

# HORRY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

## ***MINUTES BOARD MEETING District Office March 20, 2017***

The following persons were present:

### **Board of Education**

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

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

Jeanna Allen	Kim Floyd	Vann Pennell
Velna Allen	Martha Fout	Tonya Pickett
Mary Anderson	John Gardner	Andrea Pridgen
Gretchen Ayers	Kenny Generette	Lucas Richardson
Meg Barber	Bo Gorcesky	Buffy Roberts
David Beaty	Dirk Gurley	William Saunders
Terra Bodkins	Ben Hardee	Heather Sheehan
Edward Boyd	Becky Hinson	Judy Shelley
Daryl Brown	Charles Hucks, Jr.	Rhonda Snowden
Dottie Brown	Judy Hunger	Margaret Sordian
Joe Burch	Jill Jeter	Tracy Suggs
Dena Chatfield	Robin Jones	Diane Thompson
Carolyn Chestnut	H. T. Lee	Blake Vaught
Jason Cox	Ebony Livingston	John Washburn
Meagen Cox	Rick Maxey	Kristin Wilson
Roger Dixon	Boone Myrick	Mark Wolfe
Laura Farmer	Cathy Pennell	

*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 MARCH 20, 2017, AT 6:00 P.M. – CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman DeFeo called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

#### **A. Invocation**

Ms. Timms offered the invocation.

#### **B. Presentation of Colors, Pledge of Allegiance**

Green Sea Floyds High Army JROTC presented the Colors and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **C. Approval of Agenda**

Mr. DeFeo recommended that Item 6.D Under Business, Loris Education Center – Quitclaim Deed to City of Loris, be removed from the agenda.

**Board Action:** A motion was made by Ms. Timms to approve the Agenda as amended. The motion was seconded by Ms. Morreale and carried unanimously. The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

#### **D. Approval of Minutes – March 6, 2017**

**Board Action:** A motion was made by Mr. James and seconded by Mr. Winters to approve the March 6, 2017, Board Minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously and the Minutes were approved. The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

## **2. RECOGNITIONS**

### **A. South Carolina Athletic Administrators Association's Awards**

Mr. Brown and Ms. Allen presented certificates of recognition as follows:

- 1) Mr. Roger Dixon, for having been recently inducted into the South Carolina Athletic Administrators Association Hall of Fame for 2017.
- 2) Mr. Jason Cox, Athletic Director for Green Sea Floyds High, for having been named as the Division A Athletic Director of the Year.
- 3) Mr. Vann Pennell, Principal of St. James High, who was recently named as the Division AAAA Principal of the Year.
- 4) Mr. Joe Quigley, Athletic Director for North Myrtle Beach High, for having been named as the State Athletic Director of the Year.

### **B. Certificate and Award of Financial Reporting Achievement**

Mr. Gardner announced that Horry County Schools has again won the Certificate of Achievement for Financial Reporting for the year ended June 30, 2016. Finance division staff Billy Saunders and Tracy Suggs, who were instrumental in the District receiving this award, were presented with the Certificate on behalf of the District.

## **3. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- Mr. Samuel Johnson signed up electronically on 2-23-17 to speak during Public Comments. He did not come forward when called.
- Ms. Barbara Treacy signed up electronically on 3-4-17 to speak during Public Comments. She did not come forward when called.
- Mr. William DeVaughn signed up electronically on 3-4-17 to speak during Public Comments. He did not come forward when called.
- Mr. Richard Crout addressed the Board regarding a comprehensive anti-bully program that is being developed.

## **4. DISCUSSION**

**A. Construction Update**

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

**B. Human Resources Committee Report**

Mr. Cox gave a report from the Human Resources Committee meeting held earlier today. The items discussed included: 1) longevity bonus options, 2) high school principals and athletic directors recommendations, and 3) bus drivers' hours and pay. Recommendations regarding bus drivers' hours and pay will be brought back to the Board for discussion.

