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.

December 13, 2010

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

- An update on the renovations to Chapin High was provided, as well as an update on the appeal regarding the wetlands issue. The combined cost to the district regarding the legal appeal is in excess of $1.4 million dollars.

- The board voted on a motion to split the Chapin High School renovations project into two parts, separating construction of the academic building from renovations to the parking lot and athletic fields. The motion failed 6-1.

- The board then voted 6-1 to adopt a resolution condemning the legal delays regarding renovations to Chapin High School. The resolution calls for the full board to abide by the majority vote of the board and move forward with the renovations.

- The board discussed a timeline for adopting the 2011 General Fund Budget. The timeline recommends the approval of the budget in June 2011. The board voted to hold a budget workshop meeting on Tuesday, January 18 at 6 p.m. at the district administration building.

- The board discussed the live video streaming of school board meetings. The administration will gather information regarding costs associated with this process.

- Results of the district and school report cards were provided. Overall ratings for schools remain among the top in the state.

- The school board discussed a number of proposed renovation projects including:
  - the front entrance, traffic flow pattern and athletic field house at Irmo High School
  - the Health Science Center and rear area of Dutch Fork High School
  - the administrative area, kitchen, lighting and HVAC at Chapin Elementary School
  - replacing the roof at Leaphart Elementary.

- The board voted 4-3 to proceed with the site adaptation for the new elementary school, scheduled to open in August 2012. Construction of the school will now be put out for bid.

- The board gave second reading approval to new policy GCE "Professional Staff Recruitment" and administrative rules GCF-R "Professional Staff Hiring" and GCK0R "Professional Staff Assignments and Transfers."

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the school board will be Monday, January 10 at 7 p.m. at Oak Pointe Elementary. A welcome reception for Superintendent Stephen Hefner will be held prior to the meeting from 4:30-6 p.m. The public is invited and encouraged to attend.