

**HORRY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**MINUTES**

**BOARD MEETING**

**September 23, 2019**

**District Office**

**335 Four Mile Road**

**Conway, SC 29526**

**Board of Education**

Ken Richardson

John Poston

Chris Hardwick

David Cox

Janet Graham

Janice Morreale

Neil James

Ray Winters

Shanda Allen

Sherrie Todd

Helen Smith

**Horry County Schools Staff**

Velna Allen, Mary J Anderson, David Beaty, Joe Burch, Michelle Burgess, John Cahill, Te-Anne Cahill, Jacquelyn Chadick, Sara Compton, Bambi Condrey, Edi Cox, Rita Dippolito, Roger Dixon, Joan Dorman, Terry Filippo, Rahnda Ford, Kenny Generette, Georgia Holley, Lee James, Jonathan Johnson, Jason Keesee, Candace Lane, Rick Maxey, Britt McDowell, Norman McQueen, Andrea Morello, Boone Myrick, Heidi Oates, Vann Pennell, Mark Porter, Jayson Powers, Andrea Pridgen, Mariah Reiss, Jeremy Rich, Lucas Richardson, Jodi Rielly, April Scott, Blake Vaught, 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. Shanda Allen offered the invocation.

**b. Presentation of Colors, Green Sea Floyds High School Army JROTC**

The Green Sea Floyds High School Army JROTC presented the Colors and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**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. Graham

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 minutes from the September 9, 2019, Board Work Session/Special Called Meeting and the minutes from the September 16, 2019, Board Retreat.

**Moved By:** Mr. Winters

**Seconded By:** Ms. Allen

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

**Board Action: Carried Unanimously**

**2. RECOGNITIONS - Ms. Britton**

Prior to the recognitions, Mr. Richardson introduced Ms. Lois Eargle, Horry County Auditor, as special guest. Ms. Eargle briefly addressed the Board and audience regarding the vehicle tag program in Horry County.

The following students and employees were recognized and congratulated by the Board:

**a. 2020 National Merit Semifinalists**

1. **St. James High School: Thomas C. Young and Lexington A. Whalen**
  2. **Scholars Academy and St. James High School: Marcos D. Mann and Aaron J. Spears**
  3. **Scholars Academy and Carolina Forest High School: Ryan Bao, Gianna L. Dippolito, Henry T. Hein, Kainen T. Leer, Eoin T. Mahood, and Kaitlyn G. Rielly**
  4. **Scholars Academy and Myrtle Beach High School: Conner R. Edwards and William A. Truluck**
- b. National Trig-Star Competition**
1. **Henry Hein, Scholars Academy and Carolina Forest High School, placed third in the 2019 National Trig-Star Competition**
- c. South Carolina Athletic Coaches Association Awards**
1. **John Cahill, Myrtle Beach High School, SCACA Athletic Director of the Year**
  2. **Jason Keesee, Socastee High School, SCACA Athletic Trainer of the Year**
  3. **Donnie Kiefer, Green Sea Floyds High School, SCACA Strength Coach of the Year**
  4. **Tim Renfrow, Socastee High School, Charles Stuart Athletic Administrator Award**
  5. **Rivers Lynch, formerly of Myrtle Beach High School, SCACA Men's Tennis Coach of the Year, posthumously.**

### **3. DISCUSSION**

**a. Human Resources Committee Report - Mr. Cox**

Mr. Cox shared a report from the Human Resources Committee meeting held earlier today. Mr. Cox and Human Resources Committee members Ms. Smith and Ms. Allen discussed the potential development of an employee sick leave donation policy and the desire to initiate a comprehensive employee salary study.

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

Mr. James gave a report from the Facilities Committee Meeting held earlier today. The Facilities Committee received reports from the Facilities Department on the new HCEC; on the results of the CHA Consulting Group's recommendations for HCS tennis and track upgrades; and on the repurposing of the old Myrtle Beach Intermediate School to house the Adult Education, Records Retention, and science kits.

**c. Procedures for Filling Unexpired Term of District 1 Board Vacancy - Mr. Generette**

Mr. Generette shared the process for filling the unexpired term of the District 1 Board vacancy. This process will be shared in the local newspaper, HCS website, and HCS social media platforms.

**d. Curriculum Committee Recommendations - Ms. Todd**

Ms. Sherri Todd shared the Curriculum Committee Recommendations regarding the Scholars Academy and the AAST. The Committee recommended the following:

Beginning the 2020 school year, the Scholars Academy will be a stand-alone school. Scholars Academy students who wish to remain enrolled in their base high schools will have the option to return to their base high schools.

