

HORRY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES BOARD MEETING District Office November 20, 2017

The following persons were present:

Board of Education

Joe DeFeo, Board Chairman	Janet Graham	Pam Timms
Neil James, Vice-Chairman	Chris Hardwick	Sherrie Todd
Shanda Allen	Holly Heniford	Ray Winters
David Cox	Janice Morreale	

Horry County Schools' Staff

Jeanna Allen	James Davis	Mark Porter
Velna Allen	Stephen Driscoll	Sandy Reyes
Mary Anderson	John Gardner	Lucas Richardson
Terra Bodkins	Kenny Generette	Buffy Roberts
Robin Bolling	Dirk Gurley	Angela Rush
Lisa Bourcier	Ben Hardee	April Scott
Edward Boyd	Charles Hucks, Jr.	Rhonda Snowden
Daryl Brown	Sandra Jans	Susan Spain
John Cahill	Rick Maxey	John Washburn
Charles Conant	Natasha McDonald	Kristin Wilson
Edi Cox	Paula Mullis	Mark Wolfe
Meagen Cox	Boone Myrick	
Jeanie Dailey	Tonya Pickett	

As required by SC Law 30-4-80, local news media were informed of the date, time, place, and agenda of this meeting. Copies of the agenda were posted at the District Office and distributed to schools for posting.

1. OPENING NOVEMBER 20, 2017, AT 6:00 P.M. – CALL TO ORDER

Chairman DeFeo called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

A. Invocation

Ms. Timms offered the invocation.

B. Presentation of Colors/Pledge of Allegiance

The Loris High School Army JROTC presented the Colors and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. Approval of Agenda

Board Action: A motion was made by Mr. Cox and seconded by Mr. James to approve the Agenda as presented. The motion carried. The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

D. Approval of Minutes

Board Action: A motion was made by Mr. Winters and seconded by Ms. Heniford to approve the November 13, 2017, Board Minutes as presented. The motion carried. The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

2. RECOGNITIONS

A. Myrtle Beach High School Volleyball Team, 2017 AAAA State Champions

Ms. Velna Allen and Mr. John Washburn, principal of Myrtle Beach High School, recognized the Myrtle Beach High School volleyball team for winning the AAAA State Championship event held on November 4, 2017.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Matthew Harvey previously submitted a request to speak. He did not come forward when called.
- Dameion Fowler addressed the Board regarding academic achievement and multicultural pedagogy.

4. DISCUSSION

A. Finance Committee Report

Ms. Graham gave a report in the absence of Mr. Poston, the Finance Committee Chairman, from the Finance Committee meeting held on November 15, 2017. Three financing options for the five-year capital plan were discussed, to wit: (1) pay as you go, (2) using the current 8% debt cap, and (3) holding a bond referendum. It is the recommendation of the Finance Committee to utilize the pay as you go option. Another item discussed was funding sources for Myrtle Beach Middle School, with a current need of \$21,000,000. The Finance Committee recommends utilization of \$1.1 million from the residual capital improvement funds, \$400,000 from the undesignated general fund, and the \$19.5 million balance that is already budgeted in the current short-term facilities plan.

B. Consideration of Approved Budget and Funding Source for the Existing Myrtle Beach Middle School Renovation

This item is a request for approval of the project budget for the existing Myrtle Beach Middle School renovation project in the amount of \$21,128,943, which will be funded from the following sources: \$19,500,000 – current short-term facilities plan; \$1,189,572 – residual capital improvement funds; and \$439,371 – undesignated general fund balance. This request is for approval of the budget and the funding source for this project using the Integrated Project Delivery (IPD) method.

C. Facilities Committee Report

Mr. James gave a report from the Facilities Committee meeting held earlier today. Items discussed included receiving a project update from all projects that are under construction; the 45-day Average Daily Membership providing enrollment information; and the Horry Street property. It is the recommendation of the Facilities Committee that the District propose to the City of Conway the transfer of the Horry Street property for \$1.00. The recommendation is that the City would use the property within five years for public good. This item will come before the full Board at a later date.

D. Revision of District Policies Regarding “Student Assignment to Schools”

Mr. Generette stated this item was shared with the Board at their last meeting, which is a proposed draft of a revision to Board policy related to student assignment to schools, which states that transfer requests would not be accepted to newly constructed schools for a full school calendar year. This is before the Board again to ask for the Board's guidance. Mr. DeFeo stated there should be additional discussion of this item. Ms. Morreale suggested that a deadline date be set for receipt of transfer requests to allow time for determining staffing needs. Mr. Burch has been asked to gather additional information for further discussion of this item. Administration will revisit this item to determine a recommended deadline for receipt of transfer requests. Mr. DeFeo stated the Board could use the time of a Board Retreat if we have one scheduled to discuss this matter, or to designate a portion of a Board meeting to this topic. Mr. DeFeo suggested a decision be made on this item by the end of January to allow time to notify the public.

5. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Maxey shared information about the Horry County Schools' Academic Olympics held recently, where students from each of our high schools compete against each other. The finalists of the event were Socastee High School and Conway High School, with Socastee High School winning the event. Both Socastee High and Conway High qualify to compete in the NAQT National Academic Team Championship Tournament next May.

6. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Board Action: A motion was made by Mr. Hardwick and seconded by Mr. James to enter into Executive Session for the following:

A. Receipt of Legal Advice Regarding Proposed Amendments to Redevelopment and Financing Plan of the Myrtle Beach Air Force Base Redevelopment Authority; and

B. Superintendent Evaluation

The motion carried unanimously and the Board entered into Executive Session at 6:30 p.m. The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

Board Action: A motion was made by Mr. Cox and seconded by Mr. Hardwick to enter into Business Session. The motion carried unanimously and the Board reconvened in open session at 8:30 p.m.

7. BUSINESS

A. Superintendent Evaluation

A statement was read by the Board Chairman regarding the Superintendent Evaluation as follows:

"Each year, the Horry County Board of Education provides an annual job performance review of the Superintendent based upon the expectations set forth in Board Governance and outlined by various areas of responsibility. The Board is pleased with the overall job performance and leadership of the Superintendent.

"In review of the information provided by Dr. Maxey, he continues to be in compliance with our expectations, the Horry County Board of Education would like to state Dr. Maxey's job performance as

Superintendent as ‘Highly Effective.’ The Board feels the District continues to perform well and is headed in the right direction under the leadership, character, and clear vision of Dr. Maxey as Superintendent.

“The Board has the utmost level of confidence in Dr. Maxey’s leadership and would like to extend his contract for a period of three years.”

Board Action: A motion was made by Mr. James to accept the statement as read and to endorse the action of extending Dr. Maxey’s contract for three years. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hardwick and carried unanimously. The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

Dr. Maxey thanked the Board for the trust and confidence placed in him and stated it is an honor to serve as the Superintendent for Horry County Schools.

Mr. DeFeo shared that there will be a final evaluation letter at an upcoming Board meeting.

B. Building Code Requirements Affecting Current Construction Projects – Additional Funding

Board Action: A motion was made by Ms. Heniford and seconded by Mr. James to approve authorizing staff to use residual funds from identified previous capital projects, and a portion of the annual building modification funds to fund the additional building code requirements for specific active projects. The motion carried unanimously. The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

C. Additional School Canopy Projects

Board Action: A motion was made by Mr. James and seconded by Ms. Graham to approve authorizing staff to address additional canopy needs by utilizing a portion of uncommitted residual funds from previous canopy projects in the approximate amount of \$68,000. The motion carried unanimously. The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

8. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Personnel Recommendations as Required by Law;**
- B. Monitoring Report: OE-8 Communicating with the Board;**
- C. Monitoring Report: R-1 Literacy;**
- D. Education Fund Distribution – District 4; and**
- E. Education Fund Distribution – District 11**

Board Action: A motion was made by Mr. Hardwick and seconded by Mr. James to approve the Consent Agenda items as presented. The motion carried unanimously. The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Board Action: A motion was made by Mr. Cox and seconded by Mr. Hardwick to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m. The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

BOARD SELF-ASSESSMENT RESULTS

A summary of the responses follows.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rhonda Snowden". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Rhonda Snowden
Executive Assistant to the Superintendent and
Horry County Board of Education

Approved: December 11, 2017

Board Performance Indicators - 9 Responses

11/20/17

5 = strongly agree, 4 = agree, 3 = neither agree nor disagree, 2 = disagree, 1 = strongly disagree

Date

Agenda

Reports are clear, well prepared and provide adequate information for decision making.

44 / 4.89

The majority of agenda items focus on our core purpose.

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Meetings

Our meetings are businesslike, results-oriented and we function like a team.

44 / 4.89

Our discussions are cordial and well balanced (not dominated by just a few members.)

44 / 4.89

Community

Board members make reasonable efforts to inform themselves about education through school visits, professional meetings and outside reading.

44 / 4.89

Board members meet reasonable expectations of involvement by participating in school and other public meetings as representatives of the Board.

44 / 4.89

Board members efficiently address issues and concerns brought to them by the public.

44 / 4.89

Superintendent Relationship

The Board seeks and values the input of the Superintendent as issues are discussed and decisions are made.

44 / 4.89

Work / Policies

Board decisions are based on thoughtful analysis of available information.

44 / 4.89

Board members balance the issues of their district with the needs of the entire school district.

44 / 4.89

The Board places emphasis on building consensus among members through open and honest communication.

44 / 4.89

Comments:

There were no comments.