

**HORRY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**MINUTES**

**BOARD MEETING**

**March 18, 2019**

**District Office**

**335 Four Mile Road**

**Conway, SC 29526**

**Board of Education**

Ken Richardson    Neil James  
John Poston        Ray Winters  
Chris Hardwick    Shanda Allen  
David Cox          Sherrie Todd  
Holly Heniford    Helen Smith  
Janice Morreale

**Horry County Schools' Staff**

Velna Allen, Mary J. Anderson, Gretchen Ayers, David Beaty, Emily Borello, Daryl Brown, Joe Burch, Edi Cox, John Gardner, Leann Hill, Samantha House, Sandra Jans, Billy Jones, Candace Lane, Lou Layton, Rick Maxey, Michael McCracken, Anna McDowell, Macy Makolajcsyk, Boone Myrick, Heidi Oates, Mariah Reiss, April Scott, Scott Scrivner, Steph Shirley, John Washburn, Kristin Wilson, Mark Wolfe

**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 AND CALL TO ORDER**

Board Chair Richardson called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

**a. Invocation**

Ms. Allen offered the invocation.

**b. Presentation of Colors, Socastee High School Air Force JROTC**

**c. Approval of Agenda**

Prior to approval of the agenda, Mr. Richardson asked Board members to introduce themselves and indicate the areas they represent. A motion was made to amend and approve the agenda. Mr. Poston moved to strike Executive Session, Item A, "Discussion of Personnel Recommendation" from the agenda.

**Moved By:** Mr. Poston

**Seconded By:** Ms. Allen

The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

**Board Action: Carried Unanimously**

**d. Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made to approve the March 4, 2019, minutes as presented.

**Moved By:** Mr. Winters

**Seconded By:** Mr. James

The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

**Board Action: Carried Unanimously**

**2. RECOGNITIONS**

**a. 2019 3A State Champion Wrestler: Drake Carroll, Aynor High School**

Drake Carroll, 2019 3A State Champion Wrestler, from Aynor High School was recognized and congratulated by the Board.

**b. 2019 S.C. Poetry Out Loud Winner: Brynne Hardman, Academy of Arts, Science & Technology/North Myrtle Beach High School**

Brynne Hardman, 2019 S.C. Poetry Out Loud Winner, from Arts, Science & Technology/North Myrtle Beach High was recognized and congratulated by the Board.

**c. South Carolina Council for Social Studies State Award Winners: Samantha House and Stephanie Shirley, St. James Middle School**

Samantha House and Stephanie Shirley, South Carolina Council for Social Studies State Award Winners, from St. James High School were recognized and congratulated by the Board.

### 3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- Jennifer Jackson addressed the Board on the topic of ABA Therapy.
- Colleen Mills addressed the Board on the topic of Carolina Forest High School building conditions.
- Donnie Patterson addressed the Board on the recent indoor air quality testing of St. James Elementary School.
- Jared Smith requested to speak on the topic of St. James Elementary building conditions. He did not come forward when called.
- Renee Faunce requested to speak on the topic of ABA Therapy. She did not come forward when called.
- David Warner addressed the Board on the topic of ABA Therapy.
- Will Taylor addressed the Board by reading Mr. Donnie Patterson's credentials.
- Natalia Merolle addressed the Board on the topic of ABA Therapy.

### 4. **DISCUSSION**

#### a. **Facilities Committee Report - Mr. James**

Mr. James reported that there were updates on four items and discussion of four items during the Facilities Committee meeting which was held earlier this afternoon.

The first update was the HCEC solicitations that have been returned. Facilities estimates approximately two months before the final determination can be made and the contract awarded. Mr. James anticipated this item being brought before the Board in June of 2019 for consideration. Pending Board approval, construction would begin within one year with the hopes of occupying the facility in summer of 2021.

The second item was the North Myrtle Beach High School property acquired by HCS. On March 5th, 2019, a meeting was held by the Horry County Planning and Zoning Commission. There are currently two parcels of land at this location and the Horry County Planning and Zoning Commission are recommending the combination of those parcels. Mr. James noted this process has begun and remarked he hoped within the month this would be complete so we could proceed with demolition of the facility and clearing of some of the trees.

