

HORRY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES BOARD MEETING District Office January 23, 2017

The following persons were present:

Board of Education

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

Horry County Schools' Staff

Jeanna Allen	Ben Hardee	Ben Prince
Mary Anderson	Teal Harding	Lucas Richardson
Christel Arnette	Leann Hill	Angela Rush
Edward Boyd	Charles Hucks, Jr.	Billy Saunders
Daryl Brown	Judy Hunger	April Scott
Dottie Brown	H. T. Lee	Jennifer Scott
Joe Burch	Ebony Livingston	Heather Sheehan
Dena Chatfield	Rick Maxey	Rebecca Shibley
Carolyn Chestnut	Lisa Melchione	Rhonda Snowden
Edi Cox	Boone Myrick	Valiant Sommers
James Davis	Jeff Owens	Teresa Todd
Sonia Ford	Vann Pennell	Tammy Trulove
Martha Fout	Regina Pertell	John Washburn
John Gardner	Tonya Pickett	Kristin Wilson
Michelle Graham	Beverly Pilkey	Mark Wolfe
Joy Graves	Andrea Pridgen	

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 JANUARY 23, 2017, AT 6:00 P.M. – CALL TO ORDER

Chairman DeFeo called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

A. Invocation

The invocation was offered by Mr. Poston.

B. Presentation of Colors, Pledge of Allegiance – Loris High School Army JROTC

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

C. Approval of Agenda

Mr. DeFeo stated there was an item, SCSBA Ethical Principles, for consideration to be added to the agenda, which would become Item 2.A.1 under Recognitions.

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

D. Approval of Minutes – January 9, 2017

Board Action: A motion was made by Mr. James and seconded by Ms. Timms to approve the January 9, 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. SCSBA Boardmanship Institute Recognition

Board members Sherrie Todd, Ray Winters, and Janice Morreale were recognized for their levels of achievement under the South Carolina School Boards Association Boardmanship Institute. Board member Janet Graham was also recognized for her level of achievement, although she was unable to attend the meeting.

1) SCSBA Ethical Principles – The South Carolina School Boards Association provided a poster entitled, “Ethical Principles,” for consideration of the Board. Mr. DeFeo read the document to share the principles publically. The poster was signed by Horry County Schools Board members to symbolically gesture their intent to uphold these effective governance principles.

B. Cumulative Perfect Attendance Awards

Students with cumulative perfect attendance for grades 1-5 were recognized and awarded a certificate and a medallion. Students with cumulative perfect attendance in grades 1-8 were recognized and awarded a certificate and a gift of \$50. Students with cumulative perfect attendance in grades 1-11 were recognized and awarded a certificate on a plaque and a gift of \$100.

C. HCS Academic Olympics Champions

The Academic Olympics team of Myrtle Beach High School was recognized for having recently won the HCS Academic Olympics competition.

D. Kim Johnson, School Nutrition Specialist

Kim Johnson, an employee in the School Food Service office, was recognized for having earned the title of School Nutrition Specialist through the School Nutrition Association’s credentialing program. Ms. Johnson is one of only 12 school district employees in the State to have earned this title.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Pat Milley, Ms. Lynn Delph, and Ms. Cindy B. Hunt, had previously signed up to speak during Public Comments. No one came forward when called to address the Board.

4. DISCUSSION

A. Facilities Committee Report

Mr. James provided a report from the Facilities Committee meeting held earlier this afternoon. Three items were discussed as presented by staff. The first item was renovation of the Conway High School track. The subgrade has been replaced and workers were ready to put the asphalt topping on just prior to Hurricane Matthew. Flooding from Hurricane Matthew has prevented the subbase from drying out and the area is still flexible. A proposal to resolve this issue is being brought to the Board because it is 13% of the original contract amount. The proposal is to install four underground pipes that will wick the water away from the subgrade of the track. The engineering estimate is \$93,289.06. The staff and the Facilities Committee believe this is a project that will ensure the integrity of the track once completed. The Facilities Committee endorses this project and recommends it be brought back to the full Board for consideration. The second item brought to the Facilities Committee today was a request that the Facilities Committee consider the capital planning assumptions and parameters. The Finance Committee had requested Mr. Gardner propose a draft and this is the draft presented by Mr. Gardner, which contained four assumptions and seven parameters. The Facilities Committee endorses this proposal and referred it back to the Finance Committee for their final resolution. The third item before the Committee was discussion of utilization of the existing contingency and allowance funds of the five new schools. It appears there may be some funds that may not be utilized as a contingency within the five building projects. The Facilities Committee recommends those funds be consolidated and used for other needs. The Facilities Committee has referred this to the Finance Committee to get their interpretation on how the money should be used.

