

**HORRY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**MINUTES**

**BOARD MEETING**

**August 19, 2019  
District Office  
335 Four Mile Road  
Conway, SC 29526**

**Board of Education**

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

**Horry County Schools Staff**

Velna Allen, Mary J. Anderson, Emily Borello, Lisa Bourcier, Teal Britton, Daryl Brown, Edi Cox, Natalie DuRant, Diane Formahls, John Gardner, Kenny Generette, Mark Koll, HT Lee, Cindy Magrath, Rick Maxey, Natasha McDonald, Anna McDowell, Boone Myrick, CeCe Nance, Heidi Oates, Leslie Pearre, Mark Porter, Lucas Richardson, April Scott, Scott Scrivner, John Washburn, Melissa Westbury, Michael Wheeler, 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 - August 19, 2019 - 6:00 PM - CALL TO ORDER**

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

**a. Invocation**

Ms. Todd offered the invocation.

**b. Presentation of Colors, Carolina Forest High School Navy JROTC**

The Carolina Forest High School Navy JROTC presented the Colors and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Following the Presentation of Colors, Mr. Richardson introduced County Council Member Orton Bellamy, as special guest.

**c. Introduction of Board Members**

Prior to the approval of the agenda, Mr. Richardson asked Board members to introduce themselves and indicate the areas they represent.

**d. Approval of Agenda**

A motion was made to approve the agenda as presented.

**Moved By:** Mr. Winters

**Seconded By:** Ms. Todd

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

**Board Action: Carried Unanimously**

**e. Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made to approve the August 5, 2019, minutes as presented.

**Moved By:** Ms. Smith

**Seconded By:** Ms. Graham

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

**Board Action: Carried Unanimously**

**2. RECOGNITIONS**

**a. SCSBA Boardmanship Institute Recognition**

Mr. Ken Richardson, Chair, was recognized and congratulated for achieving Level 1 with the Boardmanship Institute. Ms. Helen Smith was recognized and congratulated for achieving Level 1 with the Boardmanship Institute. Mr. Ray Winters was recognized and congratulated for achieving Level 4 with the Boardmanship Institute. Mr. Poston, Vice Chair, presented each member with their certificate and thanked them for their service and time.

**3. DISCUSSION**

**a. Proclamation of Constitution Week - September 17-23, 2019 - Mr. Generette**

Mr. Generette recognized Ms. Jean Courtney, Regent, Theodosia Burr Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), and Ms. Barbara Malloy, Vice Regent. Ms. Courtney requested that the Board

consider issuing a Proclamation recognizing the week of September 17-23, 2019, as Constitution Week in Horry County Schools. Upon voting on the Proclamation, Mr. Generette will present the Proclamation to the DAR at that time.

**b. Facilities Committee Report - Mr. James**

Mr. James, Committee Chairman, reported on five topics that were discussed in the Facilities Committee meeting held earlier in the afternoon.

- Mr. James noted the old warehouse demolition had been delayed because fiber optic cable was discovered too close to the facility. Plans are in place for relocating the fiber optic cable prior to proceeding with the demolition.
- Mr. James noted that the new Horry County Education Center (HCEC) is on schedule and that under section 5.e. a recommendation for awarding a contract to a general contractor would be submitted for the Board's approval tonight. Preliminary plans have been submitted. Three options are being considered for the new HCEC, options which were developed from the input received from principals and District personnel.
- CHA Consulting, Inc., provided findings of their assessment of the tracks and tennis courts at all nine high schools. Mr. James remarked that there are more needs than funds that are currently available. Mr. James noted that improvements would be prioritized and that a phased implementation plan would be developed.
- Mr. James noted that repurposing the old Myrtle Beach Intermediate School building was also discussed. Preliminary plans include the relocation of three groups: adult education, records, and science kits.
- Mr. James added that the last item of focus was the District's new Indoor Air Quality (IAQ) Procedures. This past spring a team of Facilities employees completed formal training in assessing and addressing IAQ concerns. The training, facilitated by Horry-Georgetown Technical College, included a curriculum based upon resources from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), and other reputable organizations.
- Finally, Mr. James stated that agenda item 5.e. would be discussed in greater detail later on in tonight's meeting.

**c. First Floor Energy Positive Energy Update - Mr. Ferris**

Mr. Ferris presented a slide show on the status of the District's five recently completed Energy Positive schools. The following schools were included in his review: Ten Oaks Middle School, St. James Intermediate School, Socastee Elementary School, Myrtle Beach Middle School, and Socastee Middle School.

