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.

January 25, 2021

During the January 25, 2021 school board meeting the following took place:

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

Mrs. Hammond called the meeting to order at 7:12 p.m. and offered welcoming remarks. Board member, Mrs. Catherine Huddle, gave the invocation and also led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A School Board Spotlight was conducted.

During the Superintendent's Report, a follow-up regarding the Procurement Examination Report was provided by Matthew Hodges of Burkett, Burkett & Burkett. During the presentation, Mr. Hodges indicated they were unable to provide the review requested at the prior meeting and that doing so would require additional audit services at an estimated cost of $20,000. The board did not request this additional work at the time. Mr. Clay Cannon, Director of Facilities Operations, provided a Capital Projects Update and Chapin High Bond Update. Dr. Melton presented 2020-2021 School Reentry Overview, Part X.

During public participation, the following people spoke regarding school reentry: Erik Gardner, Veronique Chayer (student), Hannah Forrester (student), Drew Walker, Jessica Bower, Sarah Ostergaard, Sheena Wilson, Reina Floyd, Debbie Goodman, Lisa Maylath, Dani Cabay, Josh Gray, and James Dennis. Kim Murphy spoke regarding redistricting. Leslie Stiles spoke regarding transparency. Michael Sugar and Stacey Price spoke regarding teacher retention/advocacy. Barb Waldman and Rosie Robinson spoke about Irmo High School.

Action Agenda

Action as necessary or appropriate on matters discussed in Executive Session.

Approval of redistricting scenario for Piney Woods Elementary School area in Chapin.

Approval of revisions to board policy BDE "Board Committees".

COVID-19 related sick leave (FFCRA / EPSLA).

Second Reading approval of proposed revisions to policy IE "Organization of Instruction".

Second Reading approval of proposed revisions to policy IJNDAA "Distance, Online and Virtual Education"

Addition of regular board meetings to the 2020-2021 Board Meeting Schedule.

Discussion agenda

Proposed 2021-2022 School Year Calendar.