

October 20, 2023 - Board Brief

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FINANCE

The District disposes surplus property pursuant to [3810.1 of the District's Procurement Code, Surplus Property and regulation 2150.H Definition of Junk](#). After a recent walk through of the old Gilbert Elementary School and thorough inspection of specific items in the building, Operations recommended that specific items would likely qualify as junk based on their condition. The Chief Financial Officer reviewed the supporting documentation and determined that the items were junk and prepared an official disposal determination. There are several methods for disposing of trash, and the choice of method depends on the type of waste, local regulations, and environmental consideration.

HUMAN RESOURCES



INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

IT needs to purchase new classroom digital connectors, which allow staff and students to display digital data from their MacBook or iPad to the classroom presentation TVs. The current digital connectors are not compatible with the most recent Mac Operating System update. As a result, in the coming months some devices will lose the ability to broadcast digital content to the classroom presentation TVs.

To address this concern and ensure the continued smooth operation of our technology infrastructure, IT plans to make a small adjustment in the Fall 2022 capital bond allocation. IT proposes reallocating the

\$81,000 in tax savings from the tax-free weekend event along with the remaining budgeted amount of \$149,000 earmarked for information technology equipment. This combined budget of \$230,000 will be used exclusively for the purchase of new classroom digital connectors (Apple TVs) to replace the outdated ones (VIA Go models). There are no subscriptions involved with the Apple TVs. The device is being used for its AirPlay feature.

INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES

You will notice that home school applications have been added to the agenda for the October 24 board meeting as a result of a review of board policy and state law. Pursuant to SC Code Section 59-65-40 and Board Policy IHBG, any parent/guardian who wishes to homeschool their child/children and does not choose to be a member of an association for home schools must submit an application to the Board of Trustees for approval. Administration has reviewed the home school applications received during the first quarter of 2023–2024. The board will have an opportunity to view those during executive session prior to approval.

OPERATIONS & STUDENT SERVICES

[Executive Summary South Lake Elementary - October 2023](#)

SUPERINTENDENT

Anti-Bullying Forums

From the SDE: “The South Carolina Department of Education’s, Office of Student Support will host two Virtual Anti-Bullying Youth Forums on October 25, 2023, at 10:30 am–12:00 pm, for middle school classrooms and October 26, 2023, at 10:30 am–12:00 pm, for high school classrooms. This forum will be an interactive experience designed to help students, educators, and other school staff define, recognize, and prevent bullying in their respective schools. During the virtual forum, Dr. Eric Landers will inspire classes of middle and high school students to take a stand against bullying. Dr. Landers has given hundreds of presentations and authored more than a dozen publications regarding bullying.”



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Lexington County Council

Lexington County Council passed two ordinances, [Ordinance No. 23-14](#) related to land purchases and [Ordinance No. 23-15](#) related to subdivision development, that will provide three county entities to provide input regarding new developments of a certain size. We hope to arrange for a county representative to talk with the Board in November regarding the current status of proposed and approved developments. The staff will then follow Board direction regarding next steps, such as policy ramifications and legal advice.

Town of Lexington Candidate Forum - November 1

Hosted by the Lexington Chamber's Advocacy Committee and Lexington County Chronicle, the forum will be held at Lakeside Middle School at 6:30 p.m.

Lexington Chamber Event

Seminar on "How to Read Financial Statements", featuring Gayle Wenzel, CPA, on November 16 from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. at the Old Mill Brew Pub. Board members, please let Tracy know if you plan to register/attend.

FOIA REQUESTS RECEIVED (None)



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