



**Minutes**  
**Board Meeting – March 8, 2021**

The Board of Trustees of School District Five of Lexington and Richland Counties conducted an in-person meeting at Spring Hill 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 (*Absent*)  
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  
Mrs. Marty Rawls, Chief Finance Officer  
Dr. Tamara Turner, Chief Human Resources Officer

A livestream video link was provided to the public as a viewing option for the meeting.

Mrs. Hammond called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m. and offered welcoming remarks. Board member, Mrs. Rebecca Blackburn Hines, gave the invocation and also led the Pledge of Allegiance.

During the Board Spotlight, a SkillsUSA presentation was provided.

During the Superintendent's Report, Dr. Melton presented the 2020-2021 School Reentry Overview, Part XIII, with a recommendation regarding hardship requests. Dr. Melton recognized National Social Workers Month and our District Five social workers.

During public participation, Kim Murphy spoke regarding capital projects, and Bill Zobel shared his appreciation of district staff.

Action Agenda

Action as necessary or appropriate on matters discussed in Executive Session.  
COVID-19 Related Sick Leave (FFCRA / EPSLA).  
First Reading Proposed FY 2021-2022 Capital Budget.

Discussion Agenda

Discussion and First Reading approval of proposed revisions to Board Policy GBAA "Sexual Discrimination and Harassment", and new Board Exhibit GBAA-E "Sex/Gender Discrimination or Harassment Complaint Form".  
Discussion and First Reading approval 2021-2022 Board Meeting Schedule.

Information Only

Revisions to Board Policy GBAA-R.

The meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

**Record of Voting**



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	Blackburn Hines	Gardner	Hammond	Hogan	Huddle	Loveless	White
1. M. Huddle                      S. Loveless Approve the agenda	X	X	X	X	X	X	A
2. M. Loveless                  S. Hogan Enter Executive Session to discuss: a. Selected employment items ( <i>Exhibit A</i> ) (Action) b. Selected employment items ( <i>Exhibit B</i> ) (Information Only) c. Receipt of Legal Advice Regarding One Construction Contract d. Receipt of Legal Advice Regarding Outstanding Sewer Tap Issues e. Receipt of Legal Advice Regarding Financial Information Related to Capital Financing	X	X	X	X	X	X	A
3. M. Loveless                  S. Gardner I make the motion to affirm the administration's plan to suspend the re-entry hardship requests for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year with the exception of hardships created by extreme cases.	X	X	X	X	X	X	A
4. M. Gardner                      S. Huddle Approve the minutes of the March 1, 2021 board meeting.	X	X	X	X	X	X	A
5. M. Loveless                  S. Blackburn Hines I move that we approve the selected employment items as discussed in Executive Session under Exhibit A.	X	X	X	X	X	X	A
6. M. Loveless                  S. Gardner I make the motion that the administration contract with an engineering firm or firms to investigate and advise as to a course of action concerning possible latent construction defects at the Chapin High School 2008 Bond Referendum Project. Selection of the engineering firm(s) shall be subject to board approval as is indicated in District Procurement Code Section 710.	X	X	X	X	X	X	A

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7. M. Huddle S. Blackburn Hines I move that we ask the superintendent to turn over the information we have on sewer taps purchased in 2013 and 2014 to the proper authorities for their review and determination and report the results of that meeting to the board.	X	X	X	X	X	X	A
8. M. Blackburn Hines S. Loveless I move that the Board approve the emergency plan presented by the Administration to ensure that employees who need to take time off for their own illness related to COVID-19 or for the quarantine or illness of their children related to COVID-19 may take such leave through June 30, 2021.	X	X	X	X	X	X	A
9. M. Gardner S. Huddle I move that we recommend approval of the First Reading of Proposed FY 2021-2022 Capital Budget as shown in Exhibit D.	X	X	X	X	X	X	A
10. M. S. Discussion and First Reading approval of proposed revisions to Board Policy GBAA "Sexual Discrimination and Harassment", and new Board Exhibit GBAA-E "Sex/Gender Discrimination or Harassment Complaint Form"  <i>No Action Taken</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	A
11. M. S. Discussion and First Reading approval 2021-2022 Board Meeting Schedule  <i>No Action Taken</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	A
12. M. Blackburn Hines S. Hogan  Adjourn at 8:26 p.m.	X	X	X	X	X	X	A
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