



Minutes/ July 13, 2015

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:

Ms. Beth Hutchison, Chairman
Mr. Robert Gantt, Vice Chairman
Mrs. Jondy Loveless, Secretary
Mrs. Ellen Baumgardner
Mr. Larry Haltiwanger
Mrs. Jan Hammond (via telephone)
Dr. Stephen Hefner, District Superintendent

The following staff were in attendance:

Mr. Mark Bounds, Chief Information Officer
Mr. Michael Harris, Chief Student Services Officer
Dr. Allison Jacques, Chief Human Resources Officer
Dr. Christina Melton, Chief Instructional Officer
Mr. Keith McAlister, Director of Design and Construction
Mr. Len Richardson, Chief Finance Officer

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

The Invocation was given by Beth Hutchison. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ellen Baumgardner.

The Board conducted the School Board Spotlight.

During the Superintendent's Report, Keith McAlister presented the monthly update (Exhibit B).

No one spoke during public participation.

Dr. Christina Melton presented proposed Textbook Adoptions (Exhibit F).

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1.	M. Loveless	S. Gantt	X	X	X	A	X	X	A
Enter executive session to consider the following: a) selected employment items (Exhibit A); b) contractual matter: regarding purchase of property (Exhibit A-1); and c) contractual matter: regarding audit services for FY 2014-2015 (Exhibit A-2)									
2.	M. Baumgardner	S. Loveless	X	X	X	A	X	X	A
Approve the agenda									
3.	M. Haltiwanger	S. Baumgardner	X	X	X	A	X	X	A
Approve the minutes of the June 22, 2015 board meeting									
4.	M. Gantt	S. Baumgardner	X	X	X	X	X	X	A
Approve the selected employment items (Exhibit A) (note: item 26 was not presented for approval)									
5.	M. Gantt	S. Haltiwanger	X	X	X	AB	X	X	A
I move that School District Five exercise its option to purchase Parcel A, located at the intersection of Gibbes Street and Lexington Avenue adjacent to Irmo Elementary School for \$244,986. And, as part of that same transaction, that School District Five accept a Quit Claim Deed from Misti Raman for Parcel C as part of a mutual termination of "Easements, Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions" affecting Parcel A, Parcel C and adjacent property owned by Misti Raman. I further move that the administration be authorized to execute such documents on behalf of the School District to carry out the motion (Exhibit A-1)									
6.	M. Gantt	S. Baumgardner	X	X	X	X	X	X	A
Allow a contract extension for audit services as recommended (Exhibit A-2)									

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7. M. Gantt S. Loveless Approve first reading of proposed revisions to board policy JHCB-R "Released Time for Religious Instruction" (Exhibit C)	X	X	X	X	X	X	A
8. M. Haltiwanger S. Baumgardner Approve first reading of proposed revisions to board policy JICJ "Cell Phones/Communication Devices" (Exhibit D)	X	X	X	X	X	X	A
9. M. Loveless S. Baumgardner Approve Textbook Adoptions (Exhibit E)	X	X	X	X	X	X	A
10. M. Baumgardner S. Loveless Adjourn at 7:50 p.m.	X	X	X	A	X	X	A

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Note for the record – Board Member, Jan Hammond
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Having had only one opportunity to discuss the purchase of this property with my fellow board members I am concerned whether or not we have considered all the options for the needed space. We have needed a long range plan to gain more space for the district office for some time. I have no problem with the need to get our employees out of the portables but want to be sure we have explored the use of existing space that is available in some of our schools. This may appear to be a "quick fix" for a larger problem Given the dire financial shortfall presented by our administration at the last meeting which resulted in the board majority voting for a 15.7 mill increase , I feel this purchase may fly in the face of the taxpayer. I am not convinced this purchase is the most effective way to solve our space problem.