

# HORRY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

## ***MINUTES BOARD MEETING District Office November 21, 2016***

The following were in attendance:

### **Board of Education**

Joe DeFeo, Chairman	Neil James	Pam Timms
David Cox	Janice Morreale	Sherrie Todd
Jeffrey Garland	John Poston	Ray Winters
Holly Heniford	Kathy Richardson	

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

Jeanna Allen	John Gardner	Scott Scrivener
Mary Anderson	Ben Hardee	Rhonda Snowden
Daryl Brown	Robin Jones	Diane Thompson
Dottie Brown	H. T. Lee	Robbie Watkins
Carolyn Chestnut	Rick Maxey	Kristin Wilson
David Cupolo	Boone Myrick	Mark Wolfe
J. D. Davis	Denise Null	Stephanie Yancey
Deron Dolfi	Lucas Richardson	
Diane Formhals	Angela Rush	

*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 NOVEMBER 21, 2016, AT 6:00 P.M. – CALL TO ORDER**

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

#### **A. Invocation**

Mr. James offered the invocation.

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

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

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

Mr. DeFeo stated requested changes to the agenda, to include adding two items under Discussion 4.B., as follows: 1) Dedication Plaque for New Schools-Joe Burch; and 2) Request for Consideration of New Canopy Colors-James Rice, Mozingo & Wallace Architects. Additional changes requested to the agenda are to delete Business 6.C., Change of Mascot for St. James Middle School, as this item will only be up for discussion today, and will be up for a vote at the next meeting, as well as deleting Business 6.D., Consideration Donation of Loris Education Center to the City of Loris.

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

#### **D. Approval of Minutes – November 7, 2016**

**Board Action:** A motion was made by Ms. Timms and seconded by Mr. Winters to approve the November 7, 2016, Minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously. The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

### **2. RECOGNITIONS**

**A. Students Scoring Platinum Level on the ACT WorkKeys Exam** – due to a scheduling conflict, these students will be recognized at an upcoming Board meeting.

**B. St. James High School Girls Golf Team – AAAA State Champions** – the St. James High School Girls Golf Team was recognized for winning their second consecutive state championship.

**C. South Carolina Juried Art Competition Winners** – students from Aynor Middle and the Academy for Arts, Science and Technology were recognized for having recently won first place at the state level for their art work.

### **3. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Ms. Deborah Hill previously signed up to speak before the Board. However, she did not come forward when called. No others signed up or came forward to address the Board.

#### **School Board Members Elect**

Mr. DeFeo asked if there was anyone present who was recently elected to serve on the Board who would like to introduce himself/herself to the audience. Mr. Chris Hardwick, School Board Member Elect for District 9, introduced himself and Ms. Shanda Allen, School Board Member Elect for District 11, introduced herself.

### **4. DISCUSSION**

#### **A. Committee of the Whole – Board Governance**

Mr. DeFeo shared the purpose of the Committee of the Whole and the process, which is when the Board acts as a Committee and it forces more than one vote on major issues that are before the Committee of the Whole, that later go to the full Board for a final decision.

Board Governance – Proposed Changes – Mr. DeFeo stated that Board members will not need to make a motion on the recommendations unless they desire to make a change to what is being presented. When this comes before the full Board, a motion will have to be made for this to move forward, and changes can also be made at that time.

The suggested changes to Board Governance are as follows:

1. Board Governance Policies: OE-13, new subparagraph 1.f.

f. Notifies the Board concerning major construction projects, other than the construction of new facilities, which have a budget of four million dollars or greater, to provide the Board with the opportunity to appoint a Board member to serve on any selection committee that may be involved in decisions concerning the project. The Board member serving on any selection committee shall be appointed by the Facilities Chair from the membership of the Facilities Committee. If no member of the Facilities Committee is able to serve on the selection committee, the Facilities Chair may appoint a Board member who is not a member of the Facilities Committee to serve on the selection committee.

Mr. Winters suggested that the above specify that the notification and/or selection of those members occur prior to commencement. Mr. Winters will provide Board members with suggested wording for his recommendation.

Mr. DeFeo called for a vote from the Committee of the Whole, with all voting in favor.

2. Board Governance Policies: GC-5, new paragraph 5.

5. The Facilities Chair shall appoint five Board members to any 10-member selection committee involved in decisions concerning the construction of new facilities. All members of the Facilities Committee may serve on any selection committee. If Board members who are not members of the Facilities Committee are needed to complete the five-member Board complement of a selection committee, the Vice Chair will be asked to serve and, as necessary, the Facilities Chair may appoint other Board members who are not members of the Facilities Committee to complete the membership of any selection committee.

Mr. DeFeo added that this may need clarification to state that if it is a new facility, it will be a 10-member selection committee. Mr. Winters asked if the first instance of, "may" in the document is a typographical error, since all other instances uses the word, "shall." Mr. James stated it was intended that it read as, "may" rather than, "shall."