The third item was the update on the St. James Elementary Indoor Air Quality report that was previously shared with Board members by Dr. Maxey. The report pertained to the most recent tests conducted at St. James Elementary School.

The final update was on the Conway High School tennis courts and the possible partnership with the City of Conway. Mr. James noted Mr. Burch and Mr. Wolfe have met with the representatives of the City of Conway. The City proposed that the courts be located at Collins Park in Conway. Mr. James noted this was

different than what was previously considered. The City of Conway is proposing a cost of \$400,000 and hoping to partner with HCS. Mr. James remarked it would be developed in three phases. The first phase would be the addition of two courts for a total of six. The second phase would be demolishing existing structures for placement of additional tennis courts. The third phase would be the addition of the courts once the demolition was complete. Mr. James noted there needed to be a determination from Conway High School to determine the impact the location of Collins Park would have. Mr. James remarked we were proceeding with the evaluation of the retrofitting of the Conway High School tennis courts to provide us with an idea of the total potential costs.

Once the discussion of the updates was complete, the Facilities Committee then discussed four new items. The first item discussed was the property HCS deeded to the Aynor-Gallivants Ferry Cultural Heritage Foundation. The property was the old agricultural building at Aynor High School. Mr. James noted that it was written into that deed that if the foundation ceased to exist, the property would revert back to HCS. The Foundation is in the process of dissolving. Mr. James stated the Facilities Department had been asked to come back to the next Committee meeting with a plan of what to do with that building.

The next item was discussion of a possible location for the new Horry County Education Center. The recommendation from staff was that it be located adjacent to the District Office on Four Mile Road on the property owned by HCS. This received the full Facilities Committee approval, and Mr. James asked this be placed on the next Board agenda for discussion and then considered as a business item at the following meeting.

The third item was a permanent location for the science kits/transportation/records area. There was discussion of finding a permanent home for these departments. We are currently using space at HGTC on their Grand Strand Campus, but HGTC is looking to use that space in April of 2020. Mr. James noted that staff had been asked to come up with building requirements. Once that information is provided, then the Board can decide where it needs to be located.

The last item discussed was the old warehouse located beside Conway High School. This building was the old records center and is in a current state of disrepair. A motion was made and approved by the Facilities Committee to demolish the old warehouse. Mr. James recommended bringing this item to the Board for discussion at the next meeting and then considered as a business item at the following meeting.

- b. Request the S.C. Legislature to Forgive School Days Missed Due to Hurricane Florence - Mr. Brown**

After the District made up three days missed due to Hurricane Florence and the subsequent flooding (October 8<sup>th</sup>, November 21<sup>st</sup>, and December 19<sup>th</sup>), the Horry County Board of Education waived an additional three days (September 11, 12, and 13, 2018) by unanimous vote. Following that action, the Board voted unanimously to request the State Board of Education to forgive three days (September 14, 17, and 18, 2018). Administration is asking the Board to request a waiver of the remaining three days (September 19, 20, and 21, 2018) from the South Carolina Legislature. This request will come before the Board as a business item at the April 8, 2019, meeting.

**c. Consideration to Issue 2019-2020 Contracts to ESOL Teachers Utilizing Undesignated Fund Balance - Ms. Anderson**

The administration recommended that the Board authorize the utilization of Unassigned General Fund - Fund Balance in the amount of \$554,666 in order to post and hire seven ESOL teaching positions pending the approval of the 2019-20 budget. Mr. James remarked that when reviewing the budget, there was a line item for ESOL for roughly \$555,000. He asked if this was the same item, and Mr. Gardner affirmed that is the case.

**d. 2019-2020 Budget Update - Mr. Gardner**

Mr. Gardner provided two handouts and discussed the results regarding the 2019-2020 Budget Update. Mr. Gardner stated there is a new concept in State funding that is referred to as State Aid to Classrooms. This proposal combines items such as the current EFA and employer fringe benefits and allocates them on a modified EFA funding methodology. Mr. Gardner noted there would be an additional loss of \$600,000 for technology if this model is used.

