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.

November 8, 2010

At the November 8, 2010 school board meeting, the following took place:

- Four school board members were sworn into office. Ellen Baumgardner and Jim Turner will represent Lexington County. Kim Murphy and Ed White will represent Richland County. All members were elected to four year terms.

- Robert Gantt was elected chair of the school board. Beth Hutchison-Watson was elected vice-chair and Ellen Baumgardner was elected secretary.

- Dr. Karl Fulmer, chief financial services officer, gave a 45-day enrollment report. Elementary enrollment increased by 85 students over last school year. Middle school enrollment increased by 22 students over last year and high school enrollment is down 120 students. The total enrollment on the 45th day was 16,359, which is 13 students less than last school year.

- Dr. Fulmer, along with Alan Grimsley from external auditing firm Derrick, Stubbs & Stith, presented the 2009-10 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. The district received an "unqualified opinion" on the audit, which is the highest rating a district can receive.

- Board members heard a presentation from Southern Management Group regarding the site adaptation plan for the new elementary school.

- The board gave first reading approval to policies GCE "Professional Staff Recruitment," Administrative Rule GCF-R "Professional Staff Hiring" and Administrative Rule GCK-R "Professional Staff Assignments and Transfers."

- William Blitch was reappointed to represent the district on the Richland County Board of Assessment Control.

- The board appointed representatives to attend the South Carolina School Board Association's 2010 Delegate Assembly.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the school board will be Monday, December 13 at 7 p.m. at Nursery Road Elementary. A farewell reception honoring Superintendent Herbert Berg will be held prior to the meeting from 4:30-6 p.m. The public is invited and encouraged to attend.