

# HORRY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

## **MINUTES** **BOARD WORK SESSION/SPECIAL-CALLED MEETING** **District Office** **August 7, 2017**

The following persons were present:

### **Board of Education**

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

### **Horry County Schools' Staff**

Jeanna Allen	Bo Gorcesky	Mark Porter
Velna Allen	Ben Hardee	Meg Quillen
Mary Anderson	Michael Hopkins	Lucas Richardson
David Beaty	Charles Hucks, Jr.	April Scott
Terra Bodkins	Holly Jackson	Heather Sheehan
Edward Boyd	Robin Jones	Rhonda Snowden
Daryl Brown	H. T. Lee	Darlene Spain
Edi Cox	Ebony Livingston	Judy Stall
Meagen Cox	Rick Maxey	Melissa Westbury
Grady Edwards	Natasha McDonald	Kristin Wilson
John Gardner	Valerie McNeill	Mark Wolfe
Kenny Generette	Boone Myrick	

*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 AUGUST 7, 2017, AT 5:30 P.M. – CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman DeFeo called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

#### **A. Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance**

Mr. Winters offered the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **B. Approval of Agenda**

Mr. DeFeo stated he would like to amend the Agenda to add an additional Executive Session following the Consent Agenda in the event additional time is needed to cover the Executive Session items. Mr. DeFeo stated no action would be taken following either of the Executive Sessions.

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

#### **C. Approval of Minutes – June 19, 2017**

Ms. Timms noted that it was her intent to reappoint Kamishun Newman to the Socastee Advisory Board for a two-year term rather than a one-year term. Action will be recommended during the Appointment of Advisory Board members to revise this reappointment as noted.

***Board Action:*** A motion was made by Mr. Winters and seconded by Ms. Allen to approve the June 19, 2017, Minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously and the Minutes were approved. The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

## **2. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- A. Receipt of Legal Advice from Third-Party Firm in Reference to Construction and Contractual Matters**
- B. Discussion of Personnel Matters**

***Board Action:*** A motion was made by Mr. Cox and seconded by Ms. Graham to enter into Executive Session. The motion carried unanimously and the Board moved into Executive session at 5:34 p.m. The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

***Board Action:*** A motion was made by Ms. Timms and seconded by Mr. Winters to return to open session. The motion carried unanimously and the Board reconvened in open session at 6:33 p.m.

The Board Chair noted that the Board will return to Executive Session following the Consent Agenda and that no action will be taken following the Executive Session.

## **3. DISCUSSION**

### **A. Status Update: New Schools**

Mr. Thomas of Metcon and Mr. Wolfe gave a status update on the new schools, i.e., Ten Oaks Middle, St. James Intermediate, Socastee Elementary, Myrtle Beach Middle, and Socastee Middle schools. Progress photos were shared for each of the sites.

### **B. Monitoring Report: GC-6 Annual Work Plan**

A draft of the Annual Work Plan for 2017-18 was shared, with a request that we reconcile the reporting dates in Board Governance to that of the actual reporting dates as shown on the draft Annual Work Plan. Administration will make the recommended adjustments to Board Governance and bring this back to the Board for consideration at our next meeting.

### **C. Monitoring Report: OE-2 Emergency Superintendent Succession**

Policy reference OE-2 of Board Governance requires the naming of an emergency superintendent succession in order to protect the Board in the event of sudden and unexpected loss of superintendent services. Dr. Maxey recommends that we continue as last year naming Edward Boyd who will assume superintendent responsibilities on an emergency basis. This item will be brought back for the Board's consideration at our next meeting.

### **D. Monitoring Report: OE-11 Discipline**

Ms. Allen shared information from the report and responded to questions. Board members asked that information be shared with them as to the discipline infractions by code. Ms. Allen will get the requested information to Board members.

**E. Monitoring Report: OE-13 Facilities**

Mr. James gave a report from the Facilities Committee meeting held earlier today, stating there were five business items in addition to the construction update. Items discussed included the old transportation building (a/k/a old District Office). The District has received the settlement as a result of damages from Hurricane Matthew. We can now decide what we wish to do with this property. The District has been approached by the City of Conway indicating they have an interest in the property. District staff have been asked to determine if the District may eventually need this property. The property is currently combined with the Whittemore Park Middle property. We will have to find out, 1) if the property can be subdivided; 2) the appraised value; and 3) the cost of demolition of the building. Other items discussed included the Loris Education Center, for which sealed bids were received and opened on June 29. The highest acceptable bid was \$5,000. It is the recommendation of the Facilities Committee that the Board vote at its next meeting to approve disposing of this property. Additionally, the Facilities Committee discussed the request from Grand Strand Water and Sewer for a New Well Site on the corner of Ten Oaks Middle School property. The request is for approximately one acre. The Facilities Committee asked staff to notify GSWSA that we wish for them to pursue having an appraisal of the property before submitting to the full Board at a future meeting. The conversion of Myrtle Beach Middle School was discussed, which led to a recommendation that the Board and staff hold a workshop to discuss district-wide facilities needs. Lastly, staff gave an update on construction progress at Midland Elementary, Myrtle Beach Primary, North Myrtle Beach High, and North Myrtle Beach Middle.