Mr. Gardner reviewed the spreadsheets and noted the State is proposing to raise teachers' salaries 4%. He also mentioned that the State Aid to Classrooms funding is actually \$18 dollar less per student than the amount the District is currently receiving. One thing that HCS is required to do is add a teacher step to the salary schedule. Currently, there is no funding provided for that. Mr. Gardner noted that there are discussions in other districts on how to fund that step increase. Mr. Gardner stated we are expecting to receive \$16.4 million in new revenue next year. Mr. Gardner stated he was cautiously optimistic that we will receive some additional funding from the State as the budget passes through the Senate. Mr. Gardner discussed the \$13,308,000 expenditure deficit and shared a general fund recap using the handout. Ms. Morreale asked if the State Aid to Classrooms is going to come every year. Mr. Gardner stated it that it is recurring revenue.

**e. Textbook Adoption - Ms. Myrick**

Ms. Myrick informed the Board of two subject areas that are up for textbook adoptions for the upcoming year. The subjects are career and technical

education and high school math. The Instructional Materials Division of the State Department of Education anticipates allocations to fund fully the subject areas up for adoption in the 2019-2020 school year. Selected materials will be placed in schools beginning August 2019. All materials for this adoption went through the state public review process prior to consideration. The District adoption committee was comprised of teachers, administrators, ESOL teachers, and a parent. School-level representatives were instructed to vote based on input from all appropriate teachers in their schools. Based on the recommendations of the District adoption committees, the following instructional materials have been selected for use beginning August 2019:

**Advanced Placement Computer Science A:** *Introduction to Java™ Programming*, AP® Edition, 10th Edition Pearson Education/ Prentice Hall

**AP Computer Science Principles:** *UTeach Computer Science Principles*, The University of Austin-UTeach Science Program

**Exploring Computer Science:** *Exploring Computer Science for South Carolina*, 1st Edition, National Geographic Learning/Cengage

**Computer Programming:** *Java™ Programming*, 9th Edition National Geographic Learning/ Cengage

**Algebra 1 CP/Honors:** *enVision AGA: South Carolina enVision™ Algebra 1*, Pearson Education/Prentice Hall

**Algebra 2 CP/Honors:** *enVision AGA: South Carolina enVision™ Algebra 2*, Pearson Education/Prentice Hall

## 5. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

### a. **Principal-for-a-Day**

Dr. Maxey remarked that the annual Principal-for-a-Day event was a wonderful day for Horry County Schools. This special event, which has been scheduled each fall for several years, had to be postponed this year due to Hurricane Florence. The District hosted a breakfast on Wednesday morning and provided Principal-for-a-Day participants a chance to describe their experiences in their respective schools. Dr. Maxey shared video highlighting several stakeholders and their positive remarks. Dr. Maxey offered his appreciation for the many business and community stakeholders who took time out of their busy schedules to learn more about Horry County Schools.

**b. 10th Annual HCS Tech Fair - Myrtle Beach Convention Center, April 10, 2019, 10:00 AM - 3:30 PM**

Dr. Maxey invited everyone to attend the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual HCS Tech Fair, at the Myrtle Beach Convention Center, on April 10, 2019, from 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM. Dr. Maxey also shared a video highlighting past Tech Fair events.

**6. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A motion was made to move into Executive Session. Mr. Poston recused himself from Item 6.B., "Discussion of Proposed Sale/Purchase Property."

**Moved By:** Mr. James

**Seconded By:** Ms. Heniford

The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

**Board Action: Carried Unanimously**

- a. ~~Discussion of Personnel Recommendation~~ (Removed by agenda amendment)
- b. **Discussion of Proposed Sale/Purchase of Property**
- c. **Consideration of Student Appeals**
  - 1. **Student A**
  - 2. **Student B**
  - 3. **Student C**

A motion was made to adjourn the Executive Session at 8:00 PM. It should be noted that no votes were taken in Executive Session.

