

December 1, 2023 - Board Brief

Gerrita Postlewait and Senior Leadership Team

COMMUNICATIONS

Attendance Lines meeting at Carolina Springs Elementary will be held at 6:30 p.m. on December 4th.

Meet & Greet with the Lexington One Board and District Leaders will take place from 5:30 - 6:00 p.m. on Dec. 12 at Pelion Performing Arts Center.

[TV Coverage](#) of SGES Attendance Line Meeting

HUMAN RESOURCES

In planning for the opening of South Lake Elementary, HR met with the faculty of Saxe Gotha Elementary School on Nov. 27 to discuss the process for employees to identify school preferences as we work with school principals to identify staff members for the SLES team. HR will meet next week with Carolina Springs Elementary faculty members to continue this conversation.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

IT will be using the vendor Secured Tech Solutions (STS) to offer a Community Buyback program for used MacBooks. These are the teacher MacBooks that are being refreshed now as part of the 8% Capital Bond money from 2022. IT has entered into a contract with STS for the sale of surplus Chromebooks, MacBooks, and iPads. STS will pick up those devices at no cost and issue a guaranteed payout value for working/non-broken and not-working/broken items. STS will then open an online sale of the devices through a Community Buyback program. Staff and district families will have the opportunity to purchase used MacBooks for their personal use.

INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES

LTC Program Update - INPUT

LTC is in the process of writing this year's Comprehensive Learning Needs Assessment (CLNA) for the Midlands Area. They would like to collect as much data as possible from local business and industry. Please feel free to share this link with your business and industry partners. Data will be collected

until Dec. 22. [2023 CLNA Midlands Regional Business Survey](#)

Career and Technology Education and World Language Course Enrollment

During the Nov. 14 Board workshop, a board member asked about student participation in Career and Technical Education (CTE) and World Language courses. The table below represents student enrollment in CTE and World Language courses for the past four years.

Year	CTE Only	WL Only	Both CTE & WL
2020-21	37.72%	13.80%	30.29%
2021-22	37.26%	12.96%	29.79%
2022-23	36.48%	12.94%	29.62%
2023-24	34.27%	15.92%	31.29%
Average	36.43%	13.90%	30.24%

OPERATIONS & STUDENT SERVICES

Winter Weather Preparations

With the cooler weather this week, custodial staff members took the necessary steps to winterize facilities, especially out-buildings and exposed pipes.

Health Services Update

Amy Wood, Director of Nursing and Health Services, and Sarah Salters, Nurse Supervisor, will participate in a community health and safety fair on Saturday, March 2. They will offer vision and hearing screenings. This event is a collaboration between seven churches in the Lexington area. This year's event will be at the Lexington Leisure Center on Park Rd.

State Championship Game Friday

At 8:00 PM at the Oliver C. Dawson Stadium in Orangeburg.- Division 5A foes White Knoll and Dutch Fork will square off for the 5A state championship. The WKHS Timberwolves are making the program's first-ever state championship appearance. Led by former Dutch Fork assistant (now WKHS head coach) Nick Pelham and DFHS head coach Tom Knotts, these teams will meet for the second time this season. (WKHS won the first match up.)



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SUPERINTENDENT

Update: JUUL Settlement

Per the Board's directive, the JUUL settlement agreement has been executed. First net payment will be \$327,040.33, to be disbursed this month or next. The second net payment will be \$66,105.05 in December, 2024, with two remaining payments (similar in amounts to the second payment) to be made in 2025 and 2026. Vape detector devices for middle and high schools are in the initial stage of the procurement process.

MEBA Coordinating with Scout Motors

Midlands' Education and Business Alliance is coordinating meetings between Scout Motors and Midlands school superintendents regarding timing of families relocating from Germany and other regions. Meetings are to begin in January.

[Here](#) is a snapshot of what the partnership with Midlands Education and Business Alliance (MEBA) does for the communities they serve.

Response to Citizens' Participation

The citizen's questions regarding training for principals, assistants, and aspirants were addressed during the November meeting, and follow up questions have been answered.

Policy KEC and KEC-R, Public Concerns and Complaints about Instructional Resources will be introduced at the December 12 Board Meeting.

	BOARD WORK/ACTION
D	● Annual Audit Report
E	● 5-year Strategic Plan Review, Modification
C	● Draft strategic goals, budget priorities
E	● Election of Officers in Election year
M	● SCSBA Legislative Advocacy Conference &
B	Delegate Assembly
E	● South Lake Elementary attendance lines
R	approval

FOIA REQUESTS RECEIVED (*None*)

