



Minutes
Board Meeting – December 14, 2020

The Board of Trustees of School District Five of Lexington and Richland Counties conducted an in-person meeting at Spring Hill School with the following members present:

Mrs. Rebecca Blackburn Hines
Mrs. Nikki Gardner, Secretary
Mrs. Jan Hammond, Chair
Mr. Matt Hogan
Mrs. Catherine Huddle
Mr. Ken Loveless, Vice Chair
Mr. Ed White
Dr. Christina Melton, District Superintendent

The following staff members attended:

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

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

Mrs. Hammond called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m. and offered welcoming remarks. Board member, Mr. Matt Hogan, gave the invocation and also led the Pledge of Allegiance.

During the Superintendent's Report, Dr. Melton introduced Mrs. Goggins, Director of Communications, who shared a video presentation of FFA (Future Farmers of America) students. The students explained the growing process of the poinsettias that were presented to members of the Board of Trustees at the start of the meeting. Dr. Melton called on Mr. Len Richardson, Chief Finance Officer, to introduce Mr. Matthew Hodges of Burkett, Burkett and Burkett, Certified Public Accountants, to present the draft Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for FY 2019-2020. Following the presentation, time for questions was provided to board members. Mrs. Huddle requested a list of all contracts over \$50,000 during the period and whether or not they met the procurement code requirements for approval. Mr. Loveless made a separate motion for auditors to review the sole source and emergency procurement information to see if a contract in question is a sole source contract. Lastly, Dr. Christina Melton provided an update entitled: *2020-2021 School Reentry Overview: Part IX*, which focused on an athletics update and the introduction of the COVID-19 Dashboard on Friday, December 11, 2020. Mrs. Huddle made a motion to move the discussion and vote on reentry to a place on the agenda following public participation.

During public participation, the following people spoke regarding school redistricting: Kaitlin Brooke Stubbs (student), Greg McGlohorn, and Paul Ziehl. Deana Berley, Hugh Ryan, and Shaun Mills spoke regarding reentry. Kim Weber spoke regarding the Irmo Strong Virtual 5K. The following people spoke in support of Dr. Melton, district administration and teachers: Alecia Klauk, Jamie Harrington, Debbie Goodman, Stacey Price, Reina Floyd, Lauren Gehr, Katherine Ramp, Melissa Washington Gary, Amy Carter, and Jessica Bower.

At the conclusion of public participation, Chair Hammond called a five minute recess (8:44 p.m. - 8:49 p.m.)

ACTION AGENDA

Following the brief recess, there was discussion and questions regarding reentry, a motion was passed to give the superintendent the ability to make a decision on reentry on an individual school by school basis when the student and/or staff data exceeds a 10% quarantine and positive case load per school. Dr. Melton recommended the return to distance learning on January 4, 5 and 6 following the return from Winter Break. A motion passed that supported Dr. Melton’s recommendation. Action was taken as necessary or appropriate on matters discussed in Executive Session. A motion passed to defer hiring of the Chief Finance Officer. In regards to redistricting, a motion passed for Milone and MacBroom, Inc. to provide one additional scenario, for a total of two scenarios that address only creating an attendance area for Piney Woods Elementary School.

A one-time \$1000 appreciation bonus was approved for all permanent employees employed as of November 30, 2020.

A partial suspension of Administrative Rule IKA-R “Grading/Assessment Systems” was approved.

DISCUSSION AGENDA

Due to the late hour, a motion was made to defer agenda items #18-New Board Policy BCC “Process for Addressing Board Member Policy Violations” (Exhibit E), #19-Proposed revisions to the School District Five of Lexington and Richland Counties Procurement Code (Exhibit F), and #20-Proposed revisions to Policy DJ “Purchasing” (Exhibit G).

Mr. Michael Guliano, Chief Instructional Officer presented proposed revisions to Policy IE “Organization of Instruction” (Exhibit J), and proposed revisions to Policy IJNDAA “Distance, Online and Virtual Education” (Exhibit K) for discussion/first reading.

Board members had a discussion regarding Policy BDE “Board Committees” (Exhibit H).

The meeting was adjourned at 10:53 p.m.


INFORMATION AGENDA

2020-2021 Comprehensive Health Education Board Advisory Committee (Information Only)

Emergency, Sole Source and Minority Procurements (Information Only)

The next regular scheduled board meeting will be January 25, 2021. Location to be determined.