**d. HCS Indoor Air Quality Protocol - Mr. Wolfe**

Prior to Mr. Wolfe's presentation, Dr. Maxey addressed the Board and audience regarding the origins of the District's new IAQ protocol. Dr. Maxey stated that he reached out to Superintendents in similar South Carolina school districts to discover how they developed IAQ protocols for their respective organizations. As a result of these discussions, Dr. Maxey reached out to Dr. Marilyn Fore, President, Horry Georgetown Technical College, to inquire if a similar IAQ training program could be offered to HCS staff members. Horry-Georgetown Technical College was able to accommodate this request for training. Consequently, in the spring, a team of Facilities employees participated in an intensive program with a curriculum based upon principles and resources provided the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), and other reputable organizations.

Mr. Wolfe presented a slide show and reviewed the process of responding to reported IAQ concerns. Mr. Wolfe noted that 15 Facilities staff members took part in 40 hours of customized instruction on how to inspect and remediate mold in schools. All principals received an overview on the new protocol as well as directions for reporting concerns during the August principals' meeting.

**e. Board Governance: GC-5 Board Committees - Mr. Generette**

As a result of Board discussion at the August 5, 2019, meeting, Mr. Generette requested that the Board move forward to amend Board Governance Policy GC-5 to include the addition of two new committees: Curriculum & Instruction and Policy. Mr. Generette also recommended a name change from "Financial" Committee to "Finance" Committee, since by practice the latter term is used.

**f. Exploration of a District-wide Educational Foundation - Mr. Generette**

Mr. Generette provided the Board with information regarding the District's exploration of a district-wide educational foundation. Mr. Generette noted that other school districts in South Carolina have established similar district-wide foundations, and HCS is exploring how those entities work. If the Board were to approve pursuing the establishment of such a foundation, Mr. Generette noted it would require setting up a 501 (c)(3) non-profit for the receipt of donations. Mr. Generette stated that District will continue studying this topic.

**g. 2019 County-wide Reassessment of Real Properties - Mr. Gardner**

Mr. Gardner presented a slide show and shared information regarding the 2019 County-wide Reassessment of Real Properties. The District has worked closely with the County Assessor and other County staff to ensure an accurate calculation of the millage rates for the 2019-2020 fiscal year. Consequently, the District's General Fund millage rate will "roll back" from the current 123.1 mills to

118.1 mills. The millage rate for the District's Debt Service Fund will remain at the 2019-2020 budgeted rate of 10 mills.

**h. Textbook Adoption - Ms. Myrick**

Ms. Myrick addressed the Board and shared the Instructional Materials Division of the South Carolina State Department of Education has added additional allocations to fund fully the subject area of architectural design, mechanical design, and cyber security for the 2019-2010 school year. Selected materials will be placed in schools beginning August 2019.

Based on the recommendation of the committee, the following have been selected for use beginning August 2019:

**Career and Technical Education**

- Mechanical Design 1, 2 – *Engineering Drawing & Design, 6<sup>th</sup> Edition*, (Cengage)
- Architectural Design 1, 2 – *Architecture: Residential Drafting & Design, 12<sup>th</sup> Edition* (Goodheart -Willcox)
- Cyber Security – *Security+ Guide to Network Security Fundamentals* (Cengage)

**i. Superintendent's Report**

Prior to sharing information regarding the opening of schools, Dr. Maxey updated the Board on the number of current teacher vacancies. Dr. Maxey noted at the Board's last meeting there was a total of 50 vacancies. As of today's meeting, there are currently 36 vacancies out of 3,169 teachers assigned to 54 different school sites. Most of the vacancies are at the high school and middle school levels in the certification areas of science, math, and special education. The District will continue to pursue teacher applicants, and all classes began the year appropriately staffed.

**1. Opening of Schools**

Dr. Maxey shared that the opening of schools was a successful one. On this first day, he visited seven schools across the county and found students and staff members smiling and happy to be back in school. Dr. Maxey stated that District staff members were assigned to visit every school and report their findings back to Support Services. Some issues with transportation were reported; however, bus delays usually correct themselves as the week progresses, as students and parents acclimate themselves to bus schedules. Dr. Maxey also noted there were a few HVAC issues reported, but Facilities is working to address those problems as quickly as possible. Overall, Dr. Maxey felt great about the opening of the 2019-2020 school year and took the opportunity to share a brief video of students and staff members enjoying their first day back.

4. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

a. **Consideration of Student Appeal**

A motion was made to move into Executive Session at 7:32 PM.

**Moved By:** Ms. Heniford

**Seconded By:** Ms. Smith

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

**Board Action: Carried Unanimously**

A motion was made to adjourn the Executive Session at 7:50 PM and to reconvene the meeting.

**Moved By:** Ms. Allen

**Seconded By:** Mr. Hardwick

**Board Action: Carried Unanimously**

5. **BUSINESS**

a. **Consideration of Student Appeal**

Mr. Poston noted that no votes or actions were taken during Executive Session.

