Minutes/December 12, 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. Elizabeth Barnhardt
Mrs. Rebecca Blackburn Hines, Chair
Mr. Matt Hogan, Vice Chair
Mrs. Catherine Huddle (virtual)
Mike Satterfield
Kevin Scully
Kimberly Snipes, Secretary
Dr. Akil Ross, Superintendent

The following staff were in attendance:

Dr. Michael Harris, Chief Student Services and Planning Officer
Mrs. Anna Miller, Chief of Academics and Administration Officer
Ms. Maddison Paul, Chief Financial Officer
Mrs. Amanda Taylor, Director of Communications
Dr. Tamara Turner, Chief Human Resources Officer
Mr. Dave Weissman, Executive Director of Operations

A livestream video link was provided to the public as a viewing option for the December 12, 2022, board meeting.

Chair Blackburn Hines called the regular meeting to order and gave welcoming remarks.

Mike Satterfield, Board of Trustees, gave the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

The Board conducted the School Board Spotlight.

During the Superintendent's Report, Dr. Ross presented updates on District FOCUS: Strategic Plan 2022-2023 to 2026-2027 and FY22 Annual Report. Mrs. Anna Miler, Chief Academics and Administration Officer gave an Academic Report and provided an update on Certified National Magnet School Signage (HECES, LES and NRES); and Ms. Maddison Paul, Chief Financial Officer, presented a Monthly Financial Update for October (Exhibit I).

During the public participation, Jan Hammond spoke about Procurement Audit and thanked the Board members for their service.

The Board presented for discussion:

- Update on Chapin High School Stadium Project
- FY 2022 Audit (Exhibit M)
- Discussion and First Reading on proposed revisions to Board Policy DI/DIE "Fiscal Accounting/Audits" (Exhibit N)

The Board presented for information:

- Emergency, Sole Source, and Minority Procurements (Exhibit O)
- FY Annual Report (Exhibit P)

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		BARNHARDT	BLACKBURN HINES	HOGAN	HUDDLE	SATTERFIELD	SCULLY	SNIPES
1.	M. Hogan S. Barnhardt Approve the agenda.	X	X	X	A	X	X	X
2.	M. Satterfield S. Scully 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.) Legal advice regarding the sewer system at Piney Woods Elementary; d.) Contractual matter regarding the purchase of property (Exhibit C); e.) Contractual update regarding audit services (Exhibit D); f.) Legal advice regarding Jaramillo Accounting Group LLC audits (Exhibit E, F, G & H); g.) Legal advice regarding C.A. No. 2021-CP-32-03699; h.) Legal advice regarding C.A. No. 2022-CP-40-01364 .	X	X	X	A	X	X	X
3.	M. Hogan S. Scully I move that we approve the minutes of the November 21, 2022, board meeting.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
4.	M. Hogan S. Satterfield I move that we approve the selected employment items as shown in Exhibit A for action.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

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5.	M. Huddle S. Hogan I move that we extend the deadline to complete Phase 3 of the detailed procurement audit until January 31, 2023, and retain the same maximum budget as originally approved on June 27, 2022. Mrs. Huddle received a letter/email from a retired CFO and she requested that the letter be attached to the minutes (Attachment #1)	X	N	X	X	X	N	X
6.	M. Hogan S. Barnhardt I make a motion that we approve the proposed 2023-2024 School Year Calendar shown in Exhibit J.	X	N	X	X	X	X	X
7.	M. Hogan S. Snipes I make a motion that we approve the Second and Final Reading on proposed revisions to Board Policy IMDB "Flag Displays" and Board Policy IHAC "Social Studies Education"; and proposed new Board Policy IMDA "Patriotic Exercises as shown in Exhibit K.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
8.	M. Barnhardt S. Hogan I move that we approve the renewal of the District 5 Foundation for Educational Excellence, Inc. Memorandum of Understanding and Agreement. (Exhibit L)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
9.	M. Hogan S. Barnhardt I move that we approve the First Reading of proposed revisions to Board Policy DI/DIE "Fiscal Accounting/Audits" as shown in Exhibit N.	X	X	X	X	X	N	X

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10.	M. Snipes	S. Hogan	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	Adjourn at 9:40 p.m.								

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Cathy Huddle <chuddle@lexrich5.org>

Completion of Detailed Procurement Audit and Exhibiy N in tonight agenda.

1 message

Scott Hinton <shinton01@att.net> Mon, Dec 12, 2022 at 4:49 PM
Reply-To: Scott Hinton <shinton01@att.net>
To: "rhines@lexrich5.org" <rhines@lexrich5.org>, "mhogan@lexrich5.org" <mhogan@lexrich5.org>, "ksnipes@lexrich5.org" <ksnipes@lexrich5.org>, "ebarnhardt@lexrich5.org" <ebarnhardt@lexrich5.org>, "kscully@lexrich5.org" <kscully@lexrich5.org>, "chuddle@lexrich5.org" <chuddle@lexrich5.org>

My name is Trescott Hinton Jr, a retired
CFO and President of Companion Life Insurance Company, a subsidiary of Blue Cross and Blue Shield of South Carolina.
My children and currently 2 grandchildren attend schools in District 5.
First let me apologize for not being able to attend tonights meeting due to being out of town. You have 2 items on the agenda tonight that are very serious. The completion of the Outstanding Detailed Procurement Audit is very important to make sure that the tax money from your citizens has been spent appropriately and you can have an independent audit that proves this one way or another. This action would add to your credibility as a new Board. A great example is unaudited books of FTX crypto platforms and in the mismanagement of others funds. This audit must be completed.
Second Exhibit N, proposed revisions to fiscal accounting/audits needs to be approached seriously. The Board is specifically responsible to District 5 residents for management of OUR school funds. Not implementing appropriate independent Audit procedures to include the ongoing audit of all District 5 expenditures with a Budget in excess of $200,000,000 is imperative. That's a lot of zeros that YOU are responsible for!
Furthermore, a committee of the Board should be implemented for such a large responsibly.
Please show that you are taking the responsibility of the duties that you have been elected for as you would expect your Banking Institution to implement.

Respectfully submitted,
Trescott Hinton Jr

Sent from AT&T Yahoo Mail on Android

Attachment #1 is included with the minutes of the 12-12-2022 meeting, at the request of Board member Cathy Huddle 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.