

**HORRY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**MINUTES**

**BOARD MEETING**

**November 19, 2019**

**District Office**

**335 Four Mile Road**

**Conway, SC 29526**

**Board of Education**

Ken Richardson

Janice Morreale

Neil James

Ray Winters

Sherrie Todd

W Russell Freeman

John Poston

Chris Hardwick

David Cox

Janet Graham

**Horry County Schools Staff**

Velna Allen, David Beaty, Lisa Bourcier, Monica Brisbon, Dawn Brooks, Daryl Brown, Joe Burch, Beth Compton, David Cupolo, Heather Daminov, Maquitta Davis, JD Davis, Gaye Driggers, Renea Fowler, Jamie Franklin, Billy Gainus, Ashley Gasperson, Reggie Gasque, Melissa Graham, Kristie Hamilton, Ben Hardee, Russell Ann Jones, Candace Lane, Rick Maxey, Michael McCracken, Felisa McDavid, Barbara McGinnis, Dawn McKinney, Martina McKoy, Lisa Melchione, Boone Myrick, Heidi Oates, Jennifer Parker, Ben Prince, Mariah Reiss, Sandy Reyes, Rich Reyes, Jeremy Rich, Lucas Richardson, Mary Beth Roach, Melissa Rutenburg, April Scott, Teresa Todd, Olga Toggas, Tammy Trulove, Vicki Underwood, 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**

Mr. Hardwick offered the invocation.

**b. Presentation of Colors, North Myrtle Beach High School Navy JROTC**

**c. Administration of Oath of Office - W. Russell Freeman (District 1)**

Mr. John Poston, Vice-Chair, administered the Oath of Office to Mr. W. Russell Freeman, District 1. Mr. Freeman was sworn in to office and seated, effective immediately.

**d. Introduction of Board Members**

Prior to the approval of the agenda, Board members introduced themselves and indicated the areas which they represent.

**e. Approval of Agenda**

A motion was made to approve the November 19, 2019, agenda as presented.

**Moved By:** Mr. Hardwick

**Seconded By:** Ms. Graham

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

**Board Action: Carried Unanimously**

**f. Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made to approve the November 4, 2019, and November 11, 2019, minutes as a single motion.

**Moved By:** Mr. Winters

**Seconded By:** Mr. Hardwick

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

**Board Action: Carried Unanimously**

**2. RECOGNITIONS**

**a. Class AAAA Volleyball State Champions - North Myrtle Beach High School**

The North Myrtle Beach Volleyball team was recognized and congratulated on their 2019 Class AAAA State Volleyball Championship. The Lady Chiefs were the 2018 Class AAAA State Volleyball Champions.

**b. Raegen Matney, North Myrtle Beach High School Volleyball Team, Class AAAA State Player of the Year**

Raegen Matney, North Myrtle Beach High School Volleyball Team player, was recognized and congratulated on winning the 2019 Class AAAA State Player of the Year.

**c. Monica Brisbon, Carolina Forest High School, 2019 South Carolina Entrepreneurship Teacher of the Year**

Monica Brisbon, Carolina Forest High School, was recognized and congratulated on winning the 2019 South Carolina Entrepreneurship Teacher of the Year.

**d. South Carolina State Fair Student Art Competition Winners**

The following students were recognized and congratulated: Kyrach Cox, Academy for the Arts, Science & Technology and Socastee High School, 1st Place, 12th Grade 2D Design; and Graysann Compton, Academy for the Arts, Science & Technology and Myrtle Beach High School, 1st Place, 12th grade 3D Design.

**e. Schools Surpassing the National Composite on the SAT**

Five District schools had 2019 SAT composites that surpassed the national SAT composite of 1039. They were recognized and congratulated. They are:

Academy for Arts, Science & Technology, 1196

Socastee High School, 1080

Aynor High School, 1069

North Myrtle Beach High School, 1063

St. James High School, 1054

**f. Schools Surpassing the National Pass Rate for Advanced Placement Exams**

Six District schools had 2019 Advanced Placement pass rates that surpassed the national average of 58 percent. Each school was recognized and congratulated. They are:

Academy for the Arts, Science, and Technology, 81 percent

St. James High School, 73 percent

Carolina Forest High School, 72 percent

Socastee High School, 68 percent

North Myrtle Beach High School, 65 percent

Myrtle Beach High School, 62 percent

**g. 2018 and 2019 Palmetto Gold and Silver Awards**

Nineteen District schools earned Palmetto Gold and Silver awards based on state report cards issued in the fall of 2019 for the 2017-2018 school year and for the 2018-2019 school year. Each school was recognized and congratulated. The winners are as follows:

