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.

September 12, 2011

At the September 12, 2011 school board meeting, the following took place:

- Superintendent Stephen Hefner gave a detailed presentation regarding his ideas for moving Lexington-Richland Five forward over the next four years. More information on his presentation, entitled Vision 2015, can be found here.

- The school board recognized the Irmo Arbor Day Committee for the landscaping work they completed at Dutch Fork Elementary. The committee raised more than $30,000 to plant shrubs, plants, sod and other items to make the school's curbside appeal more inviting.

- 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 September 1, 2011, the estimated cost of the lawsuit exceeds $1.8 million.

- The board adopted a resolution requesting the South Carolina School Boards Association (SCSBA) to consider sponsoring legislation that would prohibit a school board member from instituting any legal proceedings or administrative action before any governmental agency or court to oppose any action undertaken by the school board on which the member has a seat. The resolution also requests members of our legislative delegation to consider the same legislation. Finally, the resolution requests the SCSBA to review the temporary restraining order against defendant Murphy, obtained by Maggie Stroud and the D5 Citizens Ensuring the Implementation of the Referendum, Inc. and consider providing assistance to Maggie Stroud and the D5 Citizens Ensuring the Implementation of the Referendum, Inc.

- The 10-day enrollment count was provided. Student population in grades pre-kindergarten through 12th grade declined by two students since last year.

- The school board approved revisions and additions to policies IB "Academic Freedom," IHAE "Physical Education," IHAF "Arts Education," IHAG "Music Education," IHAH "World Language Education," IA "Instructional Goals and Learning Objectives" and IE "Organization of Instruction."

- The board gave first reading approval to revisions to policy ADF "School Wellness."

- First reading approval was given to policies JLA "Student Insurance Coverage;" JLCC "Communicable/Infectious Diseases;" JLCDA "Individual Healthcare Plans;" JLCDA-E "Indemnification/Hold Harmless Agreement for Self-Administration of Medication;" JLCE "First Aid and Emergency Care;" and JLCFA "Training of Unlicensed Personnel for Select Nursing Tasks."

- The school board discussed the proposed 2011-12 Park-School Agreement with the Irmo Chapin Recreation Commission.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the school board will be Monday, September 26 at 7 p.m. at the district administration building. The public is invited and encouraged to attend.