B. Finance Committee Report

Mr. Poston provided a report from the Finance Committee meeting held on January 19. Mr. Poston commended Mr. Gardner, Mr. Nurick, who is the District's Financial Consultant, and Ms. Heizer, who is the District's Bond Counsel, for the excellent job they did in preparing materials for the Committee meeting. The materials they prepared are in Granicus and Mr. Poston encouraged Board members to download the documents and to retain them as they contain a lot of good information. Mr. Poston gave an overview of the information and offered the Finance Committee's assistance with finding funding options for any Board initiative. Additionally, should the Board desire input from the Finance Committee for funding capital projects or new operational budget items, they are prepared to provide that input.

C. 2015-16 Audit

The financial records of the District are required to be audited on an annual basis by an external CPA firm. The audit for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016, was performed by Elliott Davis Decosimo, LLC, of Charleston, SC. The report of the audit is intended to provide the Board of Education with a comprehensive overview of the District's financial position as of the end of the fiscal year. Mr. Timothy Grow, a shareholder of the CPA firm, Elliott Davis Decosimo, LLC, presented their report and their findings and answered questions. The District received an unqualified opinion, which is the highest level of assurance the auditor can provide.

D. Quarterly Financial Statement

A copy of the December 31, 2016, Comparable Financial Statement was provided. Mr. Gardner responded to questions.

E. Board Compensation – Board Governance GC-10

Mr. Cox and Mr. DeFeo shared justifications for an increase in Board compensation. Mr. DeFeo stated that if anyone wanted this on a future agenda for a vote, to inform him or the Board secretary.

F. Days Missed Due to Hurricane Matthew

1) Student Absences – Due to Hurricane Matthew, all schools in Horry County missed seven school days, with the Green Sea Floyds schools missing eight days. As required by State law, three of the days were made up on November 23rd, January 2nd, and January 13th. We are now seeking a waiver from the Board for three additional days missed due to Hurricane Matthew (Days 4, 5, and 6), and to ask the Board to request a waiver from the State Board of Education for Day 7 for all schools and in addition a waiver for Day 8 for the Green Sea Floyds area schools. This is for discussion tonight and will be on the agenda for the Board Work Session on February 6.

2) Mr. DeFeo will be recommending that the Board forgive the days for all employees. Other Board members shared their support of this recommendation.

G. Myrtle Beach Attendance Area (CD-5) Reconfiguration

This is a request for approval to change the names of three Myrtle Beach schools (CD-5) to align with the grade spans as follows:

1) The current Myrtle Beach Primary with a grade span of child development, kindergarten, and Grade 1, will be reconfigured to house child development and kindergarten with the new school name to be Myrtle Beach Early Childhood Center;

2) The current Myrtle Beach Elementary with a grade span of Grades 2 and 3, will be reconfigured to house Grades 1 and 2 with the new school name to be Myrtle Beach Primary; and

3) The current Myrtle Beach Intermediate with a grade span of Grades 4 and 5, will be reconfigured to house Grades 3, 4, and 5 with the new school name to be Myrtle Beach Elementary.

Mr. Poston asked that we track a cost for this request and for that information to be provided before this request comes back to the Board for approval. Ms. Todd asked that we be sure to discuss this request with the principals involved.

H. Superintendent's Report

1) School Board Appreciation Month – January is School Board Appreciation Month. Dr. Maxey stated on behalf of the entire organization, we appreciate the dedication of our School Board members and their commitment to public education.

2) Education Oversight Committee's Recommendation for a Consolidated Accountability System – The Education Oversight Committee recently released their recommendations to merge the state and federal accountability systems, a copy of which was included with the Board agenda. Dr. Maxey highlighted the recommendations. The next step is for the recommendations to advance to the State Legislature.