Record of Voting

 <p style="text-align: center;">School District Five of Lexington and Richland Counties Meeting of December 14, 2020</p>		Blackburn Hines	Gardner	Hammond	Hogan	Huddle	Loveless	White
1.	<p>M. Gardner S. Loveless</p> <p>Approve the agenda</p> <p>M. Blackburn Hines S. --- (Motion failed)</p> <p>Amend the agenda in an effort to be mindful of our District Five personnel's time tonight, I move to defer items 18-21 on the Discussion agenda to another meeting as appropriate.</p> <p>Vote on original motion</p>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		N	X	X	X	X	X	A
2.	<p>M. Gardner S. Huddle</p> <p>Enter Executive Session to discuss:</p> <p> a. Selected employment items (Exhibit A) (Action)</p> <p> b. Selected employment items (Exhibit B) (Information Only)</p> <p> c. Receipt of Legal Advice re: Board Policies BDG School Attorney/Legal Services and BBA Board Powers and Duties (information Only)</p> <p> d. Employment matter re: hiring for Chief Finance Officer and Executive Director of Operations positions</p> <p> e. Discussion of negotiations incident to proposed Contract Amendment regarding Growth Forecasting and Redistricting Services by Milone and MacBroom, Inc. (Exhibit C)</p>	X	X	X	X	X	X	A

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<p>3. M. Huddle S. Gardner</p> <p>Move to ask Burkett, Burkett and Burkett to review a contract of concern, as far as meeting requirements, and present findings, as well as a list of all contracts over \$50,000 during the period and whether or not they met the procurement code requirements for approval</p>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
<p>4. M. Loveless S. Huddle</p> <p>Motion for auditors to review the sole source and emergency procurement information to see if the contract in question is a sole source contract</p>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
<p>5. M. Huddle S. Gardner</p> <p>Move that the vote/motion and discussion of this item (reentry) move to the Action agenda after item #13</p>	N	X	X	N	X	X	N
<p>6. M. Loveless S. Gardner</p> <p>Approve the minutes of the November 16, 2020 board meeting</p>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
<p>7. M. Loveless S. Gardner</p> <p>Approve the minutes of the November 30, 2020 special-called board meeting</p>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
<p>8. M. Loveless S. Huddle</p> <p>Approve the minutes of the December 2, 2020 special-called board meeting</p>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

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<p>9. M. Hogan S. Blackburn Hines</p> <p>I move that we give the superintendent the ability to make a decision on reentry on an individual school by school basis when the district data exceeds a 10% quarantine and positive case load per school</p> <p>M. Huddle S. Gardner</p> <p>Amend motion to remove “district data” and add “student and/or staff”</p> <p>Vote on original motion</p>							
	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
<p>10. M. Blackburn Hines S. Hogan</p> <p>To support Dr. Melton’s reentry plan for distance learning on January 4 and 5, and to continue distance learning on January 6</p>	X	N	X	X	N	X	X
<p>11. M. Gardner S. Hogan</p> <p>Approve selected employment items as shown in Exhibit A, Action</p>	X	X	X	X	N	N	X
<p>12. M. White S. Blackburn Hines</p> <p>Approve selected employment items as shown in Exhibit D, Employment matter re: hiring for Chief Finance Officer and Executive Director of Operations positions</p> <p>M. Huddle S. Hammond</p> <p>Amend the motion to approve the hiring of the Executive Director of Operations and defer the hiring Chief Finance Officer</p> <p><i>*No vote taken on original motion</i></p>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	N	N	X	X	X	X	N

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<p>13. M. Huddle S. Loveless</p> <p>Move to approve a contract amendment regarding growth forecasting and redistricting services by Milone and MacBroom, Inc. to provide one additional scenario so that we will have a total of two scenarios that address only creating an attendance area for Piney Woods Elementary School</p> <p>M. Loveless S. Gardner</p> <p>Amend the motion to add the sum of \$10,000 maximum</p> <p>Vote on original motion</p>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
<p>14. M. Loveless S. Huddle</p> <p>Approve a one-time appreciation bonus to all employees employed as of November 30, 2020 of \$1000 per employee</p> <p>M. Huddle S. Gardner</p> <p>Amend the motion to add “permanent” employees</p> <p>Vote on original motion</p>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
<p>15. M. Loveless S. White</p> <p>Approve the partial suspension of AR IKA-R “Grading/Assessment Systems”</p>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
<p>16. M. White S. Blackburn Hines</p> <p>Move agenda items #18-21 to a later meeting on a Discussion agenda</p> <p>M. Gardner S. Loveless</p> <p>Amend the motion to include agenda item #21 in tonight’s discussion</p> <p><i>*No vote taken on original motion</i></p>	N	X	X	X	X	X	N

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17. M. Hogan							
S. Huddle	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Adjourn at 11:09 p.m.							

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