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 19, 2012

At the November 19, 2012 school board meeting, the following took place:

- Three newly-elected school board members were sworn-in. Robert Gantt, Jondy Loveless and Beth Burn Watson all took their oaths of office.

- School board officers were elected. They are Robert Gantt, chair; Beth Burn Watson, vice-chair and Ellen Baumgardner, secretary.

- The school board recognized an outstanding Dutch Fork High student; CrossRoads Middle Teacher Laurie Epps, CrossRoads Teacher Chris Craft and Irmo Elementary Teacher Nicole Bishop.

- The school board was presented information on the district's World Languages Program and 2012 State Report Cards.

- Superintendent Stephen Hefner provided an update to his Vision 2015 plan.

- A representative from Derrick, Stubbs & Stith, L.L.P. presented the district's 2012 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. The district received an "unqualified opinion," which is the best a school district can receive.

- The school board recognized all School Resource Officers throughout the district and heard a brief report on the assessment of safety and security district-wide.

- The school board provided final approval to revisions to policies IKG "Secondary Education," IKF "Graduation Requirements," and IHAG "Career/Transition to Work Education."

- The school board received information regarding additional construction costs relative to unsuitable soils at Spring Hill High/Center for Advanced Technical Studies.

- Proposed revisions to policies IHBC "Programs for At-Risk/Disadvantaged Students," IJ "Instructional Resources and Materials," IJAA "Textbook Selection and Adoption," IJKA "Technology Resource Selection and Adoption," IJOB/IJOC "Resource Persons/School Volunteers," IKABA "Cheating or Plagiarism," IKB "Homework," and IKEA "Acceleration of Students" were discussed. These policies will be brought to the board for first reading at the next scheduled meeting.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the school board will be Monday, December 10, 2012 at 7 p.m. at Irmo Middle. The public is invited and encouraged to attend.