The motion to accept the results presented for the 2020-2021 fiscal audit passed 9-0.

FSD3 will be able to submit this submission to the SDE by the December 1st deadline.

Instruction Update – *Ned Blake, Ed. S., Director of Secondary & Alternative Education*

Mr. Blake began his report by thanking the teachers from LCHS on helping make the Title I 'Reading Under the Lights' a great success.

Waterford devices are out to parents except for 6 (129 devices out).

The Winter Benchmark Window is November 15th thru December 16th (MAP, TE21, DRA, easy CBM, EOC).

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

COVID 19 cases update - A summary of cases in October and November as well as a breakdown of case by schools. 295 F2F students in October were quarantined due to exposure/contact or tested positive in October. 118 F2F students were quarantined due to exposure/contact or tested positive in November. 0 virtual students either month. These number were as of 11/16/2021.

Upcoming Testing – To elaborate on what Mr. Blake mentioned earlier. End of Course (EOC) testing will consist of English 2-Writing and reading on December 8th & 9th; Biology on December 10th; U. S. History on December 13th; and Algebra on December 14th. This is due to LCHS operating on a semester course schedule.

Beds Ministry – December 11th is the date for beds pickup. Again, this is partnered with the Methodist church. Families are provided a bed, mattress, bedding items (sheets, comforter) as well as pajamas and stuffed toy for the child. December 11th is scheduled to accommodate 25 students with beds.

Policy ECAF – 2nd Reading – Video Monitoring/Buildings and Grounds – This policy addresses notification, maintenance and operation of recording systems, viewing of recordings, student/personnel records, and release of video to law enforcement. Jac'Kel Brown made the motion to approve 2nd reading of Policy ECAF as presented. Mattie Thomas provided the 2nd for this motion. All board members present voted in favor of this motion. The motion to approve 2nd reading for Policy ECAF Video Monitoring/Buildings and Grounds as presented passed 9-0.

Policy EBCB – 2nd Reading – Safety Plans and Drills - This policy addresses assessment, inspections, evacuation plans and drills, classroom and hallway safety, and construction and renovation. Almeta Fleming made the motion to approve 2nd reading of Policy EBCB as presented. Rutha Frieson provided

the 2nd for this motion. All board members present voted in favor of this motion. The motion to approve 2nd reading of Policy EBCB Safety Plans and Drills as presented passed 9-0.

Deletion of Policies JGFA & EBBC – Due to the approval of policy EBCB, policies JGFA and EBBC is no longer needed. Rutha Frieson made the motion to delete policies JGFA and EBBC. Gloria Robinson provided the 2nd for this motion. All board members present voted in favor of this motion. The motion to delete policies JGFA and EBBC passed 9-0.

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

Legislative Update – Dr. Hickson mentioned the passing of Senator Hugh Leatherman, who was a champion for education and for the Pee Dee. Funeral Services will be held on Friday, the 19th of November. The legislative session begins January 12, 2021. The 2021 Legislative preview webinar that was held on November 11th is available for viewing. Let Shelia know if you would like for her to send you a copy.

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

FSD3 Leadership Academy for Assistant Principals- Dr. Hickson was proud to announce the 1st academy for training individuals for assistant principal leadership roles. A list of the meeting dates were given. 1st assignment was to go through the FSD3 policies beginning with sections I and J. There are 7 participants in this class. These participants are current employees who have been with FSD3 ranging from 2003 to 2021.

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: Almeta Fleming 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 9-0.

Exit Executive Session – Julia Mims made the motion to exit executive session. Paula Morris provided the 2nd for this motion. All board members present voted in favor of this motion. The motion to exit executive session passed 9-0.

PUBLIC SESSION

Action from Executive Session:

Jac'Kel Brown made the motion to approve the recommendation for staff incentives. Julia Mims provided the 2nd for this motion. All board members present voted in favor of this motion. The motion to approve the recommendation for staff incentives passed 9-0.

Adjourn: There being no further business for the Board of Trustees, Jac'Kel Brown made the motion to adjourn. Julia Mims 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

Jac'Kel Brown, Secretary