

HORRY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES
BOARD WORK SESSION/SPECIAL-CALLED MEETING
District Office
November 7, 2016

The following persons were present:

Board of Education

Joe DeFeo, Chairman	Holly Heniford	Kathy Richardson
David Cox, Vice-Chair	Neil James	Sherrie Todd
Jeffrey Garland	Janice Morreale	Ray Winters
Janet Graham	John Poston	

Horry County Schools' Staff

Jeanna Allen	Melanie Gentzler	Boone Myrick
Velna Allen	Kristin Goetzman	Meg Quillen
Mary Anderson	Holly Jackson	Angela Rush
Gretchen Ayers	Kelly Johnson	April Scott
Terra Bodkins	Robin Jones	Judy Shelley
Edward Boyd	H. T. Lee	Rhonda Snowden
Daryl Brown	Ebony Livingston	Judy Stall
Joe Burch	Cindy Magrath	Diane Thompson
Carolyn Chestnut	Tammy Martin	Robbie Watkins
David Cupolo	Rick Maxey	Kristin Wilson
John Gardner	Natasha McDonald	Mark Wolfe
Kenny Generette	Paula Mullis	

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 7, 2016, AT 6:00 P.M. – CALL TO ORDER

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

A. Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. James offered the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. 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.

C. Approval of Minutes – October 24, 2016

Board Action: A motion was made by Ms. Graham and seconded by Ms. Morreale to approve the October 24, 2016, Board Meeting Minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously and the Minutes were approved. The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

Candidates for School Board

Mr. DeFeo asked if there was anyone who is running for the School Board who would like to introduce himself/herself to the audience. Ms. Shanda Allen, School Board Member Elect for District 11, introduced herself.

2. DISCUSSION

A. Monitoring Report: OE-6 Financial Administration

Mr. Gardner shared that a copy of the OE-6 Financial Administration Monitoring Report has been provided. He further stated that we believe we are in full compliance and evidence of such is included. Additionally, Mr. Gardner said he would like to focus on the fact that our last audit received an unmodified audit opinion, which is the highest opinion we could receive on a financial report. We expect to have the current financial report completed by the end of the month. The audit will be presented at the January 23rd Board meeting. The September 30th Financial Report was provided. Mr. Gardner offered to answer any questions regarding the Monitoring Report or the Financial Report.

B. Monitoring Report: OE-8 Communicating with the Board

Mr. Generette stated that OE-8 Communicating with the Board has been provided and offered to answer any questions.

Board Member, John Poston, joined the meeting at 6:04 p.m.

C. Monitoring Report: R-1 Literacy

Ms. Myrick shared that the Literacy Report, as well as data, has been provided and noted there is an error on the end of course testing slide. We will get that corrected. Ms. Myrick highlighted information from the Literacy Report and slides. Mr. James asked for a breakdown by school of the SC Ready ELA information.

D. Superintendent's Evaluation Process

Mr. DeFeo shared that Board members were provided an email with attachments earlier in the day. Board members were asked to review the information and let Mr. DeFeo know if you have questions or comments, or if questions for Dr. Maxey, you may contact him. Mr. DeFeo added that the Board will continue with the evaluation process.

E. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Maxey noted that tomorrow is Election Day and that South Carolina law prohibits holding a regular school day on Election Day, which is why this day was not used as a make-up day. Also, Dr. Maxey encouraged everyone to exercise their rights by voting tomorrow.

1) Recognition of HCS Employees – Hurricane Matthew Preparation and Recovery – Dr. Maxey shared that HCS employees did many things to make ready for Hurricane Matthew in terms of shelter preparation and recovery efforts. Our schools and the school system is very much a part of the Horry County community and we gladly step up and assist in a time of need. Earlier this afternoon, the Board members and Dr. Maxey had an opportunity to recognize our employees for the great job they did with helping out, and in many cases, left their own homes unattended, so they could do things for others. Dr. Maxey again shared how much our employees are appreciated and that our employees are our greatest asset. An appreciation meal was provided as a small token of that appreciation.

2) Extension of High School Football Season – Hurricane Matthew – The South Carolina High School League had to make some adjustments to fall season sports, to include football, for which the regular season was extended by two weeks. This Friday will now end the regular season, and one week from Friday, the playoffs will begin. The state championship games will be played on December 16 and 17, depending upon the classification.

3) Building Community – Carolina Forest High School – Carolina Forest High School is celebrating their 20th birthday. Dr. Maxey was recently invited to half-time to be acknowledged as one of the first principals of Carolina Forest High. The longest serving principal, Ms. Velna Allen, is in the audience. A homecoming parade was held, which is the first community-wide homecoming parade they have had to commemorate this special occasion. We congratulate them on their 20th year of existence.

3. SPECIAL-CALLED MEETING

Board Action: A motion was made by Mr. Cox and seconded by Ms. Morreale to open up a special-called meeting. The motion carried. The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

4. BUSINESS

A. Advisory Board Appointments

Board Action:

North Myrtle Beach Advisory Board

Ms. Heniford made a recommendation to appoint Chrisi Russ to the North Myrtle Beach Advisory Board for a one-year term. The recommendation was seconded by Mr. James and carried unanimously. The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

Myrtle Beach Advisory Board

Ms. Todd made a recommendation to appoint Nikki Godwin and Jennifer Martin to the Myrtle Beach Advisory Board, each for a one-year term. The recommendation was seconded by Mr. Winters and carried unanimously. The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

B. Recommendation for School Name and Colors for the New St. James Area Intermediate School

Board Action: A motion was made by Ms. Morreale to approve the recommendation of the St. James Area New Intermediate School Ad-Hoc Naming Committee to name the school, St. James Intermediate School, and for the school colors to be the same as St. James High. The motion was seconded by Ms. Richardson and carried unanimously. The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

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

- A. Personnel Recommendations as Required by Law
- B. Monitoring Report: OE-10 Instructional Program

- C. Monitoring Report: OE-13 Facilities Quarterly Report
- D. Monitoring Report: R-7 College and Career Readiness
- E. Monitoring Report: R-8 Perception of Stakeholders
- F. Education Fund Distribution – District 2
- G. Education Fund Distribution – District 5

The motion carried unanimously and the Consent Agenda items were approved as presented. The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Board Action: A motion was made by Ms. Todd and seconded by Ms. Graham to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 6:17 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: November 21, 2016

Board Performance Indicators - Responses

11/7/16

Date

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

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.

31 / 4.43

Meetings

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

30 / 4.29

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

30 / 4.29

Community

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

29 / 4.15

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

29 / 4.15

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

32 / 4.58

Superintendent Relationship

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

31 / 4.43

Work / Policies

Board decisions are based on thoughtful analysis of available information.

30 / 4.29

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

29 / 4.15

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

29 / 4.15

Comments:

There were no comments.