# Board Briefs

**School District Five of Lexington & Richland Counties**

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**March 22, 2010**

At the March 22, 2010 school board meeting, the following took place:

- The District Bond Attorney Frannie Heizer provided a report to school board members on the availability of low interest bonds.
- Representatives from Dutch Fork High provided information on the school's new initiative of smaller learning communities. The purpose is to improve student performance at a variety of levels. A link to the presentation can be found here.
- Demographer Jerome McKibben, Ph.D., provided updated population and enrollment forecasts for the school district. A copy of his presentation can be found here.
- The school board approved the negotiation of a contract for the renovation, new construction and site improvements at Seven Oaks Elementary. The bid came in about $500,000 under budget.
- The school board discussed the schematic design of the new high school, the first of six viewings.
- The school board authorized the sale of $10,000,000 in obligations bonds to fund upcoming capital projects.
- First reading approval was given to the 2010-11 Capital Projects budget.
- Approval was granted to Learning Key, Inc. to use Leaphart Elementary and Harbison West Elementary facilities to provide after-school programs. Mad Science of Columbia was granted permission to use River Springs Elementary for after school instruction.
- Two agenda items were deferred to the next school board meeting: textbook adoptions and proposed revisions to board policy JICDA-R "Code of Conduct."

The next meeting of the school board will be held at 7 p.m. on Monday, April 12 at Chapin Middle School. The public is invited and encouraged to attend.