

# Board Briefs

## School District Five of Lexington & Richland Counties

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### September 13, 2010

At the September 13, 2010 school board meeting, the following took place:

- Ballentine Elementary was recognized for being named a [National Blue Ribbon School](#) by the United States Department of Education.
- The 10-day enrollment data was provided. Numbers are up slightly from last year. They are in line with forecasted enrollment. These figures are used for staffing purposes. The first official count will be at the 45<sup>th</sup> day of school.
- Superintendent Herbert Berg announced that [he will retire](#) effective December 31, 2010.
- A report was given on SAT scores. The district's composite SAT score was 1536, nearly 100 points above the state average of 1443 and 39 points above the national average. Average composite scores at all three high schools increased over last year.
- A monthly update on new design and construction was provided. Keith McAlister showed many before and after photos of projects that were completed this summer. The report is available [online](#).
- The board set the operational millage for the 2010-11 school year. The millage was raised 5.65 mills. This will generate a total of \$1.23 million dollars, allowing the school district to save that amount in General Fund Balance to address the more difficult financial situation that is expected next school year. That amount equates to approximately 43 staff positions. The millage increase will not affect owners of primary residences. Due to Act 388, millage can only be raised on second homes and businesses. The tax increase amounts to approximately \$33 per \$100,000 of property.
- The board gave first reading approval of policies GBEBDA "Criminal Record Checks," GBAA "Sexual Discrimination and Harassment" and GBAA-R "Administrative Rule." The board also discussed the proposed replacement of board policy JC "Student Rights and Responsibilities" and JC-R "Administrative Rule" with JI "Student Rights and Responsibilities" and JI-R "Administrative Rule."
- The board discussed requests from Refuge Church for the use of Lake Murray Elementary and a request from D.A.Y for the use of Seven Oaks Elementary.

A special-called meeting of the board will be held on Wednesday, September 15 at 7 p.m. at the district administration building. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss a superintendent search. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the school board will be Monday, September 27 at 7 p.m. at the district administration building. The public is invited and encouraged to attend.