

HORRY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES – Board Meeting

District Office

October 28, 2013

The following persons were present:

Board Members:

Joe DeFeo
Harvey Eisner
Jeffrey Garland
Janet Graham

Neil James
Kay Loftus
Karen McIlrath
Janice Morreale

John Poston
Jimmy Washington

Superintendent:

Cindy Elsberry

District Office Staff:

Velna Allen
Edward Boyd
Teal Britton
Daryl Brown
Dottie Brown
Carolyn Chestnut
Laura Farmer
Wanda Fulwood

Kenny Generette
Buddy George
Ben Hardee
Traci Hogan
Charles Hucks
Rick Maxey
Boone Myrick
Bert Owen

Beverly Pilkey
Jeff Riddle
Judy Shelley
Judy Stall
Addie Swinney
Tammy Trulove

Media:

Heather Gale, Horry Independent

Opening – The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Jimmy Washington offered the invocation and the North Myrtle Beach High School Navy JROTC presented the US flag and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Board members introduced themselves.

Agenda

ACTION: Mr. James moved that the agenda be approved as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Washington and was approved unanimously.

Minutes

ACTION: Upon motion by Mr. Eisner, second by Mrs. Loftus, the October 21, 2013 board work session minutes were approved as presented.

Public Comments

- There were no public comments.

Discussion

- Superintendent's Report – Dr. Elsberry presented a report on Connected Educator Month, which is aimed at broadening educators' participation in online learning networks.

Business

- Consideration of Approval of Comprehensive Facility Plan—OE-13 Revisions

ACTION: Upon motion by Mr. Eisner, second by Mr. Washington, the proposed revisions to OE-13 were unanimously approved.

- Consent Agenda

ACTION: Upon motion by Mr. Poston, second by Mr. James, the following Consent Agenda items were unanimously approved.

- A. Consideration of Approval of Facility Usage Fees
- B. Monitoring Report Results 7: College and Career Readiness
- C. Monitoring Report Operational Expectations 10: Instructional Program
- D. Budget Adjustment for Charter Schools
- E. Personnel Recommendations as Required by Law

Executive Session

ACTION: At 6:08 p.m., upon motion by Mrs. Loftus, second by Mr. Garland, the Board reconvened (after a short break) in Executive Session for the discussion of the superintendent's evaluation.

Open Session

ACTION: At 6:58 p.m., upon motion by Mrs. Loftus, second by Mr. Garland, the Board reconvened in Open Session.

Business

- Superintendent's Evaluation

ACTION: Upon motion by Mr. Eisner, second by Mr. Garland, the Board approved the following public statement regarding the superintendent's annual evaluation.

At its meeting on October 28, 2013, the Horry County School District Board of Education met in Executive Session to conduct the annual evaluation of its Superintendent, Dr. Cindy Elsberry. This process is required annually by the Board's employment contract with Dr. Elsberry.

The Board is pleased to report that Dr. Elsberry received an overall exceptional performance evaluation based on another outstanding year.

In terms of overall performance, the 2012-13 school year was one of the most successful in District history. The graduating class of 2013 established a record-high \$50.2 million scholarship total. On the heels of that announcement, the State awarded Horry County Schools the highest rating of any countywide school district on the ESEA federal accountability. PASS, HSAP, and End-of-Course scores continued to top the state average in all areas, and the majority of tested grades and content areas saw gains from the prior year. College entrance exam scores had historic performance, with ACT showing all-time record scores for all tested areas as well as the composite score. ACT also had the largest one-year improvement ever, and is just 0.1 point below the national average. SAT scores had the highest composite average, the highest average on each of the tested areas, the largest one-year gain, and topped the national average by a stunning 14 points.

As a result of Dr. Elsberry's overall exceptional evaluation, the Board is voting during public session to extend Dr. Elsberry's contract by one year, or through June 30, 2017.

Adjournment

ACTION: At 7:06 p.m., upon motion by Mrs. McIlrath, second by Mr. Washington, the meeting was adjourned.

Wanda J. Fulwood
Exec. Asst. to the Board and Superintendent

Approved: _____

