Minutes/October 27, 2025

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
Mr. Jason Baynham
Dr. Scott Herring, Secretary
Mrs. Catherine Huddle
Mr. Mike Satterfield
Mr. Kevin Scully, Vice-Chair
Mrs. Kimberly Snipes, Chair
Dr. Akil E. Ross, Sr., Superintendent

The following staff were in attendance:

Mrs. Melanie Cohen, Coordinator of Professional Staff
Dr. Gerald Gary, Chief Operations Officer
Dr. Michael Harris, Chief Student Services and Planning Officer
Mrs. Tina McCaskill, Chief Academics Officer
Mrs. Amanda Taylor, Director of Communications
Mrs. Heather Tucker, Chief Financial Officer

A livestream video link was made available to the public for viewing the October 27, 2025, board meeting.

Chair Snipes called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m. to begin the Finance 101 Workshop.

The Finance 101 Workshop concluded at 6:40 p.m., and Chair Snipes called the regular meeting to order at 6:40 p.m. and gave welcoming remarks.

Jason Baynham gave the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

The Board conducted the School Board Spotlight.

During the public participation, Brooke Bridges spoke about Technology K-5 and discipline codes, Margaret Nickerson spoke about Chromebook use, Susan Aplin spoke about student Chromebooks, Jaclyn Wallace spoke about Chromebooks in schools, Dr. Sarah Swauger spoke about one-to-one technology in District 5 (K-5), Anna Fregosi spoke about webbrowers, Google search on Chromebooks; Elizabeth Huff spoke about Chromebooks, and Taryn Hixenbaugh spoke about technology.

During the Superintendent's Report, Dr. Ross provided updates on the 2022-2027 Strategic Plan, and Mrs. Heather Tucker, Chief Financial Officer, shared the Monthly Financial Reports for August (Exhibit D). Dr. Michael Harris, Chief Student Services & Planning Officer, and Ms. Kelly Brown, Director of Student Services, gave an update on the LR5 Code of Conduct.

The Board presented for discussion:

- Discussion of 2025-2026 General Fund Budget Amendments (Exhibit I)
- Discussion of Board Policy KE "Public Concerns & Complaints" (Exhibit J)

The Board presented for information:

- District Five Reading Plan (Exhibit K)
- Finance 101 Workshop:
    - November 10, 2025 - 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
- Shatter of the Myth Event, October 28, 2025, Dutch Fork Middle School, 5:00-8:00 p.m. (Exhibit L)
    - 5:00-5:45 p.m. - Dinner
    - 6:00-7:30 p.m. - Parents and Students Separate for Age-Appropriate Activities
    - 7:00-8:00 p.m. - Family Discussion and Resource Sharing
- 45th Day Enrollment Report (Exhibit M)

A = Absent
AB = Abstain
N = No
Y = Yes
R = Recuse

Record of Voting

1. **Motion:** Scully **Second:** Herring

I make a motion to approve the agenda.

Name & Vote	Barnhardt	Baynham	Herring	Huddle	Satterfield	Scully	Snipes
	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	Y

2. **Motion:** Scully **Second:** Huddle

I make a 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.) Discussion of Employee Compensation (Exhibit C); d.) Legal advice regarding C.A. No.: 3:25-cv-03528-JDA-SVH.

Name & Vote	Barnhardt	Baynham	Herring	Huddle	Satterfield	Scully	Snipes
	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	Y

3. **Motion:** Huddle **Second:** Barnhardt

I make a motion that we adjourn the Finance 101 Workshop.

Name & Vote	Barnhardt	Baynham	Herring	Huddle	Satterfield	Scully	Snipes
	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

4. **Motion:** Scully **Second:** Herring

I move that the Board approve the minutes of the October 6, 2025, Board Meeting.

Name & Vote	Barnhardt	Baynham	Herring	Huddle	Satterfield	Scully	Snipes
	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

5. **Motion:** Scully **Second:** Herring

I make a motion to approve the selected employment items shown in Exhibit A for action.

Name & Vote	Barnhardt	Baynham	Herring	Huddle	Satterfield	Scully	Snipes
	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

6. **Motion:** Scully **Second:** Herring

I make a motion that the Board deny the request for employee compensation in item 3c as shown in Exhibit C.

Name & Vote	Barnhardt	Baynham	Herring	Huddle	Satterfield	Scully	Snipes
	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

7. **Motion:** Scully **Second:** Herring

I make a motion to approve the second and final reading of the changes to Board Policy JICG "Tobacco Use by Students" shown in Exhibit E.

Name & Vote	Barnhardt	Baynham	Herring	Huddle	Satterfield	Scully	Snipes
	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

8. **Motion:** Scully **Second:** Herring

I make a motion to approve the proposed 2026-2027/2027-2028 School Calendars as shown in Exhibit F

Name & Vote	Barnhardt	Baynham	Herring	Huddle	Satterfield	Scully	Snipes
	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

9. **Motion:** Scully **Second:** Herring

I make a motion to approve the Siemens Engineering 1, 2, 3, and 4 courses as shown in Exhibit G.

Name & Vote	Barnhardt	Baynham	Herring	Huddle	Satterfield	Scully	Snipes
	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

10. **Motion:** Scully **Second:** Herring

I make a motion to deny the request per the Parent Complaint Form pursuant to Board Policy KEC "Library/Media Center Materials Selection and Reconsideration; Administrative Rule "KEC-R "Library/Media Center Materials Reconsideration Process; KEC-E "Instructional Materials Uniform Parent Complaint Form shown in Exhibit H.

Name & Vote	Barnhardt	Baynham	Herring	Huddle	Satterfield	Scully	Snipes
	N	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y

11. **Motion:** Barm **Second:** Satterfield

I make a motion to adjourn at 9:41 p.m.

Name & Vote	Barnhardt	Baynham	Herring	Huddle	Satterfield	Scully	Snipes
	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y