

# HORRY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

## MINUTES

### BOARD MEETING

February 17, 2020

District Office

335 Four Mile Road

Conway, SC 29526

#### Board of Education

Ken Richardson

Neil James

Ray Winters

Shanda Allen

Sherrie Todd

W Russell Freeman

John Poston

Chris Hardwick

David Cox

Janet Graham

Janice Morreale

#### Horry County Schools Staff

Velna Allen, Mary J Anderson, Gretchen Ayers, Emily Borrello, Lisa Bourcier, Daryl Brown, Joe Burch, Edi Cox, Natalie DuRant, Kenneth Generette, Marie Holden, Mark Koll, Candace Lane, HT Lee, Rick Maxey, Jimmy McCullough, Boone Myrick, Heidi Oates, Mark Porter, Lucas Richardson, April Scott, Scott Scrivner, Vicki Underwood, John Washburn, Melissa Westbury, 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 - February 17, 2020 - 6:00 PM - CALL TO ORDER**

Board Chair Richardson called the meeting to order at 5:59 PM.

a. **Invocation**

Ms. Shanda Allen offered the invocation.

b. **Presentation of Colors, St. James High School Army JROTC**

c. **Introduction of Board Members**

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

d. **Approval of Agenda**

A motion was made to amend and approve the agenda for February 17, 2020. Mr. Poston requested that the agenda be amended to strike through item 5. A. The motion passed.

**Moved By:** Mr. Winters

**Seconded By:** Mr. Hardwick

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 February 3, 2020, minutes as presented.

**Moved By:** Mr. Winters

**Seconded By:** Mr. Freeman

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

**Board Action: Carried Unanimously**

**2. RECOGNITIONS**

**a. South Carolina Council of Teachers of English 2020 Literacy Champion Award: Gretchen Ayers**

Ms. Gretchen Ayers was recognized and congratulated by the Board.

**3. DISCUSSION**

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

The Facilities Committee met earlier today for the purpose of discussing the track and tennis courts and their order of repair as well as to consider an HVAC system repair request for the Academy for Technology and Academics. The Facilities Committee approved the use of sustainment funds for this repair; however, this item will be brought forward for full Board's consideration at an upcoming meeting.

**b. Update - General Fund Budget Development - Mr. Gardner**

Mr. Gardner shared that the January tax collections have been received. Incorporating this new information, he provided an update to the 2019-20 General Fund tax collection projections which estimates the annual collection at \$206,211,831. This additional revenue was updated in the 2020-21 Preliminary General Fund Budget recap, and the new current position (which the continued utilization of Fund Balance) is a surplus of \$1,259,406.

**c. Superintendent's Report**

**1. HCS Teacher Recruitment Fair - February 8, 2020**

Dr. Maxey presented a slide show of photos from the HCS Teacher Recruitment Fair held at Conway High School on February 8, 2020. Dr. Maxey shared this was a successful event with over 90 open contracts being offered that day. Dr. Maxey thanked the staff and Board members who took part in the event.

**2. U.S. Deputy Secretary of Education Mick Zais' Visit to ATA**

Dr. Maxey presented a video of a brief interview of US Deputy Secretary of Education Mick Zais' who visited the Academy for Technology and Academics on February 14, 2020.

**3. African American History Month**

Dr. Maxey shared a video of musicians from the University of Ghana who traveled over 5,000 miles and joined others from the State University of New York at Binghamton to take part in Whittemore Park Middle School's African American History Month celebration. Through hands-on activities, students, teachers, and guests learned about African culture and contributions to America.

**4. HCS Special Education Services**

Dr. Maxey shared a video highlighting parent, teacher, and staff perspectives on special education services provided to students by Horry County Schools.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- Healthy Concepts, Inc., submitted a request to speak but did not come forward when called.
- Mr. Nick Genest addressed the Board on the topic of Special Education.
- Mr. Avery Moore, Principal, Palmetto Academy for Learning Motor Sports Charter School, addressed the Board on the programs offered at PALM.

**5. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A motion was made to move into Executive Session at 6:39 PM. Item 5.A. was removed by agenda amendment. It should be noted Mr. Poston recused himself from item 5.B.

- a. ~~Receipt of Legal Advice in Regard to Current Litigation (Removed by agenda amendment)~~**

- b. **Consider Potential Purchase of Property**
- c. **Consider Student Appeals**
  - 1. **Student A**
  - 2. **Student B**
  - 3. **Student C**

**Moved By:** Mr. James

**Seconded By:** Mr. Hardwick

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

**Board Action: Carried Unanimously**

**6. BUSINESS**

A motion was made to move into the Business portion of the meeting at 7:26 PM.

**Moved By:** Mr. Poston

**Seconded By:** Ms. Todd

**Board Action: Carried Unanimously**

**a. Consider Student Appeals**

**1. Student A**

Upon the Board of Education's review and consideration of the written record regarding student A's appeal, Mr. Hardwick made a motion that the Board of Education uphold the District Appeal Board's decision to expel the student until the end of the fourth quarter, June 3, 2020, of the 2019-2020 school year.