Mr. Wolfe shared that we are in the process of having OSF inspections this week at Midland Elementary, Myrtle Beach Primary, North Myrtle Beach High, and North Myrtle Beach Middle. An update on other projects was provided in the OE-13 report.

**F. Request for Locally-Approved Course Number**

Ms. Myrick shared that the State Department furnishes course descriptions and course numbers for approved courses. In addition to those courses, school districts have the option to develop additional courses, but they must be approved by the local school board. This is a request for approval of a course entitled, "Introduction to Engineering Design Principles." The purpose of the course was provided and is for one unit of elective credit.

**G. Superintendent's Report**

Dr. Maxey shared information regarding recent staff development activities in preparation for the new school year and his theme for the coming year, which is providing an excellent education to all students. New Teacher Academy is scheduled for tomorrow. Last year there were about 270 teachers who were new to Horry County Schools. We expect a similar number this year. Our State Superintendent, Molly Spearman, will speak to the group of new teachers tomorrow at 8:30 a.m. at the Academy for Arts, Science, and Technology. Board members and the press are invited.

**4. ADJOURN BOARD WORK SESSION AND CONVENE SPECIAL-CALLED MEETING**

***Board Action:*** A motion was made by Mr. Hardwick and seconded by Mr. James to adjourn the Board Work Session and convene a Special-Called Meeting. The motion carried unanimously. The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

**5. BUSINESS**

### **A. Advisory Board Appointments**

**Board Action:** A motion was made by Ms. Allen to appoint/reappoint the following Advisory Board members to the Aynor Area Advisory Board:

Kelly Long – Community Member – 1 Year Term – 1<sup>st</sup> Term Appointment

The motion was seconded by Mr. Poston and carried unanimously. The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

**Board Action:** A motion was made by Mr. Hardwick to appoint/reappoint the following Advisory Board members to the Loris Area Advisory Board:

Casey Ward – 2-Year Term – 1<sup>st</sup> Term Appointment

Tim Osment – 2-Year Term – 1<sup>st</sup> Term Appointment

James Edwards – Community Member – 1-Year Term – 1<sup>st</sup> Appointment

The motion was seconded by Mr. James and carried unanimously. The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

**Board Action:** A motion was made by Mr. James to appoint/reappoint the following Advisory Board members to the Green Sea Floyds Area Advisory Board:

Sunshine Blevins – Community Member – 1-Year Term – 1<sup>st</sup> Appointment

The motion was seconded by Mr. Hardwick and carried unanimously. The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

### **B. Ratification of Employment Contracts Issued by Superintendent During Summer Months**

**Board Action:** A motion was made by Mr. James and seconded by Ms. Timms to ratify the employment contracts issued by the Superintendent during the summer months. The motion carried unanimously. The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

### **C. Consideration for Professional Design Services for Renovations/Upgrades to the Socastee High School Auditorium**

**Board Action:** A motion was made by Ms. Timms and seconded by Mr. James authorizing staff to enter into contract with Miller Design Services for professional design services for the Socastee High School auditorium. The motion carried unanimously. The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

## **6. CONSENT AGENDA**

**A. Personnel Recommendations as Required by Law; and**

**B. Home School Application(s)**

**Board Action:** A motion was made by Ms. Timms and seconded by Ms. Heniford to approve the Consent Agenda items as presented. The motion carried unanimously and the Consent Agenda items were approved. The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Board Action:** A motion was made by Mr. Cox and seconded by Ms. Graham to adjourn the Business Meeting and move into Executive Session. The motion carried and the Board moved into Executive Session at 7:09 p.m.

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

**Board Action:** A motion was made by Ms. Allen and seconded by Mr. Hardwick to return to open session and adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

**BOARD SELF-ASSESSMENT RESULTS**

A summary of the responses follows.

Respectfully submitted,



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

Approved: August 21, 2017

**Board Performance Indicators - 10 Responses**

**8/7/17**

*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.

**48 / 4.8**

The majority of agenda items focus on our core purpose.

**48 / 4.8**

**Meetings**

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

**47 / 4.7**

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

**47 / 4.7**

**Community**

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

**46 / 4.6**

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

**45 / 4.5**

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

**46 / 4.6**

**Superintendent Relationship**

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

**47 / 4.7**

**Work / Policies**

Board decisions are based on thoughtful analysis of available information.

**48 / 4.8**

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

**45 / 4.5**

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

**46 / 4.6**

**Comments:**

There were no comments.