



## Minutes/September 13, 2021

The Board of Trustees of School District Five of Lexington and Richland Counties met at Chapin Middle 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  
Dr. Akil Ross, Interim Superintendent

The following staff were in attendance:

Mr. Todd Bedenbaugh, Executive Director of Operations  
Dr. Michael Harris, Chief Planning and Administrative Officer  
Mrs. Anna Miller, Chief of Academics and Administration  
Mrs. Marty Rawls, Chief Finance Officer  
Mrs. Amanda Taylor, Director of Communications  
Dr. Tamara Turner, Chief Human Resources Officer

A livestream video link was provided to the public as a viewing option for the Board Finance Workshop and the Board Meeting.

The Board conducted a Board Finance Workshop.

Chair Hammond called the regular meeting to order and gave welcoming remarks. The Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance were led by Cathy Huddle, Board of Trustees.

During the Superintendent's Report, Anna Miller presented an update on School Report Cards and Distance Learning; Van Holden gave an update on COVID-19 Dashboard; and Todd Bedenbaugh gave a report on Guaranteed Energy Savings Performance Contracting.

During the public participation, Christa Sorrenti, Dr. Scott Weitzel, Dr. Ashleigh Ledford and Dr. Kaitlin Sanzone, Jerry Emanuel and Stacey Price spoke regarding COVID; Reina Floyd spoke regarding meeting participation and mitigation guidelines; Dr. Lauren Gehr spoke regarding communication with teachers; and Kim Murphy spoke regarding financial transparency.

The Board discussed and gave First Reading of Board Policy FEC "Selection of Professionals in Facilities Construction" (Exhibit G).

Piney Woods Elementary Dedication and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony (Exhibit H) was provided for information.

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1.	M. Loveless S. Hogan Adjourn Board Finance Workshop @ 6 p.m.							
2.	M. Blackburn Hines S. Hogan Approve the agenda.  M. Huddle S. Gardner Amend to add an item to approve the debt service millage rate for the current fiscal year.  Vote on original motion.	No	No	No	No	X	No	
3.	M. Loveless S. Blackburn Hines Enter executive session to consider the following: a) selected employment items (Exhibit A) (Action) ; b) selected employment items (Exhibit B) (Information Only) ; c) discussion of contractual matter related to bond issuance; d) legal update regarding C/A No. 2021-CP-40-03694 ; and e) legal update regarding Cognia matter.	X	X	X	X	X	X	
4.	M. Loveless S. Hogan Approve the minutes of the August 23, 2021 board meeting.	X	X	X	X	X	X	
5.	M. Loveless S. Hogan Approve the selected employment items (Exhibit A).	X	X	X	X	X	X	
6.	M. Huddle S. Loveless Defer a vote on the adoption of a resolution to refund the	No	X	X	No	X	X	

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2012B callable bonds with a tax-exempt bond issuance to on or before September 27th (Exhibit C).							
<p>7. M. Gardner                      S. Huddle</p> <p>I move that we contract with First Tryon Advisors as our financial advisor and Frannie Heizer of Burr &amp; Forman Law Firm as our financial counsel.</p> <p>M. Huddle                      S.</p> <p>Amend to have it only apply to legal counsel.</p> <p>Vote on original motion.</p>	No	X	No	No	No	X	
<p>8. M. Huddle                      S. Loveless</p> <p>At our next meeting to have proposals from both parties being considered Compass and First Tryon to have proposals for serving as our financial advisors with the proposals to include contract terms, rates and recommended plan of action for our outstanding debt..</p>	No	X	X	No	X	X	
<p>9. M. Huddle                      S. Loveless</p> <p>I move that we issue an RFP for a detailed procurement audit for fiscal years 2018-2019, 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 with the final auditor selection to be approved by the Board. The audit should include a review of all vendors who received more than \$50,000 during any of these fiscal years to include procurement code and procurement manual compliance with contracting terms and payments. In addition to these years, the audit should include a review of the 2017 payment of sewer taps for Chapin Middle School, the Pcard request and approval process and recommendations on process changes needed to</p>							

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<p>address any non-compliant findings. A final report of all audited payments, the review of the Pcard process and recommendations for further action should be presented to the board.</p> <p>M. Gardner                      S. Loveless</p> <p>I move that we amend the motion to include a 5 year as well as a 3 year request for quote.</p> <p>Vote on original motion.</p>	X	X	X	X	X	X	
<p>10. M. Blackburn Hines              S. Hogan</p> <p>The Board of Trustees approve the execution of the Memorandum of Understanding and Agreement relating to the support of School District Five of Lexington and Richland Counties by the D5 Foundation for Educational Excellence, Inc. (Exhibit D).</p>	X	X	X	X	X	X	
<p>11. M. Loveless                      S. Hogan</p> <p>Approval of the removal of house at 6020 Westcott Road (Exhibit E).</p>	X	X	X	X	X	X	
<p>12. M. Gardner                      S. Huddle</p> <p>I move that we suspend Policy ECB "Building and Grounds Maintenance" designating the building principal as supervisor of custodial staff in order to allow temporary custodial transfers between schools and district facilities" (Exhibit F).</p>	X	X	X	X	X	X	
<p>13. M. Loveless                      S. Huddle</p> <p>Approve the firm White &amp; Story, LLC to conduct the Superintendent Search Process.</p>	X	X	X	X	X	X	

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14. M.	Loveless	S. Huddle	No	X	X	X	X	X
<p>I move that the Board give first reading approval to Board Policy FEC dated 2/14 with the following amendments: 1) members of the board of trustees be barred from voting or ad hoc membership on professional selection committees; 2) candidates for voting or ad hoc membership of the selection committees be vetted to determine apparent or actual conflicts of interest and if conflicts of interest are determined, that candidates must withdraw their name from consideration; and 3) voting or ad hoc members of selection committees be required to sign and adhere to district's Confidentiality and Conflict of Interest Policy.(Exhibit G).</p>								
15. M.	Hogan	S. Gardner	X	X	X	X	X	X
Adjourn at 9:55 p.m.								

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