

Board Briefs

School District Five of Lexington & Richland Counties

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Synopses of meetings of the Board of Trustees of School District Five of Lexington and Richland Counties are provided for your information.

November 21, 2022

Dr. Akil Ross, Superintendent, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., read the FOIA compliance certification, and offered clarification that he would preside as Chair over the meeting until the election of board officers in accordance with board policy BD "Organization of the School Board."

A livestream video link was provided to the public as a viewing option for the November 21, 2022, board meeting.

Dr. Akil Ross, Superintendent, called the regular meeting to order and gave welcoming remarks.

For the record: The official swearing-in of new board members took place on Friday, November 18, 2022. Mr. Kevin Scully (Richland County) and Mrs. Kimberly Snipes (Richland County) were sworn-in at 1:25 p.m. Mrs. Elizabeth Barnhardt (Lexington County) and Mr. Mike Satterfield (Lexington County) were sworn in at 4:31 p.m.

Ceremonial swearing-in of new board members was facilitated by Dr. Akil Ross, Superintendent. Mrs. Elizabeth Barnhardt was sworn in by her father administering the Oath of Office, Mr. Mike Satterfield was sworn in by Dr. Akil Ross, Superintendent administering the Oath of Office, Mr. Kevin Scully was sworn in by his son administering the Oath of Office, and Mrs. Kimberly Snipes was sworn in by her pastor administering the Oath of Office.

The Board conducted the Election of Officers

During the Superintendent's Report, Dr. Ross presented updates on Vision, Mission, Goals, American Education Week and the Shop Local Campaign; Ms. Maddison Paul, Chief Financial Officer, presented a Monthly Financial Update for September (Exhibit D), ESSER Quarterly Update (Exhibit E), and Financial Recovery Plan Recommendations (Exhibit F).

During the public participation, Taylor Howlett spoke about the StopIt App; Odessa Hilton spoke regarding the recent book review "Black is a Rainbow Color"; Josh Malkin spoke about library book review policy and academic freedom; Peter Lauzon spoke and thank the current board/previous board members who have served for their service, and Mayor Barry Walker spoke and welcome new board members and thanked the District for their partnership with the Town of Irmo.

Action agenda – the following items were presented:

- Action as Necessary or Appropriate on Matters Discussed in Executive Session
 - a. Selected employment items (Exhibit A) (Action)
 - b. Selected employment items (Exhibit B) (Information Only)
 - c. Legal advice regarding contractual matter for Chapin High School stadium (Exhibit C)
 - d. Legal advice regarding C.A. No. 2021-CP-32-03699
 - e. Legal advice regarding Procurement Audit
- Certification of Delegates for the 2022 Delegate Assembly (Exhibit G)

The Board presented for discussion:

- Proposed 2023-2024 School Year Calendar (Exhibit H)
- Update on Chapin High School Stadium Project
- Discussion and First Reading on proposed revisions to Board Policy BDE “Board Committees” (Exhibit I)
- Discussion and First Reading on proposed revisions to Board Policy DI/DIE “Fiscal Accounting/Audits” (Exhibit J)
- Discussion and First Reading on proposed revisions to Board Policy IMDB “Flag Displays”; proposed revisions to Board Policy IHAC “Social Studies Education”; and proposed new Board Policy IMDA “Patriotic Exercises” (Exhibit K)

The Board presented for information:

- Revisions to Administrative Rule AR KEC-R “Public Concerns and Complaints About Instructional Resources” (Exhibit L)
- Waiver of Online Testing Requirements (Exhibit M)
- 45-Day Enrollment Report (Exhibit N)