Beginning the 2020 school year, The Academy of Arts, Science & Technology (AAST) will expand the opportunities in Career Technology Education (CTE) and Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) majors program for juniors and seniors. CTE and STEM-related opportunities will be provided at the base high schools. The 2019 freshman class that entered AAST STEM will be last class to enter for a four-year program at this site. These students will continue, if they choose to do so, their course of study at AAST until they graduate.

**e. Superintendent's Report**

**1. College Football Playoff Foundation: Extra Yards for Teachers**

Dr. Maxey shared that on Saturday, September 14, 2019, President DeCenzo, Provost Ennis, and Director of Athletics Matt Hogue presented to Horry County Schools a \$10,000 check which Coastal Carolina University acquired as a grant from the College Football Playoff Foundation on behalf of the District. Dr. Maxey noted Horry

County Schools will use these funds to establish a Rookie Teacher of the Year recognition program.

**2. Law Enforcement Stakeholders Meeting - September 13, 2019**

Dr. Maxey stated that leaders of the law enforcement community from around the county were invited to a stakeholder meeting at the District Office on Friday, September 13, 2019. Dr. Maxey shared the purpose of this meeting was to work collaboratively with law enforcement to address threats directed toward the schools.

**4. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A motion was made to move into Executive Session at 7:23 pm.

**Moved By:** Mr. James

**Seconded By:** Mr. Winters

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

**Board Action: Carried Unanimously**

**5. BUSINESS**

The Board moved into the Business session of the meeting at 7:56 pm. Mr. Poston noted that two items regarding property were discussed in Executive Session. It should be noted Mr. Richardson recused himself from the discussion of the second item of the Executive Session. No votes were taken during the Executive Session.

**a. Ratification of Process for Filling District 1 Board Vacancy - Mr. Generette**

Mr. Generette recommended for the Board's approval the process and timeline for filling the District 1 Board vacancy.

**Moved By:** Mr. James

**Seconded By:** Mr. Hardwick

**Board Action: Carried Unanimously**

**b. Policy Committee Chair Appointment (Board Governance GC-5) - Mr. Richardson**

Mr. Richardson appointed Mr. Winters to fill the Policy Committee Board Chair left vacant by Ms. Heniford.

**Moved By:** Mr. Cox  
**Seconded By:** Ms. Morreale

**Board Action: Carried Unanimously**

**c. Designation of Assembly Delegates for SCSBA Annual Meeting, December 7, 2019, Charleston - Mr. Richardson**

Mr. Richardson appointed Ms. Morreale to represent 15 delegate votes at the 2019 Delegate Assembly.

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

**Board Action: Carried Unanimously**

**d. Comprehensive Employee Compensation Study - Ms. Anderson**

Ms. Anderson requested the Board authorize the utilization of Unassigned General Fund Balance in the amount not to exceed \$200,000 in order to proceed with a comprehensive employee compensation study.

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

**Board Action: Carried Unanimously**

**e. Advisory Board Appointments**

Mr. James moved to reappoint Sunshine Blevins to the GSF Advisory Board for a 1 year term.

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

**Board Action: Carried Unanimously**

Mr. Hardwick moved to reappoint Timothy Vereen, Shane Zoccole, Cheryl Nicholl, and Erica Meekins to the North Myrtle Beach Advisory Board for 2-year terms each.

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

**Board Action: Carried Unanimously**

Mr. Cox moved to appoint Jason Coker to the North Myrtle Beach Advisory Board for a 2-year term.

**Moved By:** Mr. Cox

**Seconded By:** Ms. Morreale

**Board Action: Carried Unanimously**

**6. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

The following community members requested to speak and came forward when called: Leslie Oleszkowicz, David Warner, Rafael Adi, Timothy Belvin, Richard Clinton, Kimberly Karavan, Lauren Welborn, Robert Shelton, Josh Kay, Jason Mahood, Sidney Reyes, Michael Brown, Elizabeth Lackey, Emily Lackey, Hunter Kuperman, Wesley Finkley, and Eoin Mahood. The following community members requested to speak and did not come forward when called: Renee Faunce and Erik Boone.

**7. CONSENT AGENDA**

A motion was made to approve the agenda items as presented.

- a. **Personnel Recommendations As Required by Law**
- b. **Monitoring Report: OE-3 Treatment of Stakeholders**
- c. **Education Allocation Fund - District 11**
- d. **Education Allocation Fund - District 9**
- e. **Education Allocation Fund - District 4**

**Moved By:** Mr. Winters

**Seconded By:** Ms. Graham

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

**Board Action: Carried Unanimously**

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:48 pm.

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

**Board Action: Carried Unanimously**

**Upcoming Meeting (s):**

- a. **Board Work Session - October 7, 2019, 6:00 PM, District Office**

*Heidi Oates*

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Executive Assistant to the Superintendent and Horry County Board of Education

APPROVED: 10-7-19