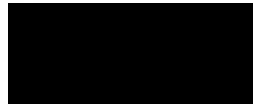




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This letter is being written in response to questions you submitted during the "Public Participation" portion of the June 12 meeting of the Trustees of School District 5 of Lexington and Richland Counties.

You asked:

1. The Education Group stands to make 5% on this transaction. In the hiring of the Educational Group to represent the district, was Policy FEC (Selection of Professionals in Facilities Construction) followed? If not, then how was the request for qualifications and competition utilized in the selection of The Educational Group? (See attached policy)

**Policy FEC relates only to the selection of "professionals in the area of facilities construction to manage and supervise the construction of new schools . . ." The selection of land and purchase of land is governed under both separate statutes and the site Acquisition policy which gives the administration the discretion to "retain a realtor to represent the district as a buyer, if necessary."**

2. In the selection of this AMFR site, was board policy FEE (Site Acquisition) followed. One of the key components of this policy is to have 2-4 sites. So, how was competition utilized in the selection of this AMFR site? (See attached policy)

**With regards to your questions on Policy FEE, the information regarding any alternate sites considered and the due diligence on any site is still confidential and remains exempt from disclosure under FOIA.**

Regards,

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