

# Horry County Board of Education

## Facilities Committee



## Facilities Committee Meeting Minutes Monday, February 17, 2020

### Board Members Present:

Neil James, Facilities Committee Chairman  
John Poston, Facilities Committee Member  
Sherrie Todd, Facilities Committee Member

Ken Richardson, Board Chairman  
Shanda Allen  
David Cox  
W. Russell Freeman  
Ray Winters

### Staff Members Present:

Dr. Rick Maxey, Superintendent  
Velna Allen  
Mary Anderson  
Lisa Bourcier  
Daryl Brown  
Joe Burch  
John Gardner

Kenneth Generette  
Leann Hill  
Boone Myrick  
Trevor Turner  
Mark Wolfe

### Media Present:

Katie Powell, Horry Independent  
David Weissman, The Sun News

### Others Present:

Teresa Lynch

*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.*

### Review and Approval of Agenda

Mr. Poston moved to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. James seconded the motion. All voted in favor of approving the agenda. Motion passed.

### Review and Approval of Minutes

Mr. Poston moved to accept the minutes of January 27, 2020, as presented. Mr. James seconded the motion; all voted in favor. Motion passed.

Mr. Poston inquired if the minutes from the previous joint Facilities and Finance Committee meeting held in December had been approved yet by the Finance Committee. Mr. Gardner answered that they will be on the agenda of the next meeting on March 9, 2020.

## **Discussion**

### **Myrtle Beach High School Tennis Courts Resurfacing**

Mr. James informed the Committee that he had received a call from a citizen requesting that Myrtle Beach High School Tennis Courts Resurfacing be included on the agenda for this meeting. He reminded the Committee of the history of this topic, noting that this subject has been discussed since 2017, with several schools needing athletic improvements and trying to prioritize those needs. In 2018, Dr. Lindsey assisted the Board with prioritizing all capital project needs. Mr. James reviewed the history and process of the athletic improvements to date, including the phases of the plan established by CHA, the firm selected to manage the projects.

*Ms. Todd joined the meeting at this time.*

Mr. James added that representatives of CHA were unable to attend the meeting due to a conflict; however, Patrick Graham sent the following statement:

*When we developed the phasing plan for the tennis court improvements in August 2019, our team evaluated the existing condition of the tennis courts at all nine high schools and assessed the playability of each set of existing courts in comparison to the other high school tennis facilities in the District. Based on our assessment, the existing condition of the four District-maintained tennis courts at Myrtle Beach High School were in the top three in terms of condition and playability. As such, we recommended that the Myrtle Beach High School tennis court improvements be scheduled for Phase 3 of the tennis courts improvements project. At that time, we recommend full depth replacement and elevation of the four courts to improve drainage, and also replacement of fencing and windscreen.*

Mr. Winters asked about the agreement with the City regarding the courts and how cost-share items are prioritized. Mr. Brown said that the standing Memorandum of Understanding between the City and HCS addresses the maintenance requirements for both parties, and that he would review the document for clarification. Mrs. Todd added that it was her understanding that the district's funds were used primarily for general maintenance and overhead. She added that the agreement was established years ago and at the time was an appropriate division of expenses.

Mr. Richardson asked for clarification on the timeline. Mr. James explained that the Board prioritized items for the Five-Year Capital Plan in December of 2018 based on anticipated funding, within those priorities was improvements of high school athletic facilities such as tennis courts and tracks. With that direction, staff procured a firm to evaluate the condition of each site based on the current Facility Condition Index (FCI), site visits, and sub-surface analysis to determine a phased improvement plan based on need. Mr. James added that the Athletic Director of each school was involved in the process to ensure that after the completion of Phase 1 all high schools could hold competitions at their facility.

### **Sustainment Project: HVAC Project at Academy of Technology and Academics**

Mr. Wolfe detailed the issues with the current HVAC system at the Academy of Technology and Academics (ATA), noting that this particular system uses ice storage to chill the water in the pipes. He also noted that the system, which is about 15 years old, has had several controls failures which effects the entire school. Mr. Wolfe added that included in the cost of repairs is the conversion to the control software being implemented district-wide.

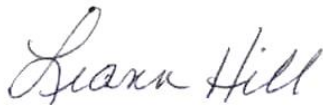
Mr. Poston asked if repairs were more cost effective than replacement. Mr. Wolfe responded that yes, repairs are more cost effective, will improve the efficiency of the system, and have a long-term impact by reducing the burden on the chillers at that location which have had to run longer to take over for the failure of the ice storage part of the system. Mr. Wolfe added a previously-funded insulation project will also help to moderate the temperature in the building.

Mr. Poston moved to recommend the use of \$150,000 from Sustainment Funds to complete the improvements needed on the HVAC system at ATA to the full Board for consideration. Mrs. Todd seconded the motion. All voted in favor; motion passed. Mr. James added that with the Chairman's approval, this will be both a discussion item and business item on the next Board agenda to expedite the project.

### **Adjourn**

Mrs. Todd moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Poston; all voted in favor. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,



Leann Hill  
Administrative Asst. – Support Services

**Approved: April 27, 2020**