

# Board Briefs

## School District Five of Lexington & Richland Counties

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**May 9, 2011**

At the May 9, 2011 school board meeting, the following took place:

- Students and teachers from the SkillsUSA organization were recognized for earning several awards at the state convention.
- 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 May 4, 2011, the estimated cost of the lawsuit exceeds \$1.73 million. The report included \$923 in attorney fees related to a second legal appeal by Mrs. Murphy of the sanitary sewer permit.
- A monthly construction update was provided by Keith McAlister, director of new design and construction. To see the update, [click here](#).
- First reading approval was given to board policies JHCB “Release Time for Religious Instruction;” JIE/JIF/JIG “Pregnant Students/Students with Children/Married Students;” JIH “Student Interrogations, Searches and Arrests;” JIH-E(2) “Student Parking Agreement;” JIHC “Use of Metal Detectors;” JII “Student Concerns, Complaints and Grievances;” JJ “Student Activities;” JJB “Student Social Events;” JJF “Student Activities Funds;” JJG “Contests for Students;” JJI “Interscholastic Athletics; and “BG/BGD “School Board Policy Process/Board Review of Administrative Rules.”
- Final approval was given to board policy ADF “School Wellness.” The policy takes effect immediately and stipulates that during the instructional day, any food that is brought to a school from home with the purpose of sharing among students be store bought, packaged and have ingredients clearly listed on the packaging.
- Proposed revisions to board policy JICJ “Cell Phones/Communication Devices” was discussed.
- The board discussed textbook adoptions for the 2011-12 school year.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the school board will be Monday, May 23, 2011 at 7 p.m. at Irmo High School. The public is invited and encouraged to attend. A special-called meeting to discuss the 2011-12 General Fund Budget will be held on Friday, May 13 at 7 a.m. at the district administration building.