

**REGULAR BOARD MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FLORENCE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. TWO
DISTRICT OFFICE
March 27, 2023
7:00 p.m.**

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Florence County School District No. Two was held in the District Administrative Office on Monday, March 27, 2023.

Those present: **Mr. Thadis D. Calcutt, Jr.**
 Mr. Robert B. Singletary
 Mrs. Angela P. Keith
 Mr. Eric K. Mincey
 Mr. Mark L. Campbell
 Mr. Johnny R. Jenkins
 Mrs. Elleveen T. Poston

Oath of Office

Mrs. Elleveen T. Poston, Mr. Mark Leon Campbell, and Mr. Thadis D. Calcutt, Jr. were administered the Oath of Office by Mr. Robert B. Singletary. Their three-year term is set to expire in 2026.

Call to Order

Mr. Thadis D. Calcutt, Jr. called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. by welcoming visitors and staff.

Declaration of FOIA

In accordance with the South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976, Section 30-4-89 (d), as amended, local news media and public were notified of the time, date, place, and agenda of the meeting.

Recognition and Awards

Career and Technology State Awards

Mr. Douglas Walker presented certificates to the following students for their outstanding achievements at the SkillsUSA and Leadership Conference:

Eli Ard	Second Place in ActionSkills
Logan Bass	First Place in Mobile Electronics
	South Carolina State Officer
Claudia Garcia-Ruenda	Second Place in First Aid/CPR

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Matthew Lee	Second Place Mobile Electronics
Jacob Lyerly	Second Place in Related Technical Math
Parker Provau	Third Place in Information Technology

First Place in the Quiz Bowl Competition

Jaylen Bass
Zarkasia Fleming
Ze'Mira Fleming
Elizabeth Garcia-Rueda
Itzama Garcia

Ms. Casey Cooper presented certificates to recognize the following students for their achievements at the 2023 SC HOSA State Leadership Conference.

Aislyn Bram	Second Place Medical Spelling
Layla Cooper	Second 2 nd Place Job Seeking Skills
Kinsley Eaddy	HPH 2023 Outstanding HOSA Member

Consent Agenda Items

A motion was made by Mr. Robert B. Singletary to approve the Consent Agenda Items. The items included the Approval of Agenda, Board Minutes, Financial Statements, Personnel Sheet, Overnight Fieldtrips, and 2023-2024 Certified Recommendations. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Angela P. Keith, and it passed unanimously

Superintendent Update

Dr. Vincent presented district budget projections provided by the SCDE for the FY24 House Budget. The projections include a proposal to increase teacher salaries by \$2500 for every cell. Additionally, he provided information on two bills, S.244 which pertains to school board elections and S.334 which deals with school board vacancies/appointments.

Action Items

Bond Resolution - Dr. Vincent recommended a bond resolution for approval, as previously discussed in February 2023. The resolution will allow the issuance and sale of a general obligation bond with a maximum value of \$950,000. Mr. Johnny R. Jenkins moved to approve the Bond Resolution and Mr. Eric K. Mincey seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Policy Updates GCIE, GCLE, GCLE-R - Dr. Vincent presented Policies GCIE, GCLE, GCLE-R, for second reading.

Policy GCIE, which covers Professional Staff Continuing Education, was recommended for revision by the administration due to current procedures.

Policy GCLE and GCLE-R were proposed by the South Carolina School Boards Association (SCSBA), and the administration recommends their adoption as a new policy for the district. The new local policy and administrative rule include the policy of the State Board of Education, which was adopted on January 17, 2023, regarding unencumbered time as required.

Mrs. Elleveen T. Poston moved to approve the Policy Updates GCIE, GCLE, GCLE-R, and Mr. Eric K. Mincey seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Reports and Items for Discussion

2022-2023 Student Count 135th Day - Dr. Vincent reported that the Average Daily Membership (ADM) count for the 135th day at HPEM was 709, while at HPH it was 301, resulting in a total of 1,010 students. This represents a decline of 27 students from the 135th day ADM count in the previous academic year (2021-2022).

2023 Board Election Update - Mr. Legrande Richardson provided an update on the recent election, reporting that a total of 708 voters cast their votes across seven precincts. He noted that the voting numbers were lower than in previous years. Mr. Richardson also shared three concerns that were raised by the District Election Committee. These included the lack of accommodations for absentee voting, the absence of early voting options, and the need for more detailed voting data by precinct.

Capital Update - Mr. Richardson provided an update on several ongoing capital projects. He stated that the project closeout process for the HPEMS HVAC replacement is still ongoing and has been delayed due to warranty parts being on order. Additionally, he shared that the decorative truss for the brick entryway to the football stadium has been delivered and installed.

Executive Session

At 8:05 p.m., Mrs. Elleveen T. Poston made a motion to go into executive session and Mr. Johnny R. Jenkins seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

At 8:45 p.m., Mrs. Elleveen T. Poston made a motion to come out of executive session and Mr. Robert B. Singletary seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Open Session

Mrs. Angela P. Keith moved that, in accordance with the district's reduction-in-force policy, we accept the Superintendents recommendation to eliminate a certified position due to lack of adequate state funding and consequently approve the termination of employment of the employee who will be affected by this position elimination in the 2023-2024 school year,

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consistent with district policy. Mrs. Elleveen T. Poston seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

At 8:46 p.m., Mrs. Elleveen T. Poston made a motion to adjourn. Mrs. Johnny R. Jenkins seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business to discuss, on motion duly made and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

Mr. Thadis D. Calcutt, Jr.
Chairman

Mrs. Angel P. Keith
Secretary