Mr. DeFeo called for a vote from the Committee of the Whole, with Heniford, Todd, Winters, Richardson, Morreale, Timms, James, and Garland voting in favor. Poston was opposed.

3. Board Governance Policies: OE-9, new paragraph 3.

3. Ensure that audio recordings are made of any executive session discussion by a selection committee and of executive session deliberations by the Board concerning facilities or capital improvement projects. Copies of such recordings or, at the District's option, transcripts thereof, are to be made available to the public after official action is taken by the Board concerning the project. All proprietary or other confidential information contained on such recordings, or in any transcript shall, as permitted by law, be deleted or redacted prior to disclosure.

Mr. Poston asked if the Board might also consider video recordings if appropriate rather than limiting the recordings to audio. Mr. Poston suggested striking the word audio. Ms. Heniford offered that we add, “and/or video” after audio. Mr. DeFeo offered that it might state video recording, unless not possible. Mr. Poston added that a video recording might be helpful in the case of having visuals, such as maps, property surveys, etc., as a part of the discussion. Mr. DeFeo also added that we could add that at no time would personnel or student matters be recorded.

Mr. DeFeo called for a vote from the Committee of the Whole, with all voting in favor.

4. Board Governance Policies: GC-5, new paragraph 5.

5. Recommendations from Standing Committees will be shared with the Board via email ASAP after the meeting or if the Board is meeting within 3 days of the committee meeting, it will be shared at the next (1<sup>st</sup>) Board meeting. The recommendation will then be on the agenda for a full discussion at the next (2<sup>nd</sup>) Board meeting. A final vote of the Board will be at the next (3<sup>rd</sup>) meeting after the full discussion.

It was pointed out that this item will not prevent the Board from taking immediate action when needed for emergency matters.

Mr. DeFeo called for a vote from the Committee of the Whole, with all voting in favor.

Mr. DeFeo added that the recommended changes to Board Governance will come before the full Board at the next business meeting for a final vote.

**Mr. Cox arrived for the meeting at 6:25 p.m.**

**B. Facilities Committee Report**

1) Dedication Plaque – New Schools – Mr. James reported that Board members should have received an email following the Facilities Committee meeting held earlier today regarding a dedication plaque for the new schools. Board members are asked to review the email and were informed there will be further discussion at the next meeting.

2) Request for Consideration of New Canopy Color – Mr. James reported that the architect has requested that the Board consider modifying the canopy colors slightly for the new middle school in the Carolina Forest attendance area. Mr. James Rice of Mazingo and Wallace Architects was asked to come forward to present the proposed colors. Mr. Rice shared that the Board had previously made it clear to the architect that the District desired the use of the color used in the logo for Carolina Forest High School. The color utilized in the logo for Carolina Forest High is not considered a standard color of paint by the manufacturer, and therefore, is not warranted by the manufacturer. The architect is requesting the Board consider the use of a different color that is considered standard and would be warranted by the manufacturer. This is an accent color that occurs on the underside of the canopy as you enter the building and a stripe on the classroom wing. A sample of the original color, Pantone 202, as well as the recommended color, SW6334, was provided. The original choice of color can be used in places in the interior of the building. Mr. Poston shared that as an attendance area, they are trying hard to find that

Carolina Forest identity among their schools, and any opportunities to keep that identity, is hopeful the Board and community will take that opportunity.

Due to the time constraints and because this was discussed earlier at the Facilities Committee meeting, the Board agreed, and with Mr. Generette's concurrence, that this matter could be voted on during the business portion of this meeting so as not to delay progress.

**C. St. James Intermediate School Mascot Recommendation**

Ms. Morreale reported that the naming committee has completed their process and recommends that the mascot for St. James Intermediate School be the Sharks.

**D. Change of Mascot for St. James Middle School**

Ms. Morreale reported that the St. James Area Advisory Board recommends that the mascot for St. James Middle School be changed from the Eagles to the Sharks. This recommendation comes to the Board after having received the approval of the School Improvement Council, which is in accordance with District policy. Mr. DeFeo stated this item will be on the agenda for the next business meeting.

**E. Superintendent's Report**

1) AdvancED Recognition – Dr. Maxey shared that in the spring, our District went through the accreditation process with AdvancED for district-wide accreditation for Horry County Schools. Having completed that process successfully, our District was recognized and awarded a plaque acknowledging the accreditation. The plaque is displayed behind the receptionist's desk in the front office.

2) HCS Academic Olympics – The Horry County Schools Academic Olympics was held this past weekend. This was the 19<sup>th</sup> year of this competition where teams from the high schools come together to compete and answer questions on a variety of academic areas. We are pleased to announce that the Myrtle Beach Seahawks' academic team are the winners. As qualifiers, the runner-up team was Socastee, and both teams will be eligible to participate in the National Academic Quiz Tournament which will be held in Atlanta. There may be a preliminary State competition, and they are eligible for that as well. We congratulate Myrtle Beach High School on their win.

