District Five OF LEXINGTON & RICHLAND COUNTIES

Minutes
Board Meeting – June 14, 2021

The Board of Trustees of School District Five of Lexington and Richland Counties conducted an in-person meeting at the District Office 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 7:06 p.m. to convene the public hearing on the 2021-2022 General Fund Budget. Chief Finance Officer, Mrs. Marty Rawls provided a 2021-2022 Budget Overview. Following Mrs. Rawls presentation, public participation regarding the 2021-2022 budget was held. Kim Murphy spoke during public participation. The public hearing was adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Mrs. Hammond called the regular meeting to order at 7:22 p.m. and offered welcoming remarks. Board Vice Chair, Ken Loveless, led the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

During the Superintendent's Report, Dr. Melton presented the 2020-2021 School Reentry Overview, Part XVIII, and Director of Accountability, Mr. Vann Holden, presented the 2021-2022 through 2025-2026 District Strategic Plan Update.

The minutes of the May 24, 2021 board meeting were approved.

During public participation: Debbie Goodman spoke regarding honoring teachers and administrators; Todd L. Grosh and Todd A. Gosh spoke regarding vaccines and CRT; Kim Murphy spoke; and Carolene Floyd (student), Ethan Maskery (student), Brittany Amick, Laura LaSalle, Chrystal Barley, Rose St. Louis, and Alan Wright spoke regarding bullying.

Board Member, Ed White, submitted his letter of resignation for the record. Statements from Dr. Melton and Mr. Loveless were submitted for the record.

Action Agenda

- Action as Necessary or Appropriate on Matters Discussed in Executive Session
- Town of Chapin Easement Request
- Second Reading Approval of the FY2022 General Fund Budget

Discussion Agenda

- No items

Information Only

- No items

The meeting adjourned at 10:12 p.m.

Record of Voting

School District Five
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Meeting of June 14, 2021

	Blackburn Hines	Gardner	Hammond	Hogan	Huddle	Loveless	White
1. M. Blackburn Hines S. Huddle Approve the agenda	X	X	A	X	X	X	X
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. Legal update Case No: 2020-CP-40-02158 d. Legal advice regarding a contractual matter	X	X	A	X	X	X	X
3. M. Loveless S. Huddle I move that we convene the public hearing (7:06 p.m.) on the 2021-2022 General Fund Budget	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
4. M. -- S. – Adjourn public hearing at 7:22 p.m. *(no motion made)*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5. M. Blackburn Hines S. Gardner I make the motion that we approve the school district's preliminary reentry plan as outlined in the report provided by Mrs. Goggins.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

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	Blackburn Hines	Gardner	Hammond	Hogan	Huddle	Loveless	White
6. M. Gardner S. Blackburn Hines I make the motion that we approve the minutes of the May 24, 2021 board meeting.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
7. M. Loveless S. Gardner 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	A
8. M. Huddle S. Blackburn Hines I move that we approve the easement request for the Town of Chapin which is the area adjacent to the property from the old high school.	X	X	X	X	X	X	A
9. M. Blackburn Hines S. Gardner I make a motion that we approve the second reading for the adoption of the 2021-2022 general fund budget as presented including the continuation of the remaining fund balance assignment for Piney Woods Elementary School in 2021-2022.	X	X	X	X	X	X	A
10. M. Blackburn Hines S. Hogan I make a motion to approve setting the operating millage rate at 246.10 mils and the debt service millage rate at a calculated rate to meet the debt service obligations not to exceed the current rate of 75.4 mils.	X	X	X	X	X	X	A
11. M. Blackburn Hines S. Gardner I make the motion that we return to Executive Session to receive legal advice regarding a contractual matter.	X	X	X	X	X	N	A
12. M. Gardner S. Huddle Adjourn at 10:12 p.m.	X	X	A	X	X	X	A

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June 14, 2021

Ms. Jan Hammond
Board Chair, Board of Trustees
School District Five of Lexington and Richland Counties
1020 Dutch Fork Road
Irmo, SC 29063

RE: Resignation

Dear Ms. Hammond:

This letter is to notify you that pursuant to Policy BBBC, I am resigning my position from the Board of Trustees for School District Five of Lexington and Richland Counties effective 30 days from today.

Sincerely,

Ed White

Edward K. White

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Attachment #1 is included with the minutes of the 6/14/2021 meeting, at the request of Board member Ed White 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.

Statement from Dr. Christina S. Melton
June 14, 2021

This message is a bittersweet message to write because of my love for our district. This is home. We are family.

I am a strong believer in seasons of life, including career. My season as superintendent is drawing to an end on June 30, 2021. As I prepare for this new chapter in my life, I thank the Board of Trustees for the privilege to lead School District Five. I thank our families, our community, and especially our students. I am grateful to the staff of School District Five. I am convinced the brightest, most talented, capable and caring professionals are concentrated here in our district.

"Know Thy Impact" is not a mantra, it is a mission at work daily in all operations across our district. I could list the #PrideIn5 accolades we have achieved, the historic precedents we have set, the records our students have made and the records our students have broken. I could list the extensive accomplishments our staff have been recognized for and how we have been innovative and forerunners in ratings, competitions, and recognitions. Instead of the extrinsic, it is the intrinsic I am most proud of. We have rallied in times of crisis. We have shared strength during weakness and we have seen the unprecedented. We have been a voice for our children, our community and our profession. We have been tested and have proven to be resilient and student-centered. I leave this chapter knowing the people in place will continue exemplary work focusing upon our most important resource... our children.

With a grateful heart and in service.

Dr. Christina Melton
Superintendent
School District Five of Lexington & Richland Counties

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Dr. Christina Melton has advised the Board of Trustees for School District Five of Lexington and Richland Counties of her resignation as Superintendent, effective June 30, 2021. The Board expresses its appreciation to Dr. Melton for her dedicated efforts on behalf of the students and staff of the District since she was appointed as Superintendent in 2017 and wishes her well in her future endeavors.

The Board plans to schedule a special-called meeting [illegible] to discuss selecting an Interim Superintendent to lead the District beginning on July 1, 2021. As soon as that individual is selected, the Board will inform all of the District's stakeholders.

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