



Florence County School District 3

Called Board Meeting Minutes Location: FSD3 Board Room

Thursday, October 28, 2024

4:00 p.m.

Call to Order: Board Chair Jac'Kel Brown called the October 28, 2024 board meeting of the Florence County School District Three Board of Trustees to order at 4:03pm.

Roll Call by Board Secretary: Mr. Brown reported that members Barbara Bryant, Jami Kirby, Jac'Kel Brown, Paula Morris and Julia Mims were all attendance. Ms. Rutha Frieson was on the speakerphone.

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.

Moment of Silence: Dr. Hickson requested prayers for all FSD3 staff, students, and families. We observed a moment of silence.

Pledge of Allegiance: Dr. Hickson led the meeting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of the Agenda: Barbara Bryant made the motion to approve the agenda 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 consent agenda as presented passed 6-0.

(Julia Mims entered the meeting a little late)

Approval of Funding Source and Tentative Priority List of Projects- Mike Gallagher went over the detailed information on how the \$20 million loan would impact the district in various ways. Mills would go up, interest rates, taxes etc. Comparison of mills to other districts in our area were shared. The discussion continued regarding how much money they would use to finish LCECC's phase B and start working on other project. Board members ask questions to Dr. Hickson and to Mr. Gallenger. Dr. Hickson also handed out a Florence County 2024 Debt Service Levy Chart to all the members of the board. Barbara Bryant made the motion to approve the Funding Source and Tentative Priority List of Projects as presented. Julia Mims provided the 2nd for this motion. All board members voted in favor of this motion. The motion to approve the Funding Source and Tentative Priority List of Projects as presented passed 7-0.

Staff Appreciation Bonus -Projects: Dr. Hickson went over end of year general fund balance. She recommended bonuses for FSD3 employees for November 2024 and Retention Bonus for May 2025. Paula Morris made the motion to approve the Staff Appreciation Bonus as presented. Julia Mims provided the 2nd for this motion. All board members voted in favor of this motion. The motion to approve the Staff Appreciation Bonus as presented passed 7-0.

Enter into Executive Session – Paula Morris 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) Jason Kirby provided the 2nd for this motion. All board members present voted in favor of this motion. The motion to enter executive session passed 7-0.

Rutha Frieson was disconnected from phone call on speakerphone for Executive Session.

Exit Executive Session – Julia Mims made the motion to exit executive session and enter public session. Paula Morris provided the 2nd for this motion. All board members present voted in favor of this motion. The motion to exit the executive session and enter back into public session passed 6-0.

PUBLIC SESSION

Action from executive session – None

Adjourn: There being no further business for the Board of Trustees; Julia Mims made the motion to adjourn. Barbara Bryant provided the 2nd for this motion. All board members present voted in favor of this motion. The motion to adjourn passed 6-0. Meeting adjourned at 4:37pm.

Date approved

Jac'Kel Brown, Chair

Liz Acuña, Recording Clerk

Rutha Frieson, Secretary