3) Lacrosse Additions – a lacrosse addition has been made for North Myrtle Beach High School. Lacrosse is an existing athletic program in Horry County Schools. We were previously presented with a request for assistant coaches for this sport. Lacrosse has become a very popular sport in Horry County and we have a need of assistant coaches to provide supervision. This program, along with a coach and assistant coach for both genders, has been added for North Myrtle Beach High School, as well as assistant coaches for the previously existing programs at Carolina Forest High, Myrtle Beach High, St. James High, and Socastee High Schools.

Ms. Morreale noted that the schools with lacrosse are now ready for a jayvee team and asked how we might go about having that happen. Dr. Maxey will review this and report back at our next meeting.

4) First Lego League Competition – As a part of the robotics competition, the competition has been extended to include elementary and middle schools. The First Lego League competition, Lego League Mindstorms, was held this past weekend. Our elementary and middle school students had the opportunity to create an inventive solution to solve problems we face, and through hands-on experience

and working in teams, had the opportunity to explore real world issues and gain an appreciation for science and technology while working to solve those problems. The champion is the Ocean Bay Middle School RayTechs. We extend our congratulations to them.

## **5. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

### **A. Superintendent Evaluation**

**Board Action:** Mr. Cox made a motion to move into Executive Session to discuss the Superintendent's Evaluation. The motion was seconded by Mr. James and carried unanimously. The Board moved into Executive Session at 6:42 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 Mr. James to return to open session. The motion carried unanimously and the Board returned to open session at 8:05 p.m. The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

## **6. BUSINESS**

Mr. DeFeo asked for a motion to add the colors for the Carolina Forest area middle school to the agenda as Business Item 6. C.

**Board Action:** A motion was made by Mr. James and seconded by Mr. Winters to amend the Business section of the agenda to add consideration of the change in the colors for Carolina Forest Middle School as a new Item C. The motion carried unanimously. The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

### **A. Superintendent Evaluation**

Mr. DeFeo stated that should the media or anyone desire a copy of any documents, please contact Teal Harding and she will give you access to or provide you with that information.

Mr. DeFeo read the following statement. The Board adopted a recommendation to rate the Superintendent highly effective, effective, or not effective. The Board will have a longer formal letter that will be released at a later date.

"Each year, the Horry County Board of Education provides an annual job performance review of the Superintendent based upon the expectations set forth in Board Governance and outlined by various areas of responsibility. The Board is pleased with the overall job performance and leadership of the Superintendent.

In review of the information provided by Dr. Maxey in compliance with our expectations, the Horry County Board of Education would like to state Dr. Maxey's job performance as Superintendent as Highly Effective. The Board feels the District is performing well and headed in the right direction under the leadership, character, and clear vision of Dr. Rick Maxey as Superintendent."

**Board Action:** Mr. James made a motion that the Board adopt the statement and commend Dr. Maxey for a job well done. The motion was seconded by Mr. Garland and carried unanimously. The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

Mr. DeFeo thanked Dr. Maxey for his service. Dr. Maxey expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to serve and is honored, privileged, and humbled to serve in this role.

**B. St. James Intermediate School Mascot Recommendation**

**Board Action:** A motion was made by Ms. Morreale and seconded by Ms. Timms to approve the New St. James-Area Intermediate School Ad-Hoc Naming Committee's recommendation to name the mascot for St. James Intermediate School as the Sharks. The motion carried unanimously. The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

**C. Consideration of Colors for the New Carolina Forest Area-Middle School**

**Board Action:** Mr. James stated that based upon the architect's presentation and the reasons why the architect recommends changing the palette of colors, which is primarily to ensure that we have the warranty associated with it so the colors will not fade, and the need to make a decision as soon as possible, Mr. James moved that we adopt the architect's recommendation. The motion was seconded by Ms. Heniford and carried unanimously. The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

**Change of Mascot for St. James Middle School and  
Consider Donation of Loris Education Center to the City of Loris**

The above two items were removed from the agenda during the Approval of Agenda vote earlier in the meeting.

**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. Home School Application(s);**
- C. Monitoring Report: OE-6 Financial Administration;**
- D. Monitoring Report: OE-8 Communicating with the Board; and**
- E. Monitoring Report: R-1 Literacy**

The motion was seconded by Ms. Heniford 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. Morreale to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 8:11 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: December 12, 2016



Board Performance Indicators - 6 Responses

11/21/16

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.

28 / 4.67

The majority of agenda items focus on our core purpose.

29 / 4.84

**Meetings**

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

27 / 4.50

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.

28 / 4.67

**Superintendent Relationship**

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

30 / 5.00

**Work / Policies**

Board decisions are based on thoughtful analysis of available information.

28 / 4.67

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.

27 / 4.50

**Comments:**

There were no comments.