HORRY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

M I N U T E S

BOARD WORK SESSION

March 9, 2020
District Office
335 Four Mile Road
Conway, SC 29526

Board of Education

Ken Richardson
John Poston
Chris Hardwick
David Cox
Janet Graham
Neil James
Ray Winters
Shanda Allen
Sherrie Todd

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Mary J. Anderson, Lisa Bourcier, Daryl Brown, Joe Burch, Edi Cox, Kenneth Generette, Ben Hardee, Candace Lane, Rick Maxey, Boone Myrick, Heidi Oates, Mark Porter, Lucas Richardson, Mary Beth Roach, April Scott, Scott Scrivner, Tammy Trulove, 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. <u>OPENING - MARCH 9, 2020 - 6:00 PM - CALL TO ORDER</u>

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

a. Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Neil James offered the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

b. Approval of Agenda

A motion was made to approve the March 9, 2020, 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

c. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made to approve the February 17, 2020, minutes 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

2. DISCUSSION

a. Policy Committee Report - Mr. Winters

The Policy Committee met earlier today for the purpose of discussing the status of the HCS Foundation. Mr. Winters shared the process has begun and discussions had taken place with the Burr Forman Law Firm for direction. It should be noted that no HCS general funds will be used for the foundation. The foundation will be funded through donations only, and as a result of that, the Board is not required to approve items going forward with regards to the foundation. Mr. Winters noted updates will be provided as this item moves forward.

Mr. Winters remarked past items were reviewed regarding Board Governance. Mr. Winters stated information would be shared through e-mails regarding the revisions that had been approved by the Policy Committee. This information will be shared with Board members prior to receiving a final single packet for Board approval.

b. Finance Committee Report - Mr. Hardwick

Mr. Nurick from Compass Municipal Advisors provided an update on capital funding. Based on actual collections, $13,266,573 would be available in 2020-21 for additional projects with an additional $49.6 million available through 2024-25.

Ms. Heizer from Burr Forman shared information and answered questions regarding the November 2022 Education Capital Improvement Sales Tax reauthorization.

Mr. Nurick also shared a taxable advance refunding opportunity that could result in substantial savings for the District. Mr. Hardwick advised everyone to review the attachment information that was provided prior to the meeting.

c. Monitoring Report: R5 Other Academic Disciplines - Ms. Myrick and Mr. Brown

1. Career and Technology Education (CTE)

Monitoring Report R-5: Career and Technology Education was presented.

2. Fine Arts

Monitoring Report R-5: Fine Arts was presented.

3. Technology Applications

Monitoring Report R-5: Technology Applications was presented.

4. World Languages

Monitoring Report R-5: World Languages was presented.

5. Physical Education

Monitoring Report R-5: Physical Education was presented.

d. Monitoring Report: OE-1 Global Operational Expectation - Dr. Maxey

Dr. Maxey presented Monitoring Report: OE-1 Global Operational Expectations. Dr. Maxey shared information describing how training and professional development are utilized to help guide staff actions to ensure those actions are lawful, ethical, safe, respectful, prudent, aligned with District policy, and supportive of the District's public image and credibility.

e. HVAC Sustainment Project: Academy for Technology and Academics - Mr. Wolfe

Mr. Wolfe shared with the Board information that the HVAC system at the Academy for Technology & Arts (ATA) is approximately 14 years old. The ATA has recently experienced several serious HVAC equipment malfunctions related to the chiller units, control valves, cables, and the ice storage component. Repairs are needed for several key components, and funding is requested so the work can be completed before warmer weather returns. In conjunction with these repairs, migration to the Desigo software platform for the automated controls will be made and additional insulation will be added to portions of the building. These two items will be accomplished from previously approved funds. Estimated cost is $150,000.00.

f. Changing of School Name: Horry County Education Center - Mr. Burch

On June 3, 2019, the Board formed the Horry County Education Center (HCEC) Ad-Hoc Naming Committee which consisted of 15 members including board members, district staff, HCEC staff, and appointees from all nine advisory boards. The Committee met on November 15, 2019, to discuss potential names and to develop a short list of options for renaming HCEC. Following that meeting, the Committee surveyed students and staff from HCEC. The Committee recommended the following name for the school: **SOAR Academy.**

g. 2020-2021 Budget Update - Mr. Gardner

Mr. Gardner shared that the House Ways & Means Committee had recently completed their budget deliberation. He noted that the District is expected to receive $14,166,243 more in State funding. The majority of the funding increase is due to a $3,000 salary increase for teachers and additional funding for fringe benefits. He also said that the BSC (base student cost) only increased by $11.

Expenditures increased due to the $3,000 salary increase for teachers and a 6.73% increase in group health insurance. He shared that the current positive position of $1,848,836 was the net difference of *new* revenues and *new* expenditures. He reminded the Board that the $18,560,309 utilization of fund balance that was used to balance the 2019-20 General Fund Budget is expected to continue in the 2020-21 General Fund Budget.

h. Superintendent's Report

1. Palmetto Regional FIRST Robotics Competition

Dr. Maxey addressed the Board regarding the FIRST Robotics – Palmetto Regional Competition held February 28-29, 2020, at the Myrtle Beach Convention Center. Dr. Maxey noted the robotics competition provides hands-on, real-life experiences in STEM education for our students. Dr. Maxey shared a brief video which highlighted the competition and noted 10 high school teams that represented Horry County Schools. Dr. Maxey noted that the Conway High School team advanced to the semi-finals.