2018 Palmetto Gold Award Winners

Early College High School  
Ocean Bay Middle School  
Socastee Middle School  
Ten Oaks Middle School  
Conway Elementary School  
Lakewood Elementary School  
Palmetto Bays Elementary School  
St. James Intermediate School

2018 Palmetto Silver Award Winners

Aynor High School  
Socastee High School  
St. James High School  
North Myrtle Beach Middle School  
St. James Middle School  
Myrtle Beach Intermediate School  
Ocean Bay Elementary School  
Ocean Drive Elementary School  
St. James Elementary School  
Waterway Elementary School  
Palmetto Academy for Learning Success

2019 Palmetto Gold Award Winners

Early College High School

Forestbrook Middle School

Socastee Middle School

Kingston Elementary School

Midland Elementary School

2019 Palmetto Silver Award Winners

Aynor High School

Socastee High School

St. James High School

Ocean Bay Middle School

Ten Oaks Middle School

St. James Middle School

Aynor Elementary School

Ocean Drive Elementary School

Palmetto Bays Elementary School

River Oaks Elementary School

Riverside Elementary School

Seaside Elementary School

St. James Elementary School

Palmetto Academy for Learning Success

**3. DISCUSSION**

**a. Joint Facilities/Finance Committee Report - Mr. James/Mr. Hardwick**

Mr. Hardwick gave a report from the Joint Facilities/Finance Committee meeting held prior to the Board Meeting. Mr. Hardwick spoke about the Finance portion of the meeting. Mr. Hardwick remarked that Finance was working to close out residual accounts and working with Mr. Gardner to create a more simplistic

reporting system. Mr. Hardwick noted Mr. Gardner would come forward at a later meeting to provide suggestions.

Mr. James then spoke about the Facilities portion of the meeting. Mr. James noted the transportation office which will be located at the old Myrtle Beach Intermediate School will retain the name Transportation Department. Mr. James also noted the adult education program will retain the name Horry County Adult Education Center. Mr. James noted that a committee created to rename the Horry County Education Center came forward with four recommended names to be brought to the students of Horry County Education Center for their input. Mr. James noted that Grand Strand Water and Sewer Authority (GSWSA) has requested the use of approximate 1 acre of land at Forestbrook Elementary School for the construction of an aquifer site. Mr. James noted that Forestbrook Elementary does not need use of the acre of land requested and hopes to continue the dialogue with GSWSA regarding their request. Mr. James stated that Socastee High School had lighting concerns specifically related to safety and security. Facilities suggested to moving forward with the addition of six lights in the parking area with funding provided through the Building Modification Fund.

**b. Collins Jollie Road Development Attendance Area Designation - Mr. Burch**

A new 673-acre development on Collins Jollie Road, with the potential for 1,983 housing units, is being proposed in the City of Conway. This proposed development is located within the current Conway Elementary School attendance area, and Conway Elementary is currently at 103% student capacity. The location of this proposed development is adjacent to the Kingston Elementary attendance area, and Kingston Elementary is currently at 77% student capacity. The District has solicited the input of the Conway Area Advisory Board on the topic and discussed with them all the possible attendance area assignment options for residents of the proposed development. It was agreed that staff's recommendation to assign the proposed development to the Kingston Elementary attendance area was the preferred course of action. The grade 6-12 attendance area for this development would remain Conway Middle and Conway High, as currently designated. The Facilities Department is seeking authorization to designate the proposed Collins Jollie Road development as part of the Kingston Elementary attendance area beginning with the 2020-21 school year.

**c. Superintendent's Report**

**1. 2020-2021 School Calendar**

Dr. Maxey shared the 2020-2021 academic calendar. Dr. Maxey stated that South Carolina law requires school districts to develop an academic calendar consisting of 180 days of instruction for students with an additional 10 days to be designated for teacher professional development and work days. Dr. Maxey noted that during its development the 2020-

2021 academic calendar was shared with the various superintendent's stakeholder cabinets for their input.

**2. Public Service Announcement**

Dr. Maxey shared a public service announcement (PSA) video that our Communications Department created to address the growing problem of students making harmful threats toward their schools, other students, and/or staff members. This PSA video includes participants from local law enforcement, the Solicitor's Office, as well as Dr. Maxey, emphasizing to students that making threats comes with serious consequences.

**3. Veterans Day Ceremonies**

Dr. Maxey recognized our schools for expressing their gratitude through Veterans Day ceremonies and shared a video presentation of some of these events. Dr. Maxey thanked the veterans who came to HCS schools and shared their stories and experiences.