**C. Facilities Committee Report**

Mr. James gave a report from the Facilities Committee meeting held earlier today. The items discussed included: 1) construction projects update, 2) FFEP landscape request, 3) discussion for enhancements to a play field at North Myrtle Beach Middle School, 4) preparation for occupancy of new schools, 5) discussion of electronic marquee for the five new schools, 6) modular needs, 7) sports tourism MOU, and 8) bids for improvements to Blue Jacket Road at Aynor High School. Mr. James asked that items 2 and 3 be added to the next Finance Committee agenda for discussion because these items involve funding.

**D. Budget Update**

Mr. Gardner noted the next Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 22, and the budget will be discussed at that time.

**E. Superintendent's Report**

Dr. Maxey noted the information provided regarding textbook adoption for the 2017-18 school year.

**5. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**A. Consideration of Student Appeal;**

**B. Discussion of Recommendation(s) to Employ Personnel; and**

**C. Discussion of HCS-HCPD School Resource Officer Contract**

***Board Action:*** A motion was made by Mr. Cox and seconded by Mr. James to enter into Executive Session for discussion of the above items. The motion carried and the Board entered into Executive Session at 6:33 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 Ms. Heniford to enter into a Business Session. The motion carried and the Board returned to open session for business at 7:58 p.m. The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

**6. BUSINESS**

**A. Consideration of Student Appeal**

***Board Action:*** Ms. Morreale made a motion that based upon the Board's review and consideration of the written record regarding the student's appeal and his assignment to the Alternative School, to modify the District Appeal Board's decision to change the infraction to inappropriate behavior. The motion was seconded by Mr. James and carried unanimously. The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

**B. Consideration of Recommendation(s) to Employ Personnel**

No action was taken on this item.

**C. Community Eligibility Program**

Dr. Maxey shared that with the passage of the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010, the U. S. Department of Agriculture made it possible for school districts operating under the National School Lunch and Breakfast programs to implement the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP). CEP permits eligible schools to provide meal service to all students in that school at no charge, regardless of economic status. CEP is based upon children who are categorically approved to receive free meals, which includes those whose families receive food stamps, TANF benefits, are migrants, runaways, foster children, and designated homeless students. It does not include families who receive benefits based upon income. CEP eligibility is determined based upon data collected as of April 1<sup>st</sup> of each year for the following school year. Should the District determine there are negative impacts for the District due to participating in this program, the District may withdraw.

**Board Action:** A motion was made by Mr. James and seconded by Ms. Timms to approve administration’s recommendation for the District to participate in the Community Eligibility Provision. The motion carried unanimously. The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

**D. Loris Education Center – Quitclaim Deed to City of Loris**

This item was previously removed from the agenda by action of the Board under the Approval of Agenda Item 1.C.

**7. CONSENT AGENDA**

**Board Action:** A motion was made by Mr. James and seconded by Ms. Timms to approve the Consent Agenda items as follows:

- A. Personnel Recommendations as Required by Law
- B. Act 155 Diploma Request(s)
- C. Monitoring Report: R-5 Other Academic Disciplines
- D. Monitoring Report: OE-1 Global Operational Expectations
- E. Education Fund Distribution – District 2
- F. Education Fund Distribution – District 3
- G. Education Fund Distribution – District 7
- H. Education Fund Distribution – District 8
- I. Education Fund Distribution – District 11

The motion carried unanimously 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 Mr. James and seconded by Mr. Hardwick to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 8:03 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: April 3, 2017

## Board Performance Indicators - 7 Responses

3/20/17

*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.

31 / 4.43

The majority of agenda items focus on our core purpose.

33 / 4.72

### Meetings

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

32 / 4.58

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

31 / 4.43

### Community

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

32 / 4.58

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

32 / 4.58

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

33 / 4.72

### Superintendent Relationship

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

32 / 4.58

### Work / Policies

Board decisions are based on thoughtful analysis of available information.

31 / 4.43

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

32 / 4.58

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

32 / 4.58

### Comments:

There were no comments.