

HORRY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES BOARD MEETING District Office June 19, 2017

The following were in attendance:

Board of Education

Joe DeFeo, Chairman	Janet Graham	Pam Timms
Shanda Allen	Chris Hardwick	Sherrie Todd
David Cox	John Poston	Ray Winters

Horry County Schools' Staff

Mary Anderson	Judy Hunger	Lucas Richardson
David Beaty	Robin Jones	Heather Sheehan
Daryl Brown	H. T. Lee	Rhonda Snowden
John Gardner	Rick Maxey	Tammy Trulove
Kenny Generette	Valerie McNeill	Kristin Wilson
Roger Gray	Boone Myrick	Mark Wolfe
Ben Hardee		

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 JUNE 19, 2017, AT 6:00 P.M. – CALL TO ORDER

Chairman DeFeo called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

A. Invocation

Mr. Cox offered the invocation.

B. Presentation of Colors, Pledge of Allegiance

The Conway High School Navy JROTC presented the Colors and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. Approval of Agenda

Board Action: A motion was made by Mr. Poston and seconded by Ms. Timms to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously. 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. Allen to approve the June 5, 2017, Board Minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously. The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Blake Vaught previously submitted a request to speak before the Board during Public Comments. When called, Mr. Vaught stated he did not wish to address the Board at this time.

3. DISCUSSION

A. Status Update: New Schools

Mr. Robbie Ferris provided a slide presentation and an update on the new construction projects, with a focus on the schedule.

B. Update Regarding School Resource Officer/Security Options

- 1) Horry County Police Department
- 2) U. S. Security Associates, Inc.
- 3) Horry County Sheriff's Office

Dr. Maxey reported that contact has been made with several entities regarding security options for the coming year as relates to this matter, including the Horry County Police Department and the Horry County Sheriff's Office. The proposal from the Horry County Sheriff's Office would be at 100% and is something that could not be accomplished this year, and therefore, is not an option being considered. Staff has also made contact with the City of Myrtle Beach and Coastal Carolina University. Neither of those entities have the capacity at this time to consider entering into an arrangement for security for the upcoming school year. As a result, the District is left with two proposals for the Board's consideration. One of the proposals is from the Horry County Police Department offering 21 officers at a cost of approximately \$1.65 million at a percentage of shared costs for Horry County Schools of 85.9%. The second option is that Horry County Schools is currently under contract with U. S. Security Associates to provide unarmed security personnel at our schools. The existing contract provides for armed security personnel if desired by the District, and as a result of that inclusion, we can utilize the existing contract for this service. District administration and middle and high school principals have met with U. S. Security Associates to discuss what they can offer in the way of security services.

U. S. Security Associates made a presentation to the Board regarding the services they propose to offer and answered questions from Board members.

C. Advisory Board Membership for Carolina Forest, Socastee, and St. James Advisory Boards

Mr. Poston shared that it has been the historical precedent of this Board that Advisory Board membership within attendance areas match representation according to the number of schools in the attendance area. Three attendance areas are gaining schools, to wit: Carolina Forest, Socastee, and St. James. It is being recommended that one additional permanent member be added to each of these Advisory Boards to correlate with the number of schools in these attendance areas.

4. BUSINESS

Board Action: A motion was made by Mr. Winters and seconded by Ms. Allen to enter into Business session. The motion carried unanimously. The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

A. Approval of School Resource Officer/Security Option

Board Action: A motion was made by Mr. Cox to accept the proposal from U. S. Security Associates to provide security services in our middle and high schools that are within the County’s jurisdiction, adding that furthermore, he recommends the remaining funds originally allocated for Horry County Schools resource officers be used to cover any excess costs for security associated with extra-curricular activities and events at our schools. The motion was seconded by Ms. Timms and carried unanimously. The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

B. Advisory Board Membership for Carolina Forest, Socastee, and St. James Advisory Boards

Board Action: A motion was made by Mr. Poston that we add one additional permanent member to the Advisory Boards of Carolina Forest, St. James, and Socastee attendance areas, effective immediately, for the upcoming school year. The motion was seconded by Mr. Winters and carried unanimously. The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

C. Advisory Board Appointments

Board Action: A motion was made by Ms. Todd to appoint/reappoint the following Advisory Board members to the Myrtle Beach Area Advisory Board:

- Penny Vlandis – 2-Year Term – 4th Term Appointment
- Corrado Berloffia – 2-Year Term – 4th Term Appointment
- Tewana Denney – 2-Year Term – 4th Term Appointment
- Nikki Godwin – 2-Year Term – 2nd Term Appointment
- Jennifer Martin – 2-Year Term – 2nd Term Appointment
- Don Hansen – Community Member – 2-Year Term – 1st Term Appointment

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

Board Action: A motion was made by Ms. Timms to appoint/reappoint the following Advisory Board members to the Socastee Area Advisory Board:

- Dana Smith – 2-Year Term – 3rd Term Appointment
- Kamishun Newman – 1-Year Term – 4th Term Appointment
- Tanya Barron – 2-Year Term – 3rd Term Appointment
- Marilyn Burch – Community Member – 1-Year Term – 2nd Term Appointment

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

5. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Personnel Recommendations as Required by Law;**
- B. Monitoring Report: OE-12 Learning Environment/Treatment of Students;**
- C. Monitoring Report: R-6 Personal Success and Citizenship**
- D. Education Fund Distribution – District 1; and**
- E. Education Fund Distribution – District 3**

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

6. ADJOURNMENT

Board Action: A motion was made by Ms. Timms and seconded by Mr. Hardwick to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 6:47 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,



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

Approved: August 7, 2017

Board Performance Indicators - 8 Responses

6/19/17

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.

38 / 4.75

The majority of agenda items focus on our core purpose.

37 / 4.63

Meetings

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

37 / 4.63

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

38 / 4.75

Community

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

37 / 4.63

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

37 / 4.63

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

39 / 4.88

Superintendent Relationship

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

38 / 4.75

Work / Policies

Board decisions are based on thoughtful analysis of available information.

38 / 4.75

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

37 / 4.63

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

37 / 4.63

Comments:

There were no comments.