



Minutes/June 27, 2022

The Board of Trustees of School District Five of Lexington and Richland Counties met 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  
Mr. Ken Loveless, Vice Chair  
Mrs. Tifani Moore  
Dr. Akil Ross, Superintendent

The following staff were in attendance:

Mrs. Anna Miller, Chief of Academics and Administration  
Mrs. Amanda Taylor, Director of Communications  
Dr. Tamara Turner, Chief Human Resources Officer  
Mr. Dave Weissman, Interim Executive Director of Operations

A livestream video link was provided to the public as a viewing option for the June 27, 2022, board meeting.

Chair Hammond called the meeting to order at 7:17 p.m. to convene the public hearing on the 2022-2023 General Fund Budget. Dr. Ross provide a 2022-2023 Budget Overview. Following Dr. Ross' presentation, public participation regarding the 2022-2023 budget was held. Kim Murphy spoke during public participation about fund balance. The public hearing was adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Chair Hammond called the regular meeting to order at 7:52 p.m. and gave welcoming remarks.

Rebecca Blackburn Hines, Board of Trustees, gave the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

During the Superintendent's Report, Dr. Ross presented a safety update and Mrs. Connie Frick presented Monthly Financial Reports (Exhibit E).

During the public participation, Kim Murphy spoke about fund balance.

The Board presented for discussion an update regarding a potential bond referendum in the amount of \$150,000.000 to be held on November 8, 2022 (Exhibit H).

**Record of Voting**

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| 1. | M. Loveless<br><br>S. Huddle<br><br>Approve the agenda.  | X   | X                               | X                               | X                     | X                          | X                                    | X                     |
| 2. | M. Loveless<br><br>S. Huddle<br><br>I make the motion to enter executive session to consider the following: a.) Selected employment items (Exhibit A) (Action); b.) Selected employment items (Exhibit B) (Information Only); c.) Preliminary Procurement Audit Report including personnel matters; d.) Legal advice regarding retaining wall at Harbison West Elementary School; e.) Legal advice regarding force main relocation on Amicks Ferry Road; f.) Contractual matter regarding Energy Savings at Irmo High School and Dutch Fork Elementary (Exhibit C); g.) Contractual matter regarding a redistricting study (Exhibit D) | X   | X                               | X                               | X                     | X                          | X                                    | X                     |
| 3. | M. Loveless<br><br>S. Huddle<br><br>I move that we approve the minutes of the June 13, 2022 board meeting.   | X   | X                               | X                               | X                     | X                          | X                                    | AB                    |
| 4. | M. Loveless<br><br>S. Huddle<br><br>I make the motion that we approve the selected employment items in Exhibit A for action as shown in item 3. (a.) of the agenda.  | X   | X                               | X                               | X                     | X                          | X                                    | X                     |

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| 5. | M. Huddle<br><br>I move that, since JAG has approved release of the Phase I Procurement Examination Executive Summary Report, the report be made available to the public and posted on the district's website by noon tomorrow and that upon receipt of the final report in the future that it will also be released to the public.   | X  | X                               | X                               | X                     | X                          | X                                    | X                |
| 6. | M. Loveless<br><br>I make the motion in response to the Preliminary and future findings of the Procurement Audit, the Board appoints the Procurement Committee as the proper venue for discussion and receipt of advice, including but no necessarily limited to legal advice ( <i>inter-alia</i> ). The Procurement Committee shall present its recommendations to the full Board for prescriptive action.   | X  | X                               | X                               | X                     | X                          | X                                    | X                |
| 7. | M. Huddle<br><br>I move that, as recommended by the JAG auditor in their Executive Summary of Phase I Procurement Examination Report, the Superintendent be directed to share the report in writing with the S.C. State Auditor, S.C. Department of Education, S.C. State Fiscal Accountability Authority, and S.C. Division of Procurement Services Office of Audit and Certification, and to report the applicable findings to the S.C Ethics Commission. | N  | X                               | X                               | X                     | X                          | X                                    | N                |

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| 8.  | M. Gardner                      S. Huddle<br><br>I move that the Board obtain legal advice on the appropriate reporting of possible criminal audit findings to the appropriate federal, state and/or local law enforcement or other agencies and advise on possible civil remedies.   | X  | X                               | X                               | X                     | X                          | X                                    | X                     |
| 9.  | M. Gardner                      S. Huddle<br><br>I move that we extend the appointment of JAG until December 31, 2022 to audit transactions associated with the 2008 bond referendum and all outstanding items from the Phase I Report, not to exceed an additional \$60,000, above the current contract.<br><br>M. Hogan                      S. Huddle<br><br>I would like to make an amendment to the original motion that the contract not exceed December 31, 2022 with an additional fee of \$60,000, with 3 updates, when they reach \$20,000 increments.<br><br>Vote on original motion |  |                                 |                                 |                       |                            |                                      |                       |
|     |   | N  | X                               | X                               | X                     | X                          | N                                    | N                     |
|     |   | N  | X                               | X                               | X                     | X                          | X                                    | N                     |
| 10. | M. Loveless                      S. Moore<br><br>I make a motion under item number 16 (Action Agenda) that the Dominion Energy Easement request be granted (Exhibit F).   | X  | X                               | X                               | X                     | X                          | X                                    | X                     |

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| <p>11. M. Loveless                      S. Gardner</p> <p>I make the motion that (1) the board approves the Third and Final Reading of the 2022-2023 FY Budget in the amount of \$212,481,590 to balance; (2) we approve 246.10 Operating Mills; (3) we approve 69.5 Debt Service Mills; (4) we approve establishing an Assignment of Fund Balance of \$1,529,112 for salaries and benefits for an additional 24 FTE Positions; (5) and, approval of establishing an Assignment of Fund Balance of \$1,300,000 for funding a Snack Program (Exhibit G).</p> <p>M. Blackburn Hines              S. Hogan</p> <p>I would like to amend the motion, I move that we separate the NEST Programs from the proposed budget that was in the original motion.</p> <p>Vote on original motion</p> |  |                                 |                                 |                       |                            |                                      |                       |
|   | X  | X                               | N                               | N                     | N                          | N                                    | N                     |
|   | X  | X                               | X                               | X                     | X                          | X                                    | X                     |
| <p>12. M. Gardner                      S. Moore</p> <p>I move that we approve for administration to move forward With Cropper GIS contract to complete redistricting services for our District (Exhibit D).</p>   | X  | X                               | X                               | X                     | X                          | X                                    | X                     |
| <p>13. M. Hogan                      S. Blackburn Hines</p> <p>Adjourn at 10:10 p.m.</p>  | X  | X                               | X                               | X                     | X                          | X                                    | X                     |

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