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.

November 14, 2011

At the November 14, 2011 school board meeting, the following took place:

- Board officers were elected. Robert Gantt was re-elected as chair, Beth Watson was re-elected as vice-chair and Ellen Baumgardner was re-elected as secretary.

- Superintendent Stephen Hefner provided a report on 2011 State Report Cards. The district earned an Absolute rating of Excellence. Twelve schools received Excellent ratings on both Absolute and Growth. All schools improved or maintained their ratings from last year.

- The 45-day enrollment report was shared with the board. On the 45th day of the school year, student enrollment was 16,362, exactly the same as last school year's 45th day report.

- The superintendent gave an update on Vision 2015, his detailed presentation regarding his ideas for moving Lexington-Richland Five forward over the next four years.

- 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 November 8, 2011, the estimated cost of the lawsuit exceeds $1.99 million.

- The board received a copy of the 2010-11 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR). A representative from the district's auditing firm – Derrick, Stubbs and Stith – was present to answer questions.

- The board approved a change order for the new high school and career and technical education center to allow the installation of the water line for the facilities.

- The school board approved the bid for the renovation and expansion of Chapin High in the amount of $45,940,500. The bid was awarded to China Construction, the company that was the lowest, most responsive and most responsible bidder. The board authorized the district administration to execute the contract at such time as there is no legal impediment to doing so.

- Second reading approval was given to policies IHAC "Social Studies Education;" IHAB "Mathematics Education;" IHAA "English/Reading/Writing/Language Arts Education;" IGCA "Service Learning;" IG "Curriculum Development, Adoption and Review;" IC "School Year;" ID "School Day;" and IMD "School Ceremonies and Observations."

- First reading was given to board policies JLD "Guidance and Counseling;" JLDBB "Self-Esteem Promotion/Suicide Prevention;" JLF "Student Welfare;" JLIB "Student Dismissal Precautions;" JQ "Student Fees, Fines and Charges;" and JRA "Student Records."

- The school board approved the name of the new CATE center: Center for Advanced Technical Studies.

- The board approved revisions to the 2011-12 school board meeting schedule. Meetings that were originally scheduled to be held at the district office have been moved to middle schools across the district. The revised school board meeting calendar can be found on the district website.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the school board will be Monday, December 12 at 7 p.m. at Dutch Fork Elementary. The public is invited and encouraged to attend.