**Moved By:** Mr. Hardwick

**Seconded By:** Mr. Cox

**Board Action: Carried Unanimously**

**2. Student B**

Upon the Board of Education's review and consideration of the written record regarding student B's appeal, Mr. Cox made a motion that the Board of Education uphold the District Appeal Board's decision to assign the student to the alternative school program.

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

**Board Action: Carried Unanimously**

**3. Student C**

Upon the Board of Education's review and consideration of the written record regarding student C's appeal, Mr. James made a motion that the Board of Education uphold the District Appeal Board's decision to assign the student to the alternative school program.

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

**Board Action: Carried Unanimously**

**b. Horry County Education Center (HCEC) Construction - Mr. Wolfe**

At the March 4, 2019, meeting, the Board approved a replacement facility for the Horry County Education Center (HCEC) with a total project budget of \$13,000,000.00. A Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for A/E Design Services was issued, and the evaluation panel selected Quackenbush Architects and Planners who were approved by the Board on June 3, 2019. On May 6, 2019, the Board approved staff to utilize the Integrated Project Delivery (IPD) method. On June 19, 2019, an RFQ was issued for selection of a general contractor and the evaluation panel selected H.G. Reynolds Co., who were approved by the Board on August 19, 2019. The IPD team worked closely with the principal and administration during the fall of 2019, developing the design and later collaborating to make several adjustments to the architectural design, building systems, floor plan, and site work to maximize their efficiencies. Staff presented to the board revised plans and cost estimates at their February 3, 2020, meeting. At that meeting, the board directed staff to bring two options back to the board for consideration. The plans presented at the February 17, 2020, meeting reflect those directives. The facility is scheduled to be open for the start of school in August of 2021 pending this approval.

- Option 1: Build entire site, Build 45,000 SF School, Full Kitchen, Indoor PE space with divider, 27 Total Teaching stations, Room for expansion. Total: \$16.70 M
- Option 2: Build entire site, Build 45,500 SF School, Full Kitchen, Indoor PE space with divider, 32 Total Teaching stations, Room for expansion. Total: \$17.9 M

Upon discussion of both options, a motion was made to choose Option 1.

Upon a vote, the motion failed as follows: Graham, Allen, Todd, Morreale, Cox, Freeman, Winters - opposed; James, Poston, Hardwick - in favor. Smith - absent.

**Moved By:** Mr. Poston

**Seconded By:** Mr. James

**Board Action: Failed**

A second motion was made to choose option 2.

Upon a vote, the motion carried as follows: Graham, Allen, Todd, Morreale, Cox, Freeman, Winters - in favor; James, Poston, Hardwick - opposed. Smith - absent.

**Moved By:** Ms. Morreale

**Seconded By:** Ms. Graham

**Board Action: Carried**

A third motion was made for the funding of Option 2 to utilize residual funds from major construction in the short-term capital plan in the amount of \$2,249,979, \$450,000 from Nutrition Services and \$2,200,021 from the unassigned general fund balance. The motion carried.

**Moved By:** Mr. Poston

**Seconded By:** Mr. Hardwick

**Board Action: Carried Unanimously**

**c. Modular Classroom Needs - Mr. Wolfe**

Mr. Wolfe addressed the Board to request authorization to purchase and install two (2) modular classrooms with a restroom facility at Carolina Forest Elementary, two (2) modular classrooms at River Oaks Elementary with a restroom facility, and four (4) modular classrooms at Ocean Bay Elementary School (no additional restrooms required), including the necessary ancillary costs for each location. The work also includes the addition of required parking for anticipated future modular additions at these three sites. It is recommended that the Board authorizes utilization of Unassigned General Fund Balance for an estimated cost of \$2,050,000.

Upon a vote, the motion carried as follows: Allen, Cox, Graham, Hardwick, Freeman, James, Poston, Todd, Winters - in favor; Morreale - opposed. Smith - absent.

**Moved By:** Mr. James

**Seconded By:** Ms. Graham

**Board Action: Carried**

**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-4 Personnel Administration**
- c. Monitoring Report: R-4 Social Studies**
- d. Education Allocation Fund**
  - 1. District 3**
  - 2. District 6**

**Moved By:** Mr. Hardwick

**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 7:58 PM.

**Moved By:** Mr. Cox

**Seconded By:** Mr. Hardwick

**Board Action: Carried Unanimously**

**UPCOMING MEETINGS:**

- a. Policy Committee Meeting - March 9, 3:00 PM, Room C-300**
- b. Finance Committee Meeting - March 9, 4:00 PM, Room C-300**
- c. Board Work Session - March 9, 6:00 PM, Board Room**

Respectfully submitted,

*Heidi Oates*

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APPROVED: March 9, 2020