**Moved By:** Mr. Hardwick

**Seconded By:** Ms. Allen

**Board Action: Carried Unanimously**

**7. BUSINESS**

**a. Consideration of Proposed Sale/Purchase of Property - Mr. Brown**

Mr. Brown addressed the Board to ask for consideration in purchasing 39.3 acres of property on the George Bishop Parkway for the purpose of constructing a future regional bus lot.

**Moved By:** Mr. Cox  
**Seconded By:** Mr. Hardwick

**Board Action: Carried Unanimously**

**b. Consideration of Student Appeals**

**1. Student A**

Mr. James made a motion to uphold the Appeals Board's decision to expel Student A through the fourth quarter of the 2018-2019 school year.

**Moved By:** Mr. James  
**Seconded By:** Mr. Hardwick

**Board Action: Carried Unanimously**

**2. Student B**

Mr. James made a motion to uphold the Appeals Board's decision to expel Student B through the third quarter, March 28, 2019, of the 2018-2019 school year.

**Moved By:** Mr. James  
**Seconded By:** Mr. Hardwick

**Board Action: Carried Unanimously**

**3. Student C**

Mr. James made a motion to reverse the Appeals Board's decision and move forward to expel Student C through the fourth quarter of the 2018-2019 school year.

**Moved By:** Mr. James  
**Seconded By:** Mr. Hardwick

**Board Action: Carried Unanimously**

**c. Naming of Field E in Myrtle Beach - Mrs. Todd**

A request was made by Ms. Sherrie Todd at the February 18, 2019, Facilities Committee Meeting, to request the full Board to consider renaming Myrtle Beach High School's "E" field as the Lawrence Jones Memorial Field. Mrs. Todd recommends this action based on his dedication to the athletes of Myrtle Beach. Mrs. Todd discussed her proposal with members of the Myrtle Beach Area Advisory Board on February 18, 2019, and the members were in support of



her proposal. The item was on the March 4, 2019, Board agenda as a discussion item.

Mr. Lawrence Jones began coaching in 1972 and continued until his passing in January. He coached hundreds of kids in the area, including the softball team at Myrtle Beach High School. Mr. Jones was also instrumental in the development of the area's sports tourism industry.

A motion was made to authorize the renaming field "E" at Myrtle Beach High School the Lawrence Jones Memorial Field.

**Moved By:** Ms. Smith

**Seconded By:** Ms. Allen

**Board Action: Carried Unanimously**

**d. Consideration of 2019-2020 Courses for Honors Weighting - Ms. Myrick**

A motion was made to assign honors weighting to previously identified STEM courses currently offered for CP credit and new courses during the 2019-2020 school year.

**Moved By:** Mr. Poston

**Seconded By:** Mr. James

**Board Action: Carried Unanimously**

**e. Utilization of Undesignated Reserve Fund to Hire Additional ESOL Teachers - Ms. Anderson**

A motion was made to authorize the use of undesignated funds to hire seven additional ESOL teachers for the upcoming 2019-20 school year.

**Moved By:** Mr. Cox

**Seconded By:** Ms. Smith

**Board Action: Carried Unanimously**

**8. CONSENT AGENDA**

A motion was made to approve the Consent Agenda items as presented.

**Moved By:** Mr. Winters

**Seconded By:** Ms. Heniford

The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

**Board Action: Carried Unanimously**

- a. **Personnel Recommendations As Required by Law**
- b. **Monitoring Report: R-5 Other Academic Disciplines**
- c. **Monitoring Report: OE-1 Global Operational Expectations**
- d. **Education Allocation Fund - District 5**
- e. **Education Allocation Fund - District 6**
- f. **Education Allocation Fund - District 2**
- g. **Education Allocation Fund - District 3**

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made to adjourn at 8:09 PM.

**Moved By:** Mr. Cox

**Seconded By:** Ms. Smith

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting.

**Board Action: Carried Unanimously**

- a. **Technology Committee Meeting - April 8, 2019, 4:00 PM, District Office, Room C-300**
- b. **Board Work Session - April 8, 2019, 6:00 PM, District Office**

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi Oates

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Executive Assistant to the Superintendent and Horry County Board of Education

APPROVED BY BOARD: 4/8/19