District Five OF LEXINGTON & RICHLAND COUNTIES

Minutes
Board Meeting – April 6, 2020

The Board of Trustees of School District Five of Lexington and Richland Counties conducted a virtual meeting with the following members present:

Mr. Michael Cates, Chairman
Ms. Beth Hutchison, Vice Chairman
Mr. Robert Gantt, Secretary
Mrs. Nikki Gardner
Mrs. Jan Hammond
Mr. Ken Loveless
Mr. Ed White
Dr. Christina Melton, District Superintendent

The following staff members were in attendance:

Mrs. Katrina Goggins, Director, Office of Communications
Mr. Michael Guliano, Chief Instructional Officer
Dr. Michael Harris, Chief Planning and Administrative Officer
Dr. Allison Jacques, Chief Human Resources Officer
Mr. Len Richardson, Chief Finance Officer

A livestream audio link was provided to the public for the meeting.

Chairman Cates called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Chairman Cates confirmed attendance of board members with a verbal roll call to document a quorum ensuring that each board member's voice was heard over the public audio livestream.

The Invocation was given by Chairman Michael Cates, Board of Trustees.

During the Superintendent's Report, Dr. Christina Melton provided an update on the COVID-19 mandatory closure and the work that continues to take place throughout the district.

The minutes from the March 9, 2020 board meeting were approved.

An Emergency Resolution Re: 2019 Novel Coronavirus response was presented for approval.

The Temporary suspension of Board Policy BEDH "Public Participation at Meetings" was presented for approval. Board member, Ken Loveless, presented an amended motion for consideration.

Approval of Personnel items: a) selected employment items (Exhibit A) (Action); b) 2020-2021 Reappointments (Exhibit B) (Action); and c) selected employment items (Exhibit C) (Information Only).

Budget Addendum Projects (Exhibit D) was presented for final approval.

The next regular scheduled school board meeting will be May 18, 2020.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Record of Voting

School District Five of Lexington and Richland Counties Meeting of April 6, 2020	Cates	Gantt	Gardner	Hammond	Hutchison	Loveless	White
1. M. Hutchison S. Loveless Approve the agenda	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
2. M. Gantt S. Hutchison Approve the minutes of the March 9, 2020 board meeting	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
3. M. Cates S. Hutchison Emergency Resolution Re: 2019 Novel Coronavirus response WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, Governor McMaster issued Executive Order No. 2020-08, declaring a State of Emergency in South Carolina based on a determination that the 2019 Novel Coronavirus poses an actual or imminent public health emergency for the State of South Carolina; and WHEREAS, on March 15, 2020, Governor McMaster issued Executive Order No. 2020-09, directing the closure of all public schools in the State of South Carolina and authorizing each school district to make any necessary and appropriate decisions or arrangements to account for local needs and other unique circumstances; and	X	X	X	N	X	N	X

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WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, Governor McMaster issued Executive Order No. 2020-10, authorizing and directing state agencies to waive or suspend provisions of existing regulations prescribing procedures for conduct of state business if strict compliance with the provisions thereof would in any way prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action in coping with the emergency, and further directing that, to the extent possible, state and local government bodies should utilize any available technology or other reasonable procedures to conduct necessary meetings and accommodate public participation via virtual or other remote or alternate means; and

WHEREAS, on March 28, 2020, Governor McMaster issued Executive Order No. 2020-15, directing the provisions of Orders Nos. 2020-08, 2020-09, and 2020-10 remain in full force and effect for the duration of the State of Emergency, and further directing that, to the extent any political subdivision of this State seeks to adopt or enforce a rule, regulation, or other restriction that conflicts with the applicable Executive Orders, the Governor's Executive Orders shall supersede and preempt any such local rule, regulation, or other restriction.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board hereby adopts the following EMERGENCY RESOLUTION:

For the duration of the State of Emergency in South Carolina, and unless otherwise directed by subsequent action of the Board, the Board waives and/or suspends all policies, administrative procedures, and other rules that conflict with the aforementioned Executive Orders of Governor McMaster and any future applicable Executive Orders, any state and federal emergency laws such as the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) that may have or may be passed during the pandemic, any guidance issued by federal or state agencies, including but not limited to FEMA, the Department of Labor, the IRS, and the South Carolina Department of Education, and further authorizes the Board Chair in consultation with the Superintendent to waive or suspend provisions of existing policies, administrative procedures, and other rules, if compliance with the provisions thereof would in any way prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action by the Board or school district in coping with the emergency or otherwise in carrying out the applicable Executive Orders of the Governor, including making necessary and appropriate arrangements to account for the local needs and unique circumstances of the Board and school district.

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4. M. Hutchison S. Gantt Temporary suspension of Board Policy BEDH "Public Participation at Meetings"	X	X	N	N	X	N	X
5. M. Loveless S. Hammond Amended Motion – Temporary suspension of Board Policy BEDH "Public Participation at Meetings" (see attachment #1)	N	N	X	X	N	X	N
6. M. Cates S. Hammond Personnel: a. Selected employment items (*Exhibit A*)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
7. M. Cates S. Hammond Personnel: b. 2020-2021 Reappointments (*Exhibit B*)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
8. M. Cates S. Hammond Budget Addendum Projects (*Exhibit D)*	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
9. M. Gardner S. Hammond Adjourn the meeting at 8:23 p.m.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

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Amended Motion to agenda item 7. of the April 6, 2020 board meeting:

" In lieu of the Board meeting public participation policy as exists, during the time frame that virtual meetings are necessary because of Covid-19, the policy be changed to allow citizens to submit questions on-line thirty (30) minutes up until (via) 4-6-2020 ~~before~~ the start of the public regular meeting and questions be read aloud during the meeting while identifying the author. The district shall thereafter answer the questions publicly within the shortest timeframe possible, (via) 4-6-2020 ~~from the date~~ From the date of the meeting. "

Respectfully Submitted

Kenneth B. Loveless

Attachment 1 is included with the minutes of the 4/6/2020 meeting, at the request of Board member Ken Loveless pursuant to South Carolina Code Ann. Section 30-4-90(a)(4) and Board Policy BEDG. The Board majority did not approve, disapprove, or otherwise act upon the contents of this attachment.