District Five OF LEXINGTON & RICHLAND COUNTIES

Minutes
Board Meeting – May 10, 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
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 7:09 p.m. and offered welcoming remarks. Board member, Matt Hogan, led with a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance.

During public participation the following people spoke regarding mask requirements: Brenna-Drew Zingmark, Jackson Valek, Ada Wright, Laken Robinson (all students), Peter Lauzon, John Kawamoto, Alan Wright, Michelle Bellvirrale, Jeff Herring, Kim Stutts, Christine Thornhill, Todd Grosh, Jennifer Zingmark, Catrinia Jones, Lauren Gehr, Jared Fici, Caitlin Walker, Justin Robertson, Hope Lights, Matthew Derrick, Eric Corcoran, Laura LaSalle, Stephanie Berquist, Roger Nelson, Angela Durham, and Lori Carnes. The following people spoke in support of the district and Dr. Melton: Tim Whipple, Stephanie Dukes, Rosie Robinson, Sarah Ostergaard, Ruth Iglesias, Reina Floyd, Mary Ann Sansonetti-Wood and Wyatt Robinson. Ali Hendrick spoke regarding Teacher Forum, Kristin Batchelor and Courtland Thomas spoke regarding public discord, Stacey Price spoke regarding graduation, and Albert Jones spoke regarding pubic participation.

During the Superintendent's Report, Dr. Melton presented the 2020-2021 School Reentry Overview, Part XVI, which highlighted graduation.

The minutes of the April 26, 2021 regular board meeting, and the May 4, 2021 special-called board meeting were approved.

Action Agenda

- Action as Necessary or Appropriate on Matters Discussed in Executive Session
- Approval of Sale of Land Parcel to SCDOT

Discussion Agenda

- Discussion and First Reading of Proposed Revisions to Policy GCG "Part-Time and Substitute Professional Staff Employment"
- Discussion and First Reading Proposed Revisions to Policy JQ "Student Fees, Fines and Charges"
- Discussion of the FY2022 General Fund Budget

Information Only

- Board Committees
- Revisions to Administrative Rule GCG-R "Part-Time and Substitute Professional Staff Employment"

The meeting adjourned at 11:09 p.m.

Record of Voting

School District Five of Lexington and Richland Counties Meeting of May 10, 2021	**Blackburn Hines**	**Gardner**	**Hammond**	**Hogan**	**Huddle**	**Loveless**	**White**
1. M. Huddle S. Loveless Approve the agenda	-	-	-	-	-	-	A
M. Loveless S. Hogan Motion to amend the agenda for the May 10, 2021 board meeting (Item 2) to include approval of the minutes of the May 4, 2021 special-called meeting	X	A	X	X	X	X	A
M. Huddle S. Loveless Motion to amend the agenda to remove Item #18 from the agenda and add to a future meeting agenda as needed.	X	A	X	X	X	X	A
Approve the original motion as amended	X	X	X	X	X	X	A

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2. M. Huddle S. Hogan Enter Executive Session to consider the following: a. Selected employment items (Exhibit A) (Action) b. Selected employment items (Exhibit B) (Information Only) c. Budget discussion relative to substitute contract (Action) (Exhibit C) d. Budget discussion relative to provider of non-permanent employee contract (Action) e. Bid contract for substitute and contract for providers of non-permanent employees (Action) f. Building Structure at 6020 Westcott Road (Exhibit D) g. Legal advice related to threatened litigation against the District	X	X	X	X	X	X	A
3. M. Loveless S. Huddle I make the motion that we approve the minutes of the April 26, 2021 board meeting.	X	X	X	X	X	X	AB
4. M. Loveless S. Blackburn Hines I make the motion that we approve the minutes of the May 4, 2021 special-called board meeting.	X	X	X	X	X	X	AB
5. M. Loveless S. Blackburn Hines I move that we approve the selected employment items as discussed in Executive Session shown under Exhibit A (Action).	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
6. M. Loveless S. Huddle Pursuant to discussions in executive session regarding items 3.c. and 3.d. I move that we give Kelly Educational Services, Inc. a thirty (30) day termination notice under Article 11 of the contract dated July 1, 2018 and amended by extension on May 16, 2019.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

