

**HORRY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
***MINUTES – Board Meeting***  
***District Office***  
**August 25, 2014**

The following persons were present:

**Board of Education**

Joe DeFeo, Chairman	Janet Graham	John Poston
David Cox	Neil James	Pam Timms
Harvey Eisner	Karen McIlrath	Jimmy Washington
Jeffrey Garland	Janice Morreale	

**Horry County Schools Staff**

Velna Allen	John Gardner	Beverly Pilkey
Cindy Ambrose	Kenneth Generette	Rich Reyes
Mary Anderson	Roger Gray	Sandy Reyes
Bobbi Antonucci	Ben Hardee	Lucas Richardson
David Beaty	Leann Hill	Barbara Schlidt
Edward Boyd	Traci Hogan	Donna Slatterley
Teal Britton	Robert Homer	Judy Stall
Daryl Brown	Charles Hucks	Jacqueline Stanley
Dottie Brown	Robin Jones	David Stoudenmire
John Cahill	James LaPier	Addie Swinney
Dena Chatfield	Mollie Laut	Diane Thompson
Carolyn Chestnut	HT Lee	Tammy Trulove
Edi Cox	Rick Maxey	Kristin Wilson
Matt Dean	Dawn McKinney	Mark Wolfe
Laura Farmer	Boone Myrick	

**Call to Order**

Chairman Defeo called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Pam Timms asked for a moment of silence for Carolyn Maddock a teacher from Socastee that passed away. Ms. Timms then delivered the invocation. The Carolina Forest Navy JROTC presented the colors and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman DeFeo recognized Ray Winters candidate for District 3 in the audience. The Board members seeking reelection then introduced themselves: Jimmy Washington, District 3; Pam Timms, District 6; Neil James, District 10; and Janet Graham, District 7.

## **Approval of Agenda**

Chairman DeFeo noted that the Executive Session scheduled for the end of the meeting and the Conceptual Design Business item need to be removed. Mr. Washington moved that the agenda be accepted with those changes, Mr. Garland seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the revised agenda.

*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. Poston, seconded by Mr. Washington, the Board unanimously approved the revised July 28, 2014 minutes and the August 11, 2014 minutes.

## **2. Public Comments**

Patricia Milley was called to speak. Mrs. Milley expressed concern over the busy schedule of young children.

Andrew Kemp was called to speak. Mr. Kemp expressed concern with bid procedures and recognition of local preference.

Lynn Petrick was called to speak. Mrs. Petrick explained the nurse and aide needs for her daughter who attends St. James Middle School. Mrs. Petrick is concerned that the recent staffing changes made are not sufficient.

## **Recognitions**

Chairman DeFeo congratulated Board Members Jeffrey Garland, Janice Morreale and Jimmy Washington on reaching a new level with the South Carolina School Boards Association Boardsmanship Institute. Mr. Garland and Mrs. Morreale achieved Level 3 and Mr. Washington achieved Level 2.

## **Discussion**

### **September Retreat**

Chairman DeFeo informed the Board that the retreat date of September 29<sup>th</sup> needs to be rescheduled. The Board agreed to communicate after the meeting to establish a mutually agreeable date.

## **Conceptual Design Presentations**

Mark Wolfe spoke briefly, thanking the Steering Committee for the dedication given over the past few months. Mr. Bradley of SHW then detailed the process and plans recommended by the Steering Committee. Mr. James asked for a hard copy map to see the delineation between polished concrete and carpet tiles. Mr. Bradley responded that there is a plan that depicts this with more clarity.

## **Superintendent Report**

The Superintendent reported to the Board on first week of school. Dr. Elsberry informed the Board that there are currently only 11 teacher vacancies; there were some transportation issues that will be worked out by Thursday; the Socastee area had delays due to construction on 707; the schools in North Myrtle Beach and Conway Middle School were ready for the start of school even though work on those schools is not complete; excessive heat the first few days exacerbated any typical HVAC problems; and although enrollment numbers are too fluid to report on, we seem to be within 26 students of our predictions.

## **Executive Session for Discussion of Personnel Matter and Negotiations Pertaining to the Purchase of Property**

Moved by Mr. Garland and seconded by Mr. James the Board unanimously approved entering executive session at 7:00 pm.

## **Business**

Moved by Mr. Washington, seconded by Mr. Poston, the Board re-entered regular session.

## **Consideration of Employee Grievance Appeal**

Mr. James recused himself from the discussion and vote related to the Employee Grievance Appeal. Mr. Eisner motioned not to grant the Employee Grievance Appeal request for a hearing before the Board, based on the written appeal and documentation related to the dismissal recommendation. Mr. Washington seconded the motion, all members voted to deny the appeal, with Mr. James recused.

