

HORRY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES – Board Meeting
District Office
November 24, 2014

The following persons were present:

Board of Education

Joe DeFeo, Chairman
David Cox
Harvey Eisner
Jeffrey Garland

Janet Graham
Neil James
Kay Loftus
Karen McIlrath

Janice Morreale
John Poston
Jimmy Washington

Horry County Schools Staff

Velna Allen
Cindy Ambrose
Mary Anderson
Bobbi Antonucci
Judy Beard
Robin Bowling
Edward Boyd
Daryl Brown
Dottie Brown
Paul Browning
Jeff Carland
Dena Chatfield
Carolyn Chestnut
Charles Conant
Brian Conary
Samantha Coy
Matt Dean
Kim Floyd

Diane Formhals
John Gardner
Kenny Generette
Buddy George
Bo Gorcesky
Melissa Graham
Roger Gray
Ann Hall
Teal Harding
Leann Hill
Robert Homer
Charles Hucks
Natalie Hunnell
Candace Lane
Mollie Laut
H.T. Lee
Cincy McGrath
Tammy Martin

Rick Maxey
Dennis McCrary
Natasha McDonald
Tanika McKissick
Zachary McQuigg
Boone Myrick
Scott O'Brien
Lucas Richardson
Buffy Roberts
Angela Rush
Heather Sheehan
Judy Stall
Jackie Stanley
Marcus Timmons
Vicki Underwood
Kristin Wilson

Opening November 24, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. - Call to Order

Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance - Socastee High School Air Force JROTC

Mr. Poston delivered the invocation. Socastee High School Air Force JROTC presented the colors and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda

Moved by Mr. Eisner, seconded by Mr. Garland, the agenda was unanimously approved.

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.

Approval of Minutes

Moved by Mr. Eisner, seconded by Mr. Washington, the minutes of the November 10 and November 17, 2014 meetings were unanimously approved.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Recognitions

Chairman DeFeo asked Vicki Underwood, Principal of Riverside Elementary to recognize Harvey Eisner of District 1 for his dedication and service to the Board. Principal Underwood commended Mr. Eisner for his commitment to the students of Horry County and North Myrtle Beach.

Discussion

Facilities Committee Update

Mr. James updated the Board on the Facilities meeting held earlier in the day. The Committee discussed delivery methods for construction projects, high energy performance standards, and a memorandum of understanding for sports tourism. The next meeting is scheduled for December 11th.

Financial Support for Lacrosse

Mrs. Morreale requested information regarding the amount of funding received as a result of Board action to assist with lacrosse start-up costs. Daryl Brown explained the research and process behind the funding amount.

Mrs. Morreale noted that generally start-up costs average \$20,000. It was decided that the staff would draft a recommendation regarding a funding source that would allow each school to receive a total of \$20,000. The item will be placed on the Finance Committee agenda for the December 10th meeting.

Allocation Formula

Mr. Gardner explained that the draft 2015-16 Allocation Formula in their packet will be discussed at the upcoming Finance/HR meeting on December 10th. Chairman DeFeo recommended that the Committees consider a class increase of one for 2015-16 and one for 2016-17, particularly in middle schools, as well as any other options.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Elsberry commended Mrs. McIlrath for receiving the Chairman's Award of the Grand Strand Technology Council for her work with robotics. The Superintendent then informed the Board that two blended learning presentations had been accepted for the SCSBA meeting in February.

Dr. Elsberry recognized St. James High School for Educators Day which was held during American Education Week. Several Board members as well as staff members and local media celebrities participated as teachers for the day. Janice Morreale and Chairman DeFeo both spoke of their experiences.

Lastly, Dr. Elsberry recognized Dena Chatfield, Director of Student Affairs, who was recently selected for the Woman's Leadership Institute at Furman University.

Executive Session for Consideration of Student Appeal and for Consideration of Interim Superintendent

Moved by Mr. Washington, seconded by Mrs. McIlrath, the Board unanimously approved entering executive session.

Moved by Mr. Eisner, seconded by Mrs. Graham, the Board unanimously approved re-entering regular session.

Business

Consider Action on Student Appeal

Mr. Eisner stated that based on the Board's consideration of the student appeal and its record, he moved to overturn the Appeal Board decision and uphold the hearing officer's original decision to assign this student to the alternative school program until the end of the third quarter. The motion was seconded by Janet Graham and all voted in favor.

Consider Action Regarding an Interim Superintendent

Mr. James moved that Dr. Rick Maxey be appointed Interim Superintendent effective January 1, 2015. The Board asks that Dr. Maxey work closely with Dr. Elsberry to ensure a smooth transition in leadership. Dr. Maxey will serve at the pleasure of the Board with all powers conferred to a superintendent by South Carolina state law, State Board of Education, and Horry County Schools District Policies. The motion was seconded by Mr. Poston, the motion passed with Mr. Eisner and Mr. Washington abstaining.

Consent Agenda (Personnel Recommendations as Required by Law; Education Fund Distribution for District 7; and Education Fund Distribution for the Chairman)

Approval of the Consent Agenda was moved by Mr. James, seconded by Mr. Poston and unanimously approved.

Mr. Eisner spoke briefly, thanking the District for the privilege of serving in this capacity for the past eight years.

8. Adjournment

Moved by Mr. James, seconded by Mr. Washington, the Board unanimously approved adjournment at 6:57 pm.