

HORRY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES BOARD MEETING District Office April 24, 2017

The following were in attendance:

Board of Education

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

Horry County Schools' Staff

Jeanna Allen	Diane Formhals	Paula Mullis
Velna Allen	John Gardner	Boone Myrick
Mary Anderson	Kenny Generette	Tonya Pickett
David Beaty	Melanie Gentzler	Mark Porter
Terra Bodkins	Roger Gray	Joseph Quigley
Robin Bolling	William Griffin	Lucas Richardson
Edward Boyd	Ben Hardee	Buffy Roberts
Daryl Brown	Teal Harding	Angela Rush
Dottie Brown	Charles Hucks, Jr.	April Scott
Chuck Capps	Lee James	Scott Scrivner
Dena Chatfield	H. T. Lee	Heather Sheehan
Carolyn Chestnut	Cindy Magrath	Rhonda Snowden
Edi Cox	Rick Maxey	Jacelyn Spearman
David Cupolo	Lisa Melchione	Paula Mullis
Jeanie Dailey		

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 APRIL 24, 2017, AT 6:00 P.M. – CALL TO ORDER

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

A. Invocation

Mr. James offered the invocation.

B. Presentation of Colors, Pledge of Allegiance

The North Myrtle Beach 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. Cox and seconded by Mr. James to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously. The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

2. RECOGNITIONS

A. All-State Band, Orchestra, and Chorus

Students who have been selected to All-State band, orchestra, and chorus were recognized. These students successfully completed an audition for All-County, All-Region, and now All-State.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Hank Hester addressed the Board during Public Comments to thank the Board for the improvements being made in the North Myrtle Beach area and to request additional improvements to the play field at North Myrtle Beach Middle School.

4. DISCUSSION

A. Construction Update

Mr. Robbie Ferris provided an update and project photos for the five new construction projects.

B. Facilities Committee Report

Mr. James gave a report from the Facilities Committee meeting held earlier today. In addition to the construction update, four other items were discussed, which were, 1) landscaping at the new schools, 2) Loris Education Center, 3) FEMA report on NMBHS, and 4) electronic marquees at the new schools.

C. Monitoring Report: OE-13 Facilities Quarterly Report

Mr. Mark Wolfe provided an executive summary in accordance with OE-13 and answered questions regarding various projects.

D. Budget Update

Mr. Gardner gave an update on the 2017-18 budget. The official budget will be brought to the Board at the May 8, 2017, meeting for the Board's consideration. Mr. Poston offered for the Finance Committee to meet and review the optional expenditures and make a recommendation to the full Board.

E. Monitoring Report: OE-6 Financial Administration

The financial report for the quarter ending March 31, 2017, was provided. Mr. Gardner was available to answer any questions.

F. Superintendent's Report

1) Strategic Plan Annual Update – Last year our District successfully completed the five-year accreditation process through AdvancEd, which simultaneously addressed the District's strategic plan. The State Department requires that all schools develop school renewal plans that align with the District's strategic plan. By the end of the month, all schools will submit their renewal plans to the State Department of Education and the District will submit a required annual update of our performance goals based on the most recent student achievement data.

2) Textbook Adoptions – The process used for textbook adoption is established by the State and we abide by that process. The District's textbook adoption committee is comprised of teachers, school administrators, and parents.

5. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Consideration of Student Appeal

B. Legal Advice Regarding a Contractual Matter

Board Action: A motion was made by Mr. Cox and seconded by Mr. James to enter into executive session for discussion of the above-named items. The motion carried and the Board moved into executive session at 6:32 p.m. The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

Board Action: A motion was made by Mr. James and seconded by Mr. Winters to return to open session. The motion carried and the Board returned to open session at 8:01 p.m. The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

6. BUSINESS

A. Consideration of Student Appeal

Board Action: A motion was made by Mr. Poston that based upon the Board's review and consideration of the written record regarding the student's appeal regarding his assignment to the alternative school program to uphold the District Appeal Board's decision to assign the student to the alternative school program through the end of the fourth quarter of the 2016-17 school year. The motion was seconded by Mr. James and carried unanimously. The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

B. Enhancements to a Play Field at North Myrtle Beach Middle School

This item is a request to improve the athletic facilities in the North Myrtle Beach attendance area with the installation of a field for use by soccer and lacrosse teams at an estimated project cost of \$837,000, utilizing funding from the \$207,000 currently allocated for play field improvements and an additional amount not to exceed \$630,000 from residual contingency funds from the Phase III and Phase IV Building plan.

Board Action: As this comes on recommendation from the Facilities Committee, a motion is not required. Upon a vote, the motion carried to approve this request as follows: Heniford, Todd, Winters, Cox, Morreale, James, Hardwick, and Allen voting in favor, and Graham and Poston voting opposed. The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

Board Action: A motion was made by Mr. James to approve the Consent Agenda items as follows:

A. Personnel Recommendations as Required by Law;

B. Monitoring Report: OE-9 Communicating with the Public;

C. Home School Application(s);

D. Education Fund Distribution – District 2;

- E. Education Fund Distribution – District 3;**
- F. Education Fund Distribution – District 4;**
- G. Education Fund Distribution 5; and**
- H. Education Fund Distribution – District 10**

The motion was seconded by Ms. Allen and the Consent Agenda items were approved as presented. The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Board Action: A motion was made by Ms. Heniford and seconded by Ms. Graham to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 8:04 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 script is cursive and fluid.

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

Approved: May 8, 2017

Board Performance Indicators - 8 Responses

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

4/24/17

Date

Agenda

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

37 / 4.63

The majority of agenda items focus on our core purpose.

38 / 4.75

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.)

37 / 4.63

Community

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

36 / 4.50

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

36 / 4.50

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

37 / 4.63

Superintendent Relationship

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

39 / 4.88

Work / Policies

Board decisions are based on thoughtful analysis of available information.

37 / 4.63

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

35 / 4.38

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

37 / 4.63

Comments:

There were no comments.