

# Board Briefs

## School District Five of Lexington & Richland Counties

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**January 24, 2011**

At the January 24, 2011 school board meeting, the following took place:

- In observance of School Board Appreciation Month, board members were presented with note cards designed by student artists from across the school district.
- All three high schools in the district were recognized for earning [recognition](#) by the South Carolina Department of Education for outstanding performance on the SAT and ACT college entrance exams.
- An [update](#) on the cost of the lawsuit brought by Kim Murphy, *Murphy vs. School District Five of Lexington and Richland Counties and DHEC*, was provided. The cost now exceeds \$1.47 million.
- A [monthly construction update](#) was provided by Keith McAlister, director of new design and construction.
- The board approved roof replacement at Leaphart Elementary. The roof is 22 years old and out of warranty. Estimated cost to replace the roof is \$1,381,000.
- The board approved the renovation of the Chapin Elementary kitchen, administration area, theatre lighting and replacement of the HVAC system.
- The board voted to purchase a total of 10.2 additional acres at the new high school site at a total cost of \$327,500.
- The Board of Trustees adopted a [second resolution](#) that "disapproves of the lawsuit brought by Mrs. Kim Murphy, *Murphy vs. School District Five of Lexington and Richland Counties and DHEC*, which has cost the school district in excess of \$1.47 million as of January 24, 2011, and is delaying the renovations to Chapin High School and denying students timely use of much needed facilities. The board also disapproves of the recent appeal filed by Mrs. Kim Murphy on January 20, 2011 requesting that DHEC deny a construction permit for the sewer system necessary to begin renovations to Chapin High School. The board requests that Mrs. Murphy abide by the vote of the majority of the Board of Trustees to proceed with the renovations at Chapin High School."
- The board approved a motion to publish the above resolution in Board Briefs and on the email blast, and to send it to local media.
- The board approved a motion to "prepare for publication an article that correctly explains our inability to proceed with the renovations at Chapin High School."

- The board discussed proposed renovations to policies JIB “Student Decision Making,” JICEA “School Related Student Publications,” JICG and JICG-R “Tobacco Use by Students,” and JICH “Drug and Alcohol Use by Students.”
- A report was provided on cost estimates related to video streaming school board meetings. It is estimated that a video camera and related software will cost \$1,250 and the services of a videographer will cost approximately \$150 per meeting, for a total estimated start-up cost of \$6,250. Annual costs after equipment is purchased would be approximately \$3,600.

The school board will hold a retreat on Tuesday, February 1 at 6 p.m. at the district office. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the school board will be Monday, February 14 at 7 p.m. at River Springs 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.