Board Briefs

School District Five of Lexington & Richland Counties

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May 24, 2010

At the May 24, 2010 school board meeting, the following took place:

- The Board of Trustees approved the fourth of sixth viewing of the design development of the new high school and the Career and Technical Education Center. The board also voted to modify the site plan of renovations and additions to Chapin High School. A practice field was removed from the plan to help resolve issues with wetlands on the property. In addition, the board voted to change the scope of renovations at Chapin Elementary School to include replacing windows, lighting other issues that need to be repaired at the school. Since construction is currently taking place at Chapin Elementary School, these improvements can easily be made now, rather than coming back at a later date to address them.

- First reading approval to revisions to board policies KG, KG-R, KG-E (1), KG-E (2) and KG-E (3) "Use of School Facilities" was provided.

- The board gave first reading approval of the 2010-11 General Fund Budget totaling $138,664,903, which is less than the 2009-10 budget. Over the past three years, Lexington-Richland Five has been cut approximately $16 million. In order to balance the budget, several options were presented to the board including a millage increase of 5.95 mills, using up to $3.5 million of Fund Balance, furloughing teachers and support staff one day, furloughing administrators two days, eliminating step increases for next year and reducing weekend security. At the next meeting, the board will receive the final budget for second/final reading consideration.

- The board approved a request from the Chapin Community Theater to use the gymnasium at the Alternative Academy for Success from June 7 to July 2 as an alternative to the Chapin Theater to complete their summer programs.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the school board will be held on Monday, June 14 at 7 p.m. at the district administration building.