Minutes
Board Meeting – January 25, 2021

The Board of Trustees of School District Five of Lexington and Richland Counties conducted an in-person meeting at Irmo High 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:

Mr. Todd Bedenbaugh, Executive Director of Operations
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

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.

Record of Voting

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Meeting of January 25, 2021

	Blackburn Hines	Gardner	Hammond	Hogan	Huddle	Loveless	White
1. M. Loveless S. Huddle Approve the agenda							
M. White S. Blackburn Hines Amend the agenda so that item 3.c. Discussion of the Superintendent's Goals/Expectations and Board/Superintendent Relationship be moved to the Action Agenda to be conducted in public session.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
M. Huddle S. Blackburn Hines Amend Mr. White's motion moving item 3.c. to the Discussion Agenda from the Action Agenda.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
M. White S. Blackburn Hines Amend the agenda to add a new item to the Action Agenda to read: Requiring Board Officer Meeting to be open to the public, including live streaming the meeting, in accordance with the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act.	X	N	N	N	N	N	X
M. White S. Blackburn Hines Amend the agenda to add a new item to the Discussion Agenda to read: Financial Relationship of Ken Loveless with a Vendor and Recusal Requirements.	X	N	N	N	N	N	X
M. White S. Blackburn Hines Amend the agenda that item 14. on the Action Agenda, Approval of revisions to Policy BDE "Board Committees" be postponed until (i) all new board members had received their required training from the South Carolina School Board Association, (ii) the policy has been reviewed by a representative from the South Carolina School Board Association for legal compliance or concerns and (iii) a presentation has been made to the full Board in a public meeting on best practices, the proper use of Board committees and an understanding of the provisions of the policy that is currently being modified.	X	N	N	N	N	N	X

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Vote on original motion as amended	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
2. M. Huddle S. Blackburn Hines Enter Executive Session to discuss: a. Selected employment items (Exhibit A) (Action) b. Selected employment items (Exhibit B) (Information Only)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
3. M. Loveless S. Gardner Approve the minutes of the December 14, 2020 board meeting.							
M. Gardner S. Loveless I move that we make the following changes to the December 14 minutes: 1.) Under the "Action Agenda" section the motions are not in the correct order. The second sentence should be the first and the word "amended" removed to state "a motion was passed to give the superintendent the ability..." should come first and then "Dr. Melton's recommendation to the return to distance learning..." should follow. 2.) Under the "Discussion Agenda" section regarding policy BDE, the section starting with "During the discussion..." should be removed. 3.) Under the "Record of Voting" section, item #1 should read, "I move to DEFER items..." (not amend items).	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
M. Huddle S. Loveless Secondary amendment to change "table" to "defer" in the first sentence under the "Discussion Agenda". The sentence should read "Due to the late hour, a motion was made to DEFER agenda items..."	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Vote on original motion as amended	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
4. M. Loveless S. Huddle Approve selected employment items as shown in Exhibit A, Action.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

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5. M. Huddle S. Hogan I move that we implement Scenario 5 for the 2021-2022 school year with two changes : 1. All property along Old Lexington Highway will be zoned to Chapin Elementary School. 2. PK4 will be deferred for consideration based on the superintendent's recommendation.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
6. M. Huddle S. Gardner I move that we accept the first reading of BDE, "Board Committees".	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
7. M. Huddle S. Loveless I move the administration create an emergency plan using ESSER funds to ensure those that need to take paid leave for COVID-19 related issues may do so through June 30, 2021.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
8. M. Huddle S. Gardner I move to defer second reading approval on policy IE "Organization of Instruction" and policy IJNDAA, "Distance, Online and Virtual Education" until there is an approved budget and plan for FIVE.	N	X	N	N	X	X	N
M. White S. Hammond I move we approve second reading of policy IE "Organization of Instruction" as shown in Exhibit F. ***(No vote taken)***	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
M. Huddle S. Loveless I move to amend policy IE "Organization of Instruction" to replace "will offer a choice based virtual program..." to "may offer a choice based virtual program..."	N	X	X	X	X	X	N
M. Loveless S. Gardner Approve second reading of policy IE "Organization of Instruction" as amended.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
9. M. Gardner S. Blackburn Hines Approve second reading of proposed revisions to policy IJNDAA "Distance, Online and Virtual Education" as shown in Exhibit G.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

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10. M. Loveless S. Gardner Approve the addition of regular board meetings to the 2020-2021 Board Meeting Schedule as shown in Exhibit H	X	X	X	X	X	X	N
11. M. Loveless S. Hogan Carryover item 3.c. Discussion and review of the Superintendent's Goals/Expectations and Board/Superintendent Relationship, that was moved to the Discussion Agenda, until the next meeting on February 8.	X	N	X	X	X	X	X
12. M. Hogan S. Blackburn Hines Adjourn at 11:30 p.m.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

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