district five
OF LEXINGTON & RICHLAND COUNTIES

Minutes/March 25, 2013

The Board of Trustees of School District Five of Lexington and Richland Counties met at The Center for Advanced Technical Studies with the following members present:

Mr. Robert Gantt, Chairman
Mrs. Beth Burn Watson, Vice Chairman
Mrs. Ellen Baumgardner, Secretary
Mrs. Jondy Loveless
Mr. Jim Turner
Dr. Stephen Hefner, District Superintendent

The following staff were in attendance:

Ms. Helen Anderson, Chief Instructional Services Officer
Dr. Angela Bain, Chief Human Resource Services Officer
Dr. Karl Fulmer, Chief Financial Services Officer
Mr. Michael Harris, Director of Student Services
Mr. Keith McAlister, Director of New Design and Construction
Mr. Mark Bounds, Public Information Officer

Chairman Gantt called the meeting to order and gave welcoming remarks.

The Invocation was given by Mark Bounds. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Adam Miller, a Biosystems Engineering Technology student.

The School Board Spotlight was led by Robert Gantt and Ellen Baumgardner.

A welcome and program overview was given by Dr. Bob Couch.

During the superintendent's report, Dr. Fulmer presented the monthly financial report (Exhibit C) and Keith McAlister presented the monthly update on new design and construction (Exhibit D).

During the public participation, Angel Lara spoke regarding the Center for Advanced Technical Studies; Kim Murphy spoke regarding accountability; and Lorenzo White spoke regarding prayer during graduations and board meetings.

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		BAUMGARDNER	GANTT	LOVELESS		TURNER	WATSON	WHITE
1.	M. Baumgardner S. Loveless Enter executive session to consider the following: a) selected employment items (Exhibit A); b) reappointment recommendations (Exhibit B); c) legal briefing regarding a personnel matter; and d) legal update regarding pending litigation	X	X	X		X	A	A
2.	M. Watson S. Loveless Approve the agenda							
	M. Baumgardner S. Watson Amend to move item 18 (approval of the minutes of the March 11, 2013 board meeting and the March 19, 2013 special-called board meeting) to item 8 and change the numerical order accordingly	X	X	X		X	X	A
	Vote on original motion as amended	X	X	X		X	X	A
3.	M. Baumgardner S. Loveless Approve the minutes of the March 11, 2013 board meeting and the March 19, 2013 special-called board meeting	X	X	X		X	X	A
4.	M. Watson S. Baumgardner Approve the selected employment items (Exhibit A)	X	X	X		X	X	A
5.	M. Watson S. Baumgardner Approve the reappointment recommendations (Exhibit B)	X	X	X		X	X	A
6.	M. Watson S. Loveless Approve final reading of proposed revisions to I policies: add new policy IHAJ "Computer/Technology Literacy", replace current policy IDCA "Summer School Program" with new policy IHCA "Summer School", replace current policy IJ "Evaluation of Instructional Program" with new	X	X	X		X	X	A

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	policy IL "Evbaluation of Instructional Programs", replace current policy II "Testing" and IIB "Test Administration" with new policy ILB "Test/Assessment Administration" and ILB—R "Test/Assessment Administration", and replace current policy IDAA "Basic Skills Assessment Program" with new policy ILBB "State Program Assessments" and new administrative rule ILBB-R "State Program Assessments" (Exhibit E)							
7.	M. Watson S. Baumgardner Approve the elementary and middle math textbook recommendations (Exhibit F)	X	X	X		X	X	A
8.	M. Watson S. Loveless Approve the course requests for Spring Hill High School (Exhibit G)	X	X	X		X	X	A
9.	M. Watson S. Baumgardner Approve the technology plan – phase II	X	X	X		X	X	A
10.	M. Watson S. Loveless Approve first reading of the proposed FY 2013-2014 capital budget (Exhibit H)	X	X	X		X	X	A
11.	M. Watson S. Baumgardner The Board approve the resolutions as presented for the acquisition of equipment not to exceed $3,650,000 (Exhibit I) and for the issuance and sale of general obligation bonds not exceeding $12,000,000 (Exhibit J)							
	M. Gantt S. Turner Table the resolution for the acquisition of equipment (Exhibit I)	X	X	X		X	X	A
	Vote on original motion as amended	X	X	X		X	X	A

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12. M. Watson	S. Loveless	X	X	X		X	X	A
Adjourn at 8:35 p.m.								

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* TTFR: Technology Task Force Report

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March 13, 2013

Dr. Fulmer, these are my follow up questions to the discussions at our March 11, board meeting.

Item 20:
Is the request for the IPods as outlined in the* TTFR, covering the same items to be purchased with the equipment lease and paid for out of the 8% capital bonds?

Answer: The TTFR proposes a device (iPad mini) for every high school student next year and devices for all 8th grade teachers. These items and the MDM solution for installation on the district system to support these devices will be purchased from the lease secured funds (see page 12, item NT-DW-3). All other technology items listed for purchase in the budget are in addition to the lease.

Item 21: CAPITAL BUDGET

1. 105 additional security cameras. Were these in the works, or is this the result of a security audit? Does this satisfy part of the Vision 2015 for upgrades to security?

