

HORRY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES – Board Work Session/Special Called Meeting
District Office
September 16, 2013

The following persons were present:

Board Members:

Joe DeFeo
Harvey Eisner
Jeffrey Garland

Janet Graham
Jimmy Washington
Kay Loftus
Karen McIlrath

Janice Morreale
John Poston
Pam Timms

Superintendent:

Cindy Elsberry

District Office Staff:

Velna Allen
Cindy Ambrose
Mary Anderson
Edward Boyd
Teal Britton
Daryl Brown
Dottie Brown
Carolyn Chestnut
Edi Cox
Matt Dean

Laura Farmer
Wanda Fulwood
John Gardner
Kenny Generette
Roger Gray
Ben Hardee
Traci Hogan
Charles Hucks
Mollie Laut
HT Lee

Rick Maxey
Boone Myrick
Beverly Pilkey
Lucas Richardson
Jeff Riddle
Angela Rush
Addie Swinney
Olga Toggas

Principals:

Dennis Devorick
Gaye Driggers
Steven Fitch
Kandi Fleming-Jones
Dirk Gurley

Robin Jones
Janet Lawrence-Patten
Norman McQueen
Andrea Parsons
Ben Prince

David Stoudenmire
Trevor Strawderman
John Washburn

Media:

Heather Gale, Horry Independent
Vicki Grooms, Sun News

Others:

Opening – The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. Invocation was offered by Mr. John Poston and he led the Pledge of Allegiance. Board members introduced themselves.

Agenda

ACTION: *Mr. Eisner moved that the agenda be approved with the following revisions:*

- *Remove Item 2.B. Monitoring Report R-8*
- *Add Special Called Meeting after the Discussion items.*
- *Remove “Discussion of Safety and Security” from Executive Session.*
- *Combine two Executive Sessions to take place after the special called meeting.*

The motion was seconded by Ms. Timms and was approved unanimously.

Public Comments – The following individuals addressed the Board:

- Bobby Chandler – Professional and political consideration of teachers
- Colleen Mills – Realignment of Carolina Forest attendance areas

Discussion

- National Honor Society – A discussion took place regarding the National Honor Society and the requirements for each school's chapter. It was stated that the required GPA varies at each school, as different schools have different offerings and opportunities. Mr. DeFeo asked for an explanation of weighted grades. Information was provided by Ruthie Warren (Carolina Forest High School), Jessica Spearman (Conway High School), Danny McPherson (Loris High School), and Janet Lawrence-Patten (Aynor High School). Mr. DeFeo stated at the next meeting, the Board would assign a committee or have further discussion on the issue.
- SCSBA Delegate Assembly – At the SCSBA's annual business meeting, scheduled for the weekend of December 6-8, the district will have 13 votes. The Board Chair asked for a count of board members attending the meeting, and the votes were disbursed as follows:
 - Harvey Eisner – 2 votes*
 - Jeffrey Garland – 2 votes*
 - Karen McIlrath – 2 votes*
 - Janice Morreale – 2 votes*
 - Kay Loftus – 3 votes*

*Note: At one time it looked as if four board members indicated their plans to attend, thus receiving 3 votes each and one person with 4 votes; however, upon viewing the video, it was clear that five board members planned to attend.
- General Fund Reconciliation – Mr. Jeff Riddle provided an update. He stated that although the comprehensive final financial report has not been completed, the administration is in a position to predict the status of the fund balance for the General Fund as of June 30, 2013. During the budget deliberation process, it was projected that the undesignated and unreserved fund balance as of June 30, 2013 would be approximately \$15.6 million above the 15% minimum fund balance as mandated by the Board. Based on revenues recorded and expenditures paid as of this date, the actual undesignated and unreserved fund balance is expected to be \$17.1 million. These funds are available for future Board initiatives. The positive financial position is due to the district's revenues exceeding projections and expenditures being less than was anticipated during budget development. Budget managers also assisted the district in monitoring expenditures resulting in savings in operational costs.
- Facility Usage Fees – Board members were provided a listing of the district's athletic facility rates as well as a report on the athletic expenditures for athletic programs. Board members stated that the purpose in having discussion on this subject is to be sure we have a more accountable system while not cutting off support of athletic booster clubs.
- Superintendent's Evaluation Process – Mr. DeFeo referenced the September 11 memorandum regarding the evaluation process.
- Superintendent's Report
 - Enrollment Figures, Adjustments
 - Principal for a Day – October 8
 - Robotics Update – Mr. Ben Hardee provided a report.

Committee of the Whole

- **Short-term Capital Plan**
ACTION: Upon motion by Mr. Eisner, second by Mrs. McIlrath, the Board unanimously approved putting the following items on an upcoming business agenda for consideration:
 - **Replacement of Socastee Elementary School**
 - **Replacement of Myrtle Beach Intermediate School**
 - **Addition to Seaside Elementary School**
 - **Addition to North Myrtle Beach Middle School**

- *Addition to Midland Elementary School*
- *Consideration of addition to either Forestbrook Middle School or St. James Middle School*
- *Replacement of Horry County Education Center*

Special Called Meeting

ACTION: At 8:10 p.m., the special called meeting was called to order.

- Consideration of Approval of RTT-D Grant Application

ACTION: Upon motion by Mr. Eisner, second by Mrs. Loftus, the Board unanimously approved the Race to the Top Grant Application.

Executive Session

ACTION: At 8:15 p.m., upon motion by Mrs. Loftus, second by Mr. Washington, the Board reconvened in Executive Session for the discussion of negotiations regarding proposed purchase of property and discussion of negotiations incident to a proposed contractual arrangement.

Open Session

ACTION: At 9:39 p.m., upon motion by Mr. Washington, second by Mr. Poston, the Board reconvened in Open Session.

Adjournment

ACTION: At 9:40 p.m., the meeting was adjourned.

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

Approved: September 30, 2013