

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 the Office of Community Services.

August 9, 2010

At the August 9, 2010 school board meeting, the following took place:

- The Board of Trustees voted to purchase more than 45 acres of land located at the corner of Mt. Vernon Church Road and Derrick Pond Road, just outside the White Rock town limit. The land will be the home of a new elementary school, slated to open in 2012. The district purchased the property for \$592,750. Funds from the successful bond referendum in November 2008 will be used to purchase the land. In recent years, enrollment in the Chapin/Ballentine/White Rock areas of the school district has continued to increase. Chapin Elementary, Lake Murray Elementary and Ballentine Elementary have all seen significant enrollment increases. The new elementary school will alleviate over-crowded conditions at these three schools, get students out of portables, and help with future growth.
- The board voted to approve the sale of bonds to finance projects that will be funded with 8 percent capital projects funds.
- The board discussed the final setting of the 2010-11 operational millage. Final action will be taken at the next meeting.
- The board discussed a new board policy, GBEBDA, "Criminal Records Checks." The policy establishes the basic structure for conducting criminal record checks on individuals hired by or volunteering in the school district.
- Revisions to board policies GBAA "Sexual Discrimination and Harassment" and JC "Student Rights and Responsibilities" were discussed.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the school board will be Monday, September 13 at 7 p.m. at Irmo High School. The public is invited and encouraged to attend.