Minutes/July 17, 2023

The Board of Trustees of School District Five of Lexington and Richland Counties met at the District Office Administration Building with the following members present:

Mrs. Elizabeth Barnhardt
Mrs. Rebecca Blackburn Hines, Chair
Mr. Matt Hogan, Vice Chair
Mrs. Catherine Huddle
Mike Satterfield
Kevin Scully
Kimberly Snipes, Secretary
Dr. Akil Ross, Superintendent

The following staff were in attendance:

Dr. Michael Harris, Chief Student Services and Planning Officer
Mrs. Tina McCaskill, Chief Academics Officer
Ms. Maddison Paul, Chief Financial Officer
Mrs. Amanda Taylor, Director of Communications
Dr. Tamara Turner, Chief Human Resources Officer
Mr. Dave Weissman, Executive Director of Operations

A livestream video link was provided to the public as a viewing option for the July 17, 2023, board meeting.

Chair Blackburn Hines called the regular meeting to order and gave welcoming remarks.

Cathy Huddle, Board of Trustees, gave the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

During the Superintendent's Report, Dr. Ross presented updates on District FOCUS: Strategic Plan, Review of Administrative Rule IB-R "Academic Freedom" and How Are the Children?; Ms. Maddison Paul, Chief Financial Officer, presented a Monthly Financial Update (May) (Exhibit B); and Mrs. Tina McCaskill, Chief Academics Officer, gave an update on Professional Development.

During the public participation, Sheena Wilson spoke about academic freedom; Cedelle Gates spoke about AP English Class; Patrick Funk spoke about controversial topics/policy; David Jenkins spoke about supporting teachers; Beth Bedenbaugh spoke about concerns following book challenge policy; Kathy Hogan spoke about censorship and academic freedom; Mallory Greene spoke about banned books/procedures; Josh Gray spoke about censorship and support for teachers; Tess Pratt spoke about CRT; Dr. Lauren Gehr spoke about supporting teachers, administration and district leaders; Kristin Devers spoke about supporting teachers; Jennifer Rice spoke about controversial/sensitive issues; and Josh Malkin spoke about books are good.

The Board presented for discussion:

- Audit Services Update – Manley Garvin Auditing Process
- Discussion of Board Policy DFAB "Reserved Funds" (Exhibit G)
- Discussion of Board Policy DB "Annual Budget" (Exhibit H)
- Discussion of Board Policy IB "Academic Freedom" (Exhibit I)
- Discussion of IMB "Teaching About Controversial/Sensitive Issues" (Exhibit J)
- Discussion regarding Board Officers' meetings being live-steamed

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		BARNHARDT	BLACKBURN HINES	HOGAN	HUDDLE	SATTERFIELD	SCULLY	SNIPES
1.	M. Hogan S. Scully Approve the agenda.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
2.	M. Hogan S. Snipes I make the motion to enter executive session to consider the following: a.) Selected employment items (Exhibit A) (Action); b.) Selected employment items (Information Only).	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
3.	M. Hogan S. Huddle I move that we approve the minutes of the June 26, 2023, board meeting.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
4.	M. Hogan S. Snipes I move that we approve the selected employment items as shown in Exhibit A for action.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
5.	M. Huddle S. Snipes I move that we approve the list of attorneys per the second list of Exhibit C.	X	X	AB	X	X	X	X
6.	M. Huddle S. Barnhardt I move that we approve the first reading of proposed revisions to Board Policy GCQE "Retirement of Professional Staff" and Board Policy GDQC "Retirement of Support Staff." (Exhibits D & E)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

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7. Election of Procurement Review Panel Chair Nominations are made and do not require a second or discussion. **Mrs. Kimberly Snipes nominated Mr. Keven Scully for of Procurement Review Panel Chair**		X			X	X	X
Mrs. Cathy Huddle nominated Mr. Matt Hogan for Procurement Review Panel Chair	X		X	X			
The nominations were closed with no objections and a voice vote was conducted. **Mr. Kevin Scully, voted in a Chair of Procurement Review Panel**							
8. M. Snipes S. Hogan Adjourn at 10:00 p.m.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

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