

Board Briefs

School District Five of Lexington & Richland Counties

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February 28, 2011

At the February 28, 2011 school board meeting, the following took place:

- A report on options regarding the video broadcast of school board meetings was provided by Buddy Price, Director of Community Services. Live streaming of the meetings would cost the district an estimated \$1,250 in start-up costs and an additional \$6,188 per year. Delayed broadcast of the meetings would cost an estimated \$1,250 in start-up costs and an additional \$5,000 per year. A copy of the report can be found [here](#).
- 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. As of February 28, the estimated cost of the lawsuit exceeds \$1.57 million. A breakdown of the cost estimates can be found [here](#).
- A [monthly construction update](#) was provided by Keith McAlister, director of new design and construction.
- The board approved revisions to board policies JIB “Student Involvement in Decision Making,” JICEA “School Related Student Publications,” JICG and JICG-R “Tobacco Use by Students,” and JICH “Drug and Alcohol Use by Students.”
- First reading approval was given to policies JICA and JICA-R “Student Dress,” JICF “Secret Societies/Gang Activity,” JICFA “Hazing” JICFAA “Harassment, Intimidation or Bullying” and JICA “Weapons in School.”
- A resolution was passed that states, “The Board of Trustees of School District Five of Lexington and Richland Counties 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, as of February 28, 2011, in excess of \$1.57 million in professional fees and increased construction costs and \$4.5 million in increased bond interest costs over the life of the construction bonds (20 years), and is delaying the renovations to Chapin High School and denying students the 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 which permit is necessary to begin renovations at 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 passed a series of motions intended to streamline school board meetings and make them more efficient.
- The board voted to forgive the days of school missed on January 11, 12 and 13 due to snow, pending the approval of state legislation allowing school districts to do so.

- A motion was passed stating that “any member of the board requesting that the minutes of any board meeting be transcribed from the audio shall be required to pay in advance to the school district the complete cost of the transcription.”
- The board heard [a proposal](#) from the district’s Health Advisory Council. The council proposed that food brought into schools with the purpose of sharing among children only be store-bought, packaged foods. This will allow staff to monitor nutritional information and ingredients.
- The board discussed the 2011-12 school board meeting schedule.
- Proposed revisions to board policy BEDG “Minutes of Board Meetings” were discussed.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the school board will be Monday, March 14 at 7 p.m. at Seven Oaks Elementary. The public is invited and encouraged to attend.