3) Horry County United Way's 14th Annual Caring for Kindergartners – On February 8, United Way and CCU athletics will team up to have 70 athletes pair up with 70 classrooms across the County to share in reading a book with kindergartners. The book this year is, "The Giving Tree," by Shel Silverstein. Our students will in turn write notes and draw pictures to be given to shut-in senior citizens during the United Way of Horry County's May Day Bag Program scheduled for May 1.

5. BUSINESS

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

A. Projects – Conway Attendance-Area Schools

Mr. James shared this request for capital projects for the Conway attendance area to be funded from unused “short term capital plan – technology” funding. The list of potential projects totaled \$3.8 million. Ms. Graham identified her preferred priority for the projects at the December 12 Board meeting. Mr. James restated the list of projects, which are:

Conway Elementary	Repaint Interior	\$ 350,000
Conway High	Replace Gym Bleachers	\$ 750,000
Homewood Elementary	Construct Steps to Stage	\$ 10,000
Kingston Elementary	Paint Corridors and Restrooms	\$ 80,000
Pee Dee Elementary	Paint Corridors and Restrooms	\$ 80,000
	Add Drainage-Front Crosswalk	\$ 15,000
South Conway Elementary	Paint Corridors and Restrooms	\$ 80,000
Whittemore Park Middle	Paint Stairwells	\$ 7,500
	Total	\$ 1,372,500

Board Action: This recommendation comes from the Facilities Committee and upon a vote, the recommendation carried as follows: James, Allen, Cox, Hardwick, Heniford, Morreale, Timms, Todd, and Winters – in favor; Poston – opposed. The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

B. Recommendation for School Name, Mascot, and Colors for the New Carolina Forest-Attendance Area Middle School

The New Carolina Forest-Attendance Area Middle School Ad Hoc Naming Committee recommends that the name for the new middle school be Ten Oaks Middle School, with the mascot being a silver fox, and the school colors to be burgundy, black, and silver.

Board Action: A motion was made by Ms. Todd to approve the recommendation as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Heniford and carried unanimously. The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

C. Recommendation for School Name, Mascot, and Colors for the Socastee-Attendance Area Middle School

The New Socastee–Attendance Area Middle School Ad Hoc Naming Committee recommends that the name for the new middle school in the Socastee attendance area be Socastee Middle School, with the mascot being the Warriors, and the colors being black and gold.

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

D. Board Governance – Proposed Change to GC-5 Regarding Timeline for Items to be Presented to the Board for Action

Mr. DeFeo presented a recommended change to Board Governance GC-5 to ensure ample time for discussion and review of items coming from Committees to the Board for action. This will be added under the area of Committees and the recommended change is as follows: Items coming before the Board for

action shall be presented at the first meeting following the Committee meeting to inform the Board of the recommendation. Discussion may be held and questions may be answered. At the second meeting, the item will be on the agenda for a full discussion to inform the Board. At the third meeting, the item will be on the agenda for a vote on the recommendation. A Standing Committee may bypass this process if the Committee votes unanimously that the item is an emergency that the Board must act upon immediately.

Board Action: A motion was made by Mr. Cox and seconded by Mr. Poston to approve the recommended change to Board Governance GC-5. The motion carried unanimously. The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

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

- A. Personnel Recommendations as Required by Law;**
- B. Monitoring Report: OE-7 Asset Protection;**
- C. Monitoring Report: R-2 Numeracy;**
- D. Monitoring Report: R-3 Science;**
- E. Monitoring Report: OE-13 Facilities; and**
- F. Education Fund Allocation – 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.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Board Action: A motion was made by Ms. Timms and seconded by Mr. James to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m. The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

BOARD SELF-ASSESSMENT RESULTS

A summary of the responses follows.



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

Approved: February 20, 2017

Board Performance Indicators - 6 Responses

1/23/17

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.

29 / 4.84

The majority of agenda items focus on our core purpose.

27 / 4.50

Meetings

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

28 / 4.67

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

28 / 4.67

Community

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

28 / 4.67

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

28 / 4.67

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

29 / 4.84

Superintendent Relationship

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

28 / 4.67

Work / Policies

Board decisions are based on thoughtful analysis of available information.

27 / 4.50

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

27 / 4.50

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

28 / 4.67

Comments:

There were no comments.