2. 2020-2021 Top Five Teacher of the Year Finalists

Dr. Maxey shared video of the Top Five Teacher of the Year Finalists. The list of ten semi-finalists was narrowed to five when Horry County Schools named the top five finalists still being considered for the title of Teacher of the Year. During the next step of the recognition program's process, members of the district's selection committee will visit finalists for classroom observations. A winner will be announced the evening of the HCS Teacher of the Year Recognition Ceremony. Dr. Maxey also noted a grant Coastal Carolina University (CCU) was awarded by the College Football Playoff Foundation and that CCU

donated to HCS is being used to establish an HCS Rookie Teacher of the Year recognition program. Each HCS principal may nominate a teacher with 1-3 years teaching experience for this award. The top 5 Rookie of the Year teachers will be recognized Friday, March 13, 2020. The Support Staff Person of year top five nominees will be recognized Monday, March 16, 2020.

3. Peer Power Etiquette Luncheon

Dr. Maxey shared photos from the Peer Power Etiquette Luncheon held at ATA on March 2, 2020. Dr. Maxey shared this was an excellent opportunity for student mentors and for students to participate in a formal social interaction. Local elected officials participating in the luncheon included Board Chair Richardson, Vice-Chair Poston, Board member James, Loris Mayor Harrelson, and State Senator Greg Hembree. The luncheon, which was prepared by the ATA Culinary Arts Program, allowed students and adults to practice the rules of etiquette.

4. Read Across America

Dr. Maxey shared video of the Read Across America events held within Horry County Schools. Dr. Maxey noted he visited Myrtle Beach Early Childhood School and read Dr. Seuss to a Kindergarten class. The focus of this event was on literacy and the importance of reading.

Prior to concluding the Superintendent's Report, Dr. Maxey shared information regarding COVID-19. Dr. Maxey stated the HCS Website has a page that contains information that the public and parents can access which includes links to documents from SCDHEC and The Centers for Disease Control. Dr. Maxey advises parents and the public to utilize these links for guidance.

Dr. Maxey noted that HCS does not make the decision to close schools. That decision is made with DHEC in conjunction with the State Superintendent's office. Dr. Maxey advised the public and parents to consult the State Department's website for links and information. Dr. Maxey noted we will continue to monitor this information as well. Dr. Maxey remarked that HCS is participating in a coordinated effort between Student and Support Services with an emphasis on self-care. Dr. Maxey noted we are ready, we are vigilant, and we want to take care of our students and employees.

3. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Prior to a motion being made to move into Executive Session, Chairman Richardson congratulated the HCS Communications team on the level and quality of their work. Mr. Richardson shared he felt HCS had the best Communications Department in the state.

Mr. Richardson also congratulated Myrtle Beach High's basketball and football teams for outstanding seasons.

A motion was made to move into Executive Session at 6:42 PM.

a. Consider Potential Purchase of Property

b. Receipt of Legal Advice in Regard to Current Litigation

c. Discussion of Personnel Matter(s)

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

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

4. ADJOURN BOARD WORK SESSION AND CONVENE SPECIAL-CALLED MEETING

A motion was made to adjourn the Board Work Session and Convene a Special-Called Meeting at 7:22 PM.

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

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. Mr. Poston noted no votes were taken during Executive Session.

Moved By: Mr. Winters
Seconded By: Ms. Todd

Board Action: Carried Unanimously

a. HVAC Sustainment Project: Academy for Technology and Academics - Mr. Wolfe

Mr. Wolfe addressed the Board seeking approval to approve the replacement of the various HVAC components to assure a more reliable HVAC system to serve the ATA. This would include replacement of several types of valves, sensor kits, modules, and all loop pump and air handler VFD’s (variable frequency drives) to restore the thermal energy storage capability and assure a more reliable HVAC system for the school for a total estimated cost of $150,000.00.

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

Board Action: Carried Unanimously

b. Recommend Suspension of Pay for Employee - Dr. Maxey

Mr. Poston made a motion that the HCS Board of Education suspend the pay of Employee A effective immediately.

Moved By: Mr. Poston
Seconded By: Mr. Freeman

Board Action: Carried Unanimously

6. CONSENT

a. Personnel Recommendations

b. Education Fund Allocation

1. District 4

2. District 7

A motion was made to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

Moved By: Mr. Winters
Seconded By: Mr. Cox

Board Action: Carried Unanimously

7. ADJOURNMENT

Prior to adjournment, Mr. James noted the Facilities Committee Meeting previously scheduled for March 30, 2020, will be a joint Facilities and Finance Committee Meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:24 PM

a. Joint Facilities and Finance Committee Meeting, March 30, 2020, 4:00 PM, C300

b. Board Meeting, March 30, 2020, 6:00 PM, Board Room

Respectfully submitted,



Heidi Oates

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APPROVED: April 6, 2020