

Board Briefs

School District 5 of Lexington & Richland Counties

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Synopses of meetings of the Board of Trustees of School District 5 of Lexington & Richland Counties are provided for your information.

September 28, 2020

During the September 14, 2020 school board meeting the following took place:

Chairman Cates called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m. and offered welcoming remarks. Mr. Cates recognized Dr. Allison Jacques, Chief Human Resources Officer, on her retirement.

Mr. Robert Gantt, Secretary, gave the invocation and also led the Pledge of Allegiance.

During the Superintendent's Report, Mrs. Cassy Paschal provided a report announcing the mascot for Piney Woods Elementary School would be the Purple Martin. Dr. Christina Melton provided an update entitled: *2020-2021 School Reentry Overview: Part VI*, which highlighted reentry for the 2020-2021 school year and introduced Phases II, III, and IV.

The minutes of the September 14, 2020 board meeting were presented and approved.

During public participation, the following people spoke regarding school reentry: Sara Sawyer (student), Anna Grace Mensch (student), Chad Stefaniak, Jennifer Weed, Chase Sternenberg, Stacey Price, Jennifer Zingmark, Toshia Addison, and Jack Mensch. Dr. Jim Mensch and Debbie Goodman spoke in support of Dr. Melton, staff and board members. Hugh Ryan spoke about COVID-19 DHEC data. Brian Bildrow spoke regarding board policy. David Clifton spoke regarding board leadership. Mark Ebert spoke regarding transparency and accountability.

ACTION AGENDA

Action was taken as necessary or appropriate on matters discussed in Executive Session: Selected employment items shown in Exhibit B, for Action; and, selected employment items shown in Exhibit C, for Information Only. Action was taken on Dr. Melton's evaluation and an outstanding evaluation was noted, as well as an amendment to extend Dr. Melton's contract by one year, through June 30, 2023.

DISCUSSION AGENDA

Discussion regarding district legal services took place between board members and Mr. Mike Montgomery, with Montgomery and Willard, LLC. The topic of board members receiving campaign contributions from attorneys was discussed and information for the record was submitted by Mr. Cates and Ms. Hutchison.

Discussion regarding district construction (not to include Piney Woods Elementary School) took place. Consultant Dan Neal was in attendance to answer construction questions from the board. Mr. Neal also offered a statement regarding his recent resignation, which was submitted for the record by Mr. Cates. Discussion regarding construction at Chapin High School and Irmo High School took place with items for the record being submitted by Mr. Loveless and Mr. White. A discussion regarding the Derrick Pond property took place with items for the record being submitted by Ms. Hutchison.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:56 p.m.

INFORMATION AGENDA

The next regular scheduled board meeting will be October 12, 2020. Location to be determined.