## **Consider Ratification of Contract for Purchase of Property**

Mr. James moved to approve the ratification of agreements to buy and sell two (2) properties owned by International Paper Realty Corporation; one property containing 29.98 acres, for \$900,000 located off Canada Road; and one property containing 21.09 acres for \$610,000, located off Carolina Forest Boulevard. Seconded by Mr. Cox, all voted in favor.

## **Advisory Boards**

Chairman DeFeo called for Advisory Board appointments. Mr. Eisner moved to reappoint Sonja McIntyre, Juliet Casper, Edward Robinson and Michael Scott as members and Renee Hembree

as a community member on the North Myrtle Beach Advisory Board. Seconded by Mrs. McIlrath, all voted in favor.

Mr. Washington moved to appoint Nicole Goings to the Myrtle Beach Advisory Board. Seconded by Mrs. McIlrath, all voted in favor.

Mr. Poston moved to remove one seat from the Carolina Forest Advisory Board to leave eight seats, which aligns with the number of schools in the attendance area. Seconded Mrs. Graham, all voted in favor.

### **Board Governance - Chairman DeFeo**

Chairman DeFeo reviewed for the Board that changes discussed during the Committee of the Whole on June 30<sup>th</sup> have been made to the document as currently presented. Specifically, a change has been made to the distribution timeframe for the \$7,500 education fund allocated to each member for special projects related to education.

Mr. James motioned to remove page 20, Governance Cost 10, #4 for a separate vote. Mr. Washington seconded the motion. Mr. Poston made a call for the question. Chairman DeFeo called for an immediate vote on Mr. James' motion. Unanimously the Board voted to remove #4 of Governance Cost 10 found on page 20 from the presented Board Governance document for a separate vote.

Chairman DeFeo then called for discussion on the remainder of the document with proposed changes. Both he and Mrs. Graham spoke in favor of the \$7,500 education fund. Mr. James stated his opposition to the fund, noting that there are procedures in place to identify and address projects in a timely manner. He further stated that District 10 has so many schools that distributing the funds evenly would make it difficult to have a significant impact at any school. Mr. Eisner agreed with Mr. James.

Mrs. Graham moved to approve the \$7,500 education fund allocated to each member for special projects related to education. Mrs. McIlrath seconded the motion. Motion passed with Mr. Poston, Mr. James and Mr. Eisner voting in opposition.

Mr. Cox moved to approve the Board Governance Policies as presented. Mr. Washington seconded the motion. Chairman DeFeo opened the floor for discussion. Mr. James noted that questions he raised on June 30<sup>th</sup> have been clarified or corrected. Mrs. McIlrath noted that a word was missing under "Other Academic Disciplines" on page 54. Dr. Elsberry clarified the missing word is "curriculum" and the error would be corrected.

Chairman DeFeo called for a vote on the proposed motion to accept the Board Governance Policies as presented, with the addition of the word "curriculum" on page 54 as discussed. Motion passed with Mr. James, Mr. Poston and Mr. Eisner voting against.

### **Committee Appointments - Chairman DeFeo**

Chairman DeFeo listed the committee appointments as:

<u><b>Finance Committee</b></u>	<u><b>Facilities Committee</b></u>	<u><b>Human Resources Committee</b></u>
John Poston, Chair	Neil James, Chair	Janice Morreale, Chair
Jeffrey Garland	Harvey Eisner	David Cox
Janet Graham	Kay Loftus	Pam Timms
	Karen McIlrath	Jimmy Washington

**Consider the Addition of Varsity Lacrosse as a SCHSL-Sanctioned Sport for the 2014-15 School Year at Carolina Forest High School, Myrtle Beach High School, and St. James High School - Daryl Brown**

Mr. Brown reviewed the proposed addition of lacrosse as presented at the last meeting. Mr. Eisner moved to approve the addition of varsity lacrosse as a SCHSL-sanctioned sport for the 2014-15 school year at Carolina Forest High School, Myrtle Beach High School, and St. James High School. Mrs. McIlrath seconded, all voted in favor.

**Consent Agenda**

Mr. James moved to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Mr. Garland, all voted in favor. (Personnel Recommendations as Required by Law; Operational Expectations 2 - Emergency Superintendent Succession; and Homeschooling Approval for four students)

**Adjournment**

Moved by Mr. James, seconded by Ms. Timms, the board unanimously approved to adjourn.

*Respectfully submitted:*

**Leann Hill**

**Executive Assistant to the Superintendent and Board  
of Education**

**Approved:**