



School District Five of Lexington & Richland Counties
Board Policy Committee Meeting Minutes
District Office Board Room
January 19, 2022, 4:30 P.M.

Attending for the board: Chairwoman Trustee Nikki Gardner, Trustee Ken Loveless

Attending for the administration: Superintendent Dr. Akil Ross

Chairwoman Trustee Gardner called the meeting to order at 4:34 p.m.

Trustee Loveless made a motion that the minutes of the November 17, 2021 meeting be approved. Chairwoman Gardner seconded the motion which was then approved unanimously. Trustee Loveless made a motion that the agenda be approved. Chairwoman Gardner seconded the motion. The agenda was approved unanimously.

Chairwoman Gardner introduced a discussion of proposed additions and deletions from Board Policy JFBA "Intra-District Transfer and Withdrawal" shown in Exhibit A. Dr. Ross brought forth his knowledge of this item. The discussion centered around Schools of Choice, the application process, the possibility of continuing after initial application, capacity for students and staff as well as other schools within the same attendance zones. This policy will be on the next full board meeting agenda for approval.

Chairwoman Gardner introduced a proposed new policy FGG "Facility Construction Project Administration" Exhibit B. Trustee Loveless led a discussion of the need for a policy to include a maximum cap on construction change orders or project contingency allowance spending of \$50,000.00 without board approval. It was also suggested that the administration would be required to review all change orders regardless of amount with the board prior to project closeout.

Chairwoman Gardner introduced a discussion of the expectations of Board use of attorneys and consistency across all policies. Trustee Loveless stated that the policy as to which party board or administration could invoke the use of attorneys should be addressed. Because of the dual capacities in which board members act, legislative and quasi-judicial, differentiating duties of involving parties should be studied. The parties allowed to invoke the use of attorneys should be as follows: administration invokes in matters concerning employees and students, board invokes in all other matters. Trustee Loveless also stated that the use of attorneys to conduct inquiries or other uses against board members should not be allowed without a full vote of the board. Further, board chairs' powers to invoke the use of attorneys without full board advice and consent should be studied and limited.

The future Policy Committee topics of 7a. Board Policy "AE Accountability/Commitment to Accomplishment" was postponed until after a planned board retreat, and 7b. "Amendments to Board Policy "BEDH Public Participation" were discussed. Chairwoman Gardner then made a statement to

postpone until a future meeting the discussion of future item 7c. "Parental Rights Resolution" until Trustee Blackburn-Hines could attend a meeting. Trustee Blackburn-Hines had requested discussion in the Policy Committee. It has been the custom to include items on school board meeting agendas or for discussion in school board meetings only after discussion in committee and recommendation by the committee chair.

Discussion of item 7.d "Crowd Funding" for future discussion by the Policy Committee was requested by Dr. Ross.

Trustee Loveless made a motion to adjourn. It was seconded by Chairwoman Gardner and approved unanimously at approximately 5:35 p.m.