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7. M. Huddle S. Loveless In reference to item 3.e, discussed in executive session, I move that our superintendent either issue a RFP for external services or develop an internal staffing plan to address the district's need for substitute teachers. This plan should ensure that such staffing is only used for substitute teachers and not to be used in lieu of permanent staffing. The plan should ensure that the daily rate for all substitute categories is increased to be comparable with other districts in the Midlands and include fixed daily rates for regular substitutes and a formula for flexible daily rate for long term certified substitutes that are assigned to replace a specific teacher.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
8. M. Loveless S. Blackburn Hines In regards to item 3.f. as discussed in executive session, I make the motion that we approve the administration's recommendation to sell the building structure located at 6020 Westcott Road.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
9. M. Gardner S. Blackburn Hines To "reasonably adhere" to state school board guidelines and to clarify district 5's position on masks and to provide students, staff, and parents' choice, I move that we approve for discussion, first & second readings, a new Board Policy ADD Face Coverings that I provided to each board member just before the meeting.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Motion amended by Mrs. Gardner: To "reasonably adhere" to state school board guidelines and to clarify district 5's position on masks and to provide students, staff, and parents' choice, I move that we adopt the Face Coverings Resolution that I provided to each board member just before the meeting.	X	X	N	X	X	X	N
10. M. Loveless S. Huddle I make the motion that we approve the administration's request to sell the land parcel (.155 acres along Mt. Vernon Church Road) shown in Exhibit E to SCDOT.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
11. M. Huddle S. -- I move that we table Discussion Item #13 "Discussion and First Reading of Proposed Revisions to Policy GCG "Part-Time and Professional Staff Employment" because it is related to the earlier vote on substitute teachers. *No second, no vote*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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12. M. Loveless S. Blackburn Hines I move that we approve discussion and first reading of proposed revisions to policy JQ "Student Fees, Fines and Charges" as shown in Exhibit G.	X	X	X	X	X	X	AB
13. M. Huddle S. Blackburn Hines Adjourn at 11:09 p.m.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

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Kenneth B. Loveless

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SENT VIA EMAIL and US MAIL

The Honorable Janis Hammond, Chair

Board of Trustees

School District 5 of Lexington and Richland Counties

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Irmo, SC 29036

RE: Recusal of Kenneth B. Loveless, Trustee from Certain Matters which May Come Before The Board

Dear Mrs. Hammond:

At 2:34 AM Friday May 7,2021, I sent an email to Jan Hammond Board Chair for School District 5 of Lexington and Richland Counties.

It read: "As of today I am recusing myself from any matter coming before the board dealing with Thompson-Turner Construction, Inc. Yesterday I gave Jason Durstine, Project Manager with Loveless Commercial Contracting, Inc. with whom I am employed as President permission to enter into a contract for concrete construction as a subcontractor on the A and R Bulk Pack project Moncks Corner, SC. The project at A and R Bulk is in the normal course of business for Loveless Commercial Contracting, Inc. and is not associated with the State of SC or its political subdivisions in any manner.

This recusal shall remain valid until the contract for construction has been concluded.

Please enter this recusal letter into the record of the next regularly scheduled board meeting."

Yours truly,

Kenneth B. Loveless, Trustee

cc: Dr. Cristina Melton, Superintendent

Attachment #1 is included with the minutes of the 5-10-2021 meeting, at the request of Board member Ken Loveless pursuant to South Carolina Code Ann. Section 30-4-90(a)(4) and Board Policy BEDG. The Board majority did not approve, disapprove, or otherwise act upon the contents of this attachment.