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 Lexington-Richland Five's Office of Community Services.

May 10, 2010

At the May 10, 2010 school board meeting, the following took place:

- The Board of Trustees recognized 13 schools who won Palmetto Gold Awards, the district's Distinguished Reading Teachers, schools that were recognized for winning Rewards of Excellence for their communications efforts and four schools for earning national accreditation for their preschool programs.

- An update on the 2010-11 General Fund Budget was provided. The State Legislature has passed several bills that provide some funding options for school districts – the freezing of salary step raises, the approval of furloughs for all teachers and staff, the elimination of the $250 teacher supply funds and others. All options will be evaluated. At the next meeting, the administration will bring a budget to the board for consideration.

- A monthly update on school renovation and construction projects was provided. Projects at Chapin Elementary, Leaphart Elementary and Seven Oaks Elementary are on schedule and moving along. Bidding for renovations to Irmo Elementary will take place next week.

- The Student Code of Conduct (board policies JICDA-R and JICDA) was approved.

- The board approved a resolution to submit an application for $30,000,000 of Qualified School Construction Bonds. These are extremely low-interest bonds.

- The board approved a request from the Richland County Sheriff's Department to use CrossRoads Middle School in July for a Character Camp and a request from Ashland United Methodist Church to use Irmo High School for a Salkahatchie Camp.

- The board discussed proposed revisions to board policy "Use of School Facilities."

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the school board will be held on Monday, May 24 at 7 p.m. at the district administration building.