

Board Briefs

School District Five of Lexington & Richland Counties

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Synopses of meetings of the Board of Trustees of School District Five of Lexington and Richland Counties are provided for your information by School District Five's Office of Community Services.

November 9, 2009

At the November 9, 2009 school board meeting, the following took place:

- School board officers were elected for the next year. Robert Gantt was unanimously re-elected as chair, Roberta Ferrell was unanimously re-elected as vice-chair and Carol Sloop was unanimously re-elected as secretary.
- A representative from the district's external auditing firm of Derrick, Stubbs and Stith provided a report on the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR). The district received an "unqualified" audit rating, which is the best opinion the district could receive. The audit will be turned in to the State Department of Education within the week, far ahead of the December 1 deadline. The district's financial team was introduced: Donna Patten, director of finance; Teri Welch, senior accountant; and Connie Frick, accountant. All are licensed CPAs.
- A presentation was given on *Raising the Bar* external consulting for Harbison West Elementary (HWES), Nursery Road Elementary (NRES) and Leaphart Elementary (LES). An external review team will advise each school on how to address the specific issues underlying their inability to meet Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) for the past few years.
- McMillan & Smith provided an update on proposed designs for the new high school/Career and Technical Education Center.
- First reading approval was provided for board policies JB "Equal Educational Opportunity/Non-Discrimination" (new policy); JE "Student Attendance" replaces JB "Attendance," JB(R) "Attendance" and JBA "Compulsory Attendance Ages;" JEB "Entrance Age" replaces JBB "Entrance Age;" JEB(E) "Form To Elect Non-Attendance in Compulsory Kindergarten" replaces JBA(E) "Form To Elect Non-Attendance in Compulsory Kindergarten."
- First reading approval was provided for board policies "Professional Staff Development" replacing GAD "Professional Development Opportunities," GCMD "Instructional Staff Extra Duty" replacing GBRD "Certified Personnel Staff Meetings" and GBRE "Certified Personnel Extra Duty," GCQC/GCQD "Resignation of Instructional Staff/Administrative Staff" replacing GBO "Certified Personnel Resignation," new policy GCNA "Supervision of Instructional Staff," GCR "Nonschool Employment of Professional Staff" replacing GBRG "Nonschool Employment During Working Hours," new policy GCRD "Tutoring for Pay," new policy GDO "Evaluation of Support Staff," new policy GDQB "Resignation of Support Staff," new policy GDQD "Discipline, Suspension and Dismissal of Support Staff," and new policy GDR "Nonschool Employment of Support Staff."
- The board discussed the nomination of individuals who agreed to serve on the Comprehensive Health Education Advisory Committee. Those names will be brought back for consideration at the next meeting.
- The board discussed design development documents for Irmo Elementary. This was the board's third review of these exhibits.
- The board discussed construction documents for Seven Oaks Elementary. This was the board's fifth review of these documents.

The next board meeting will be held on Monday, December 14 at 7 p.m. at Dutch Fork Elementary. The public is invited and encouraged to attend.