**4. 2019 National Blue Ribbon Award Winner: Ocean Bay Elementary School**

Ocean Bay Elementary School was recently recognized as a National Blue Ribbon School at an awards ceremony held in Washington, D.C. Dr. Maxey congratulated and recognized Ms. Becky Schroyer, Principal, and thanked the Board for allowing him the opportunity to attend the ceremony and to be a part of this awards ceremony.

**5. Principal-for-a-Day**

The Principal-for-a-Day event, which took place on November 12, 2019, is an opportunity for members of the community and business world to experience a day in the life of a school principal, as well as share with these stakeholders the wonderful work that occurs on daily basis through the interaction of our staff members and students. The following day on November 13, at 7:30 AM, in Room C-300, the District hosted a breakfast to recognize our Principals-for-a-Day. One participant, Mr. Craig Hardee, who served as Principal-for-a-Day at Conway Elementary, was so moved by his experience that he shared it with his co-workers who in turn purchased 130 coats for the students at Conway Elementary.

**6. STEM - Palmetto Bays Elementary, Waccamaw Elementary, and Carolina Forest High**

Dr. Maxey shared a video presentation highlighting the STEM initiative in Carolina Forest schools, illustrating interactions among high school and elementary level students sharing their experiences concerning their respective STEM classrooms.

4. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A motion was made to move into Executive Session at 7:11 PM. It should be noted that Ms. Morreale and Mr. Winters recused themselves from discussion of Item 4.A.

a. **Receipt of Legal Advice Regarding Litigation**

b. **Superintendent's Evaluation**

**Moved By:** Mr. James

**Seconded By:** Ms. Graham

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

**Board Action: Carried Unanimously**

5. **BUSINESS**

A motion was made to move into the Business portion of the meeting.

**Moved By:** Mr. Cox

**Seconded By:** Ms. Morreale

**Board Action: Carried Unanimously**

a. **Superintendent's Evaluation - Mr. Richardson**

A statement was read by Mr. Richardson regarding the Superintendent's Evaluation. The Board is pleased with the overall job and leadership of Dr. Maxey. The Board would like to state that Dr. Maxey's job performance is rated as Highly Effective. Dr. Maxey continues to be in compliance with their expectations. The Board feels that the District is headed in the right direction under the leadership, character, and clear vision of Dr. Maxey. The Board would like to extend Dr. Maxey's current contract for one additional year until June 30, 2023.

**Moved By:** Mr. Poston

**Seconded By:** Mr. James

**Board Action: Carried Unanimously**

b. **Addition of Warehouse for Nutrition Services - Mr. Wolfe**

The Nutritional Services Department has not had a warehouse specifically dedicated to their needs for storage of unused or salvageable kitchen equipment and parts. Previously, they have used portions of other buildings such as the former Loris Education Center, and most recently the old warehouse at the



Records site. Demolition of the old warehouse was completed in October 2019 leaving Nutrition Services to look yet again for another storage location. In order to avoid continually moving or searching for a new storage space, it is proposed to construct a permanent facility for these needs. The current Records Retention site has a small pre-engineered metal building in the back of the property where Nutritional Services currently has a small equipment repair shop. There is an existing adjoining concrete slab suitable for expanding the existing building. Mr. Wolfe sought the Board's approval for the construction of a new 1,250 SF facility. The proposed funding source is Replacement Equipment funds designated for Nutritional Services as provided by the Short-Term Facilities Plan.

**Moved By:** Mr. James

**Seconded By:** Mr. Hardwick

**Board Action: Carried Unanimously**

**6. CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- a. **Personnel Recommendations As Required by Law**
- b. **Monitoring Report: OE-8 Communicating with the Board**
- c. **Monitoring Report: R-1 Literacy**
- d. **Monitoring Report: R-7 College and Career Readiness**
- e. **Education Fund Allocation - District 10**

**Moved By:** Mr. Winters

**Seconded By:** Mr. James

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

**Board Action: Carried Unanimously**

**7. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Community members David Warner, Leslie Oleszkowicz, and Christine Copeland had requested to speak; however, due to the lengthy executive session the three community members who requested to speak left prior to being called forward.

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

UPCOMING MEETING(S)

- a. **Policy Committee Meeting - December 9, 2019, 3:30 PM, C300**
- b. **Joint Facilities/Finance Committee Meeting - December 9, 2019, 4:00 PM, C300**
- c. **Board Work Session - December 9, 2019, 6:00 PM, Board Room**

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 10:31 PM.

**Moved By:** Mr. James

**Seconded By:** Ms. Graham

**Board Action: Carried Unanimously**

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APPROVED: December 9, 2019