



Minutes
Board Meeting – April 26, 2021

The Board of Trustees of School District Five of Lexington and Richland Counties conducted an in-person meeting at The Center for Advanced Technical Studies 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 7:04 p.m. and offered welcoming remarks. Chair Hammond also gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A School Board Spotlight was held to present Chapin Middle School's School Improvement Council (SIC) with the Dick and Tunky Riley Award.

During the Superintendent's Report, Dr. Melton presented the 2020-2021 School Reentry Overview, Part XV, with a recommendation regarding ESSER II funds. Dr. Tamara Turner, Chief Human Resources Officer, provided an update regarding the Kelly Services' contract for substitute teachers. Mr. Todd Bedenbaugh, Executive Director of Operations, introduced Mr. Butch Collier and Mr. Tony Cox who facilitated a presentation and report on Cenergistic and the district's energy conservation program. Chief Financial Officer, Mrs. Marty Rawls, presented Monthly Financial Reports as well as an update on the 2021-2022 General Fund Budget.

During public participation, Laney Cohen spoke in support of Spring Hill High School. Terrye Godown, Robert Wright, Alan Wright, Laura LaSalle, and Matthew Derrick all spoke regarding mask requirements.

Action Agenda

- Action as Necessary or Appropriate on Matters Discussed in Executive Session
- Approval of Proposed Engineering Firm
- Second Reading Approval 2021-2022 Board Meeting Schedule
- Second Reading Approval of Proposed new Board Policy DE "ESSER Funds"

- Resolution Adoption: Refunding Bonds to Refund the Series 2012B bonds
- Provisional Approval of the 2020-2021 District Strategic Plan

Discussion Agenda

- No items

Information Only

- Information Only: New Administrative Rule GCC-R2 “COVID-19-Related Leave (Professional and Support Staff)”
- Information Only: Revisions to Administrative Rule, IKA-R “Grading / Assessment Systems”
- Information Only: Board Committees

The meeting adjourned at 10:22 p.m.

Record of Voting



**School District Five
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Meeting of April 26, 2021

	Blackburn Hines	Gardner	Hammond	Hogan	Huddle	Loveless	White
1. M. Loveless S. Gardner Approve the agenda	X	X	X	X	X	X	A
2. M. Blackburn Hines S. Gardner Enter Executive Session to consider the following: a. Selected employment items (<i>Exhibit A</i>) (Action) b. Selected employment items (<i>Exhibit B</i>) (Information Only) c. Attorney-Client Privileged Discussion Related to Invoices from Law Firms (Action as necessary) d. Update on Legal Matters in which the District is involved including Case No. 2020-CP-40-00161 e. Investigation Regarding Sewer Taps Purchased 2013-2014 (Action as necessary)	X	X	X	X	X	X	A
3. M. Blackburn Hines S. Hogan I move that we approve the administrations initial spending allocations plans for ESSER II funds as outlined in the report.	X	X	X	X	X	X	A

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4. M. Huddle I move the administration present a proposed addendum to the existing contract with Kelly Services at our next board meeting.	S. Gardner	X	X	X	X	X	X	A
5. M. Huddle I make the motion that we move Public Participation on the agenda to immediately follow the Cenergistic Report.	S. Blackburn Hines	X	X	X	X	X	X	A
6. M. Loveless Approve the minutes of the March 22, 2021 board meeting.	S. Hogan	X	X	X	X	X	X	A
7. M. Gardner I move that we approve the selected employment items as discussed in Executive Session shown under Exhibit A (Action).	S. Huddle	X	X	X	X	X	X	A
8. M. Loveless I move that attorney and vendor invoices requested for review as above be preserved and that individual board members be allowed to study the documents by appointment. Neither photos, copies nor reproductions will be allowed. Notes may be taken.	S. Gardner	X	X	X	X	X	X	A
9. M. Huddle I move to amend the previously adopted motion regarding sewer taps purchased in 2013 and 2014 to add "The investigator will report their findings to the Board Chair and the district will discontinue all activities related to this matter other than responding to inquiries and requests from the investigator or the board".	S. Loveless	X	X	X	X	X	X	A
10. M. Loveless I make the motion that the board approves the firm of WM Building Envelop(e) Consultants, LLC to advise as to a course of action concerning latent construction defects at the Chapin High School Bond Referendum Project. The board does so with the understanding that this engineering consultant will act in an expedited manner in order to preserve remedies the board may have prior to expiration of any statute of limitations.	S. Huddle	X	X	X	X	X	X	A
11. M. Gardner I move that we give final approval to the 2021-2022 Board Meeting Schedule as shown in Exhibit E.	S. Huddle	X	X	X	X	X	X	A
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12. M. Gardner S. Loveless I move that we approve the second reading of proposed new board policy DE “ESSER Funds” (Exhibit F) with the amended wording as submitted highlighted in blue to change to “The board, in conjunction with the administration, will review and approve subject matter and expenditures as brought to the board, in compliance with the administrative rule attached hereto (DE-R)”.	X	X	X	X	X	X	A
13. M. Loveless S. Huddle I would like to make a motion that the administration procure the services of a Guaranteed Energy Savings Contract vendor in compliance with the Section 1520.11 “Request for Qualification (RFQ)” of the current District Procurement Code. The successful bidder (after the RFQ process) should be presented to the Board for approval prior to the contract award.	X	X	X	X	X	X	A
14. M. Huddle S. Loveless I move that we defer approval of Refunding Bonds to Refund the Series 2012B bonds until our next board meeting and receive proposals from additional consultants specializing in municipal bonds.	N	N	N	X	X	N	A
15. M. Huddle S. Gardner I move that we approve the 2021-2022 annual update of the District’s Strategic Plan provided that the final plan is substantially the same as the draft plan emailed to the board today.	X	X	X	X	X	X	A
16. M. Gardner S. Blackburn Hines Adjourn at 10:22 p.m.	X	X	X	X	X	X	A
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