Answer: A combination of both is the correct answer. However, the majority came from the security assessment.

2. There are request for cameras for the football fields at IHS and DFHS. Are these monitored during school hours only?

Answer: They will be attached to the camera server and can be monitored as needed during school and after school hours.

3. Crossroads Middle is not getting any security lighting at the student drop off area in and around where students come up from the Irmo Middle School area. Was this considered?

Answer: Scott and I looked at our current budget and discussed bidding that work as an alternate on some other electrical work. If the bid is within budget with the Crossroads Middle School project included, additional funds will not be needed. If the project cannot be included as an alternate because of pricing, then Scott plans to complete the work using miscellaneous capital funds. Either way, we plan to complete that project.

4. Three schools are requesting pressure washers. The unit prices are $110, $1099 and $2420. Two schools are requesting poster makers, one at unit price of $3000, the other at $7300. Does someone consult with them before these orders are placed, or is this about features/benefits?

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Answer: We do review these. The item E-CES-4 pressure washer listed at $110 should be $1,100. This description is also related to E-CES-15 for pressure washer nozzles, which are listed as 2 for $1,099 that totals $2,198. They should be priced at $110.00 each. This is all part of the above keying error. Thank you for finding this error.

We are checking that one. Poster makers come in different sizes and with different software packages. I believe the more costly one is a 24 inch networked machine and the cheaper one is a standard printer. We will reaffirm the pricing and type machines with Gary Black.

5. Music equipment. District wide the requests are for 45 separate instruments with the total cost proposal of $118,290 distributed among 6 schools. How is the purchasing done? Does each school handle its own?

Answer: When we can bid multiple items as a single bid, we will do that through procurement and then let the schools purchase from the bid. Depending on the type and brand of instrument, we may be able to bid these as a package bid. Jeff Patterson, Purchasing Officer, coordinates this process with the schools.

6. A motorized shade at CATS for $83,700.

Answer: This item is to buy shades for the multipurpose room at The Center where we hold board meetings. Because the windows are so high, the shades have to be motorized. Audiovisuals are almost unusable in that room during daylight hours due to the bright sunshine.

7. CHS has fitness equipment listed for $42,346. I believe this amount still remains as "pending" in the 2012-2013 budget.

Answer: I questioned Dr. Ross about this during budget hearings. He delayed the order this year to coordinate the delivery with construction. The orders are not duplicate orders, but the purchases have been staged to coincide with construction.

8. Shelving for warehouse $16,000. Which warehouse? Will there be any usable shelving coming out of the supply warehouse?

Answer: There is some usable shelving in the warehouse to be renovated that we will remove and reuse. However, a number of sections of shelving have been over stressed and are not safe. The additional $16,000 will allow Scott to move his maintenance storage to his building and provide adequate storage that is out of the way of employees who work in the building.

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It was encouraging to see that IES plans on refurbishing some chairs out of CHS storage.

Answer: Yes, I agree. We continually encourage principals to use items available in storage.

IES has a piece of equipment listed as a "flammable" storage unit. I would assume this should be "non-flammable".

Answer: Flammable storage unit is correct. We are required to store flammable material/chemicals in fire proof storage units for safety. We just have it listed as a "flammable" storage unit. Fire proof might describe it better.

Dr. Fulmer, in your comments on the 2011-2012 capital budget, what I understood you to say about page 2 of 2 is the following: There was $1,762,707 of the 8% capital bond for that year that was not included in the capital budget. In addition, there was $699,467.67 that was budgeted to be spent that was saved. I believe you indicated that the 2011-2012 capital budget is closed and Ms. Heizer stated that we had no 8% debt outstanding. With these amounts being planned for use toward the cost of the new middle school ($1.8MM) and the renovation of the warehouse ($699M), how will these funds be accessed, and how will the debt service be accounted for?

Answer: The $1,762,707 and $699,467.67 that remain in the FY 2012 projects fund budget will be retained for the new middle school and warehouse renovation, respectively. We still have active projects in the FY 2013 budget that Scott Carlin is administering. That budget will close at the end of this fiscal year. With regard to the $1,762,707 in the FY 2012 budget, I would like to use those funds for the road project to be bid this summer in front DFHS and DFMS. That is part of the overall referendum projects for the district and we have agreed that those funds would be used within the referendum projects to ultimately have enough money available to build the new middle school. With regard to accounting, we designate different funds with different account numbers, so we will be able to track exact expenditures attributable to the various projects.

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FY 2013-2014 Capital Budget Questions

Karl Fulmer <kefulmer@lexrich5.org> Mon, Mar 18, 2013 at 10:07 PM
To: Jim Turner <jimturnjr@gmail.com>

Jim,
I'm looking at the $1,762,707 as part of the money available for bond referendum projects. We could reserve the $1,762,707 specifically for the new middle school and use bond referendum money for the road project in front of DFHS and DFMS. The Board voted to use the money along with the referendum funds to have sufficient funds to build the middle school. Either way, the result is the same in the end. The FY 2012 bonds are approaching three years since they were sold. To use the funds on the road project and save referendum funds for the middle school would allow us to close out the FY 2012 bond fund account. We can apply the funds either way and in the end the total funds available will be the same. However, we don't want to carry them too long.

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