Ms. Graham stated based upon review and consideration of the written record regarding the student's appeal regarding her assignment to the HCEC, she makes a motion to uphold the District Appeal Board's decision to assign the student to HCEC. Upon entering the HCEC, information on the disciplinary tier system will be provided to the parent and student. The student will be placed on one of three tiers and provided the requirements that must be met and a projected time frame for returning to the base school.

**Moved By:** Ms. Graham

**Seconded By:** Mr. Hardwick

**Board Action: Carried Unanimously**

b. **Proclamation of Constitution Week**

A motion was made by Ms. Allen and seconded by Mr. Winters to set aside the week of September 17-13, 2019, as Constitution Week in Horry County Schools.

**Moved By:** Ms. Allen  
**Seconded By:** Mr. Winters

**Board Action: Carried Unanimously**

**c. Board Governance: GC-5 Board Committees - Mr. Generette**

A motion was made by Mr. James and seconded by Ms. Graham to amend Board Governance Policy GC-5 to add two additional Board Committees as follows: Curriculum & Instruction and Policy. The name of the Financial Committee will change to Finance Committee.

**Moved By:** Mr. James  
**Seconded By:** Ms. Graham

**Board Action: Carried Unanimously**

**d. Adjustment of Millage Rate Based on 2019 County-wide Reassessment of Real Properties - Mr. Gardner**

A motion was made by Mr. James and seconded by Ms. Smith to establish the 2019-2020 General Fund millage rate at 118.1 mills and the Debt Service Fund millage rate at 10 mills.

**Moved By:** Mr. James  
**Seconded By:** Ms. Smith

**Board Action: Carried Unanimously**

**e. Consider Evaluation Panel's Recommendation for General Contractor for Horry County Education Center - Mark Wolfe**

A motion was made by Ms. Heniford and seconded by Mr. James to approve H.G. Reynolds, Co., Inc., to serve as the general contractor to construct the new Horry County Education Center facility, and work under the framework of the Integrated Project Delivery method in conjunction with Quackenbush Architects and Planners.

**Moved By:** Ms. Heniford  
**Seconded By:** Mr. James

**Board Action: Carried Unanimously**

**f. Advisory Board Appointments - Board Members**

A motion was made by Ms. Smith and seconded by Mr. Poston to appoint/reappoint the following Advisory Board Members to the Socastee Area Advisory Board:

Tanya Barron: 2-Year Term - 4th Term Appointment

Ursula Grant: 2-Year Term - 2nd Term Appointment

Dana Smith: 2-Year Term - 4th Term Appointment

Connie Rogers (to replace Kami Newman): 2-Year Term - 1st Term Appointment

**Moved By:** Ms. Smith

**Seconded By:** Mr. Poston

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

**Board Action: Carried Unanimously**

A motion was made by Mr. James and seconded by Ms. Allen to appoint the following member to the Green Sea Floyds Area Advisory Board:

Eden Rhodes (to replace Brandy Causey): 2-Year Term - 1st Term Appointment

**Moved By:** Mr. James

**Seconded By:** Ms. Allen

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

**Board Action: Carried Unanimously**

## 6. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- Patricia Milley spoke during Public Comments on the topic of mental health.
- Nadine Moser spoke during Public Comments on the topic of Freedom Readers, a literacy nonprofit.
- Matilda Richburg signed up to speak during Public Comments and did not come forward when called.
- Louis Kinkle spoke during Public Comments on the topic of Children's Cancer Partners of the Carolinas, a nonprofit assisting families affected by childhood cancer.
- Michael Brandon Floyd spoke during Public Comments on the topic of discipline.
- David Warner spoke during Public Comments on the topic of ABA therapy.



- Renee Faunce spoke during Public Comments on the topic of ABA therapy.
- Natalia Merrolle spoke during Public Comments on the topic of ABA therapy.

7. **CONSENT AGENDA**

- Personnel Recommendations As Required by Law**
- Monitoring Report: GC-6 Annual Work Plan**
- Monitoring Report: OE-2 Emergency Superintendent Succession**
- Monitoring Report: OE-11 Discipline**
- Monitoring Report: OE-13 Facilities**
- Education Allocation Fund - D6**
- Home School Request**

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

At 8:31 PM, a motion was made by Ms. Smith and seconded by Ms. Heniford to adjourn the meeting.

**Board Action: Carried Unanimously**

a. **UPCOMING MEETING(S)**

- Curriculum and Instruction Committee Meeting - August 26, 2019, 3:00 PM, District Office**
- Board Work Session - September 9, 2019, 6:00 PM, District Office**

*Heidi Oates*

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APPROVED: 9-19-19