HORRY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

M I N U T E S

BOARD WORK SESSION

May 4, 2020
Virtual Meeting
335 Four Mile Road
Conway, SC 29526

Board of Education

Ken Richardson	Neil James
John Poston	Ray Winters
Chris Hardwick	Shanda Allen
David Cox	Sherrie Todd
Janet Graham	Helen Smith
Janice Morreale	W Russell Freeman

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 - MAY 4, 2020 - 6:00 PM - CALL TO ORDER</u>

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

a. Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance - Ms. Smith

Ms. Smith offered the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

b. Approval of Agenda - Mr. Richardson

A motion was made to approve the May 4, 2020, agenda as presented.

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

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

Board Action: Carried Unanimously

c. Approval of Minutes - Mr. Richardson

A motion was made to approve the April 27, 2020, minutes as presented.

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

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

Board Action: Carried Unanimously

2. DISCUSSION

a. New Building Modification Projects for FY 2020-2021 - Mr. Wolfe

1. Parent Loop Expansion Projects (Design funding previously approved for these projects - Total $5.533M)

1. **Aynor Middle - $1.676M**
2. **Lakewood Elementary - $1.254M**
3. **Riverside Elementary - $1.203M**
4. **Waterway Elementary - $1.400M**

Mr. Wolfe shared information with the Board regarding the parent loop projects proposed for four school locations. It should be noted Mr. Poston recused himself from this Discussion item. As a result of steady growth in student populations across the District, the number of students transported to school by parent vehicles has increased significantly. The increased traffic at schools has resulted in congestion, as parent drivers waiting in line to pick up their children back up queued traffic into public rights-of-way, causing both complaints and safety hazards. Several parent loop road expansion projects have been successfully implemented across the District in recent years to address these issues. Four additional school locations have been proposed to receive expansion of their parent loop roads to deal with this issue.

Prioritization and Funding Recommendation Details:

1. *Waterway Elementary $1.400M*
2. *Aynor Middle: $1.676M*
3. *Lakewood Elementary: $1.254M*
4. *Riverside Elementary: $1.203M*

Estimate of Probable Cost: $5.533M

Mr. Wolfe reminded the Board this item was for the next fiscal year, not the current fiscal year, and that this item has not been voted upon other than the

design fees. This item will be brought before the Board for a vote at a later meeting.

b. Options for Graduation Ceremonies - Dr. Maxey and Staff

Prior to the discussion of options for graduation ceremonies, Dr. Maxey shared the following statement:

As we begin to close the 2019-20 school year, we would like to notify parents and students that no new assignments will be issued for elementary school students, middle school students, and high school underclassmen as of May 15, 2020. Starting Monday, May 18, 2020, and through the remainder of the school year, students may continue completing and submitting assignments and receive additional support and assistance from their teachers as needed. Services and support for students with special needs and support for English Learner students will continue. Schools will make arrangements for students to turn in devices, textbooks, and other school-owned items, as well as to pick up personal items, awards, yearbooks, etc. The last day of school for students is June 3. It should be noted that this decision has been approved by the South Carolina State Department of Education.

Following Dr. Maxey's introduction, Mr. Vann Pennell, Principal of St. James High School, addressed the Board as the representative of a high school principal sub-committee that examined potential graduation ceremony options. Mr. Pennell shared the five critical criteria principals followed in their discussion of graduation ceremony options. Those five criteria were as follows: the safety, health, and well-being of all, following health standards set by local and state leaders, developing engaging and entertaining options, being open minded to any idea that is brought forward, and hearing and respecting every principal's opinion. Following Mr. Pennell, Ms. Gaye Driggers, Principal of Carolina Forest High School (CFHS), shared a statement from CFHS senior class president, Alexis Beale.

Of the ten options compiled and shared with Board members prior to the board meeting, the Board’s discussions led to a consensus that the two options for the more than 3,000 graduating HCS seniors are having graduations at the respective high schools’ football fields or at the Myrtle Beach Convention Center.

Both of those options would include sanitization policies, social distancing guidelines, and other safety precautions. Limiting attendees to a certain number or excluding attendees completely was considered. A third graduation alternative will likely be chosen as a backup.

The Board’s discussions led to a consensus that virtual-only graduations, as well as drive-through or drive-in ceremonies, would be ruled out.

High school principals were then asked by the Board to talk further during the week with Board members representing their districts. They will discuss the two

viable options for possible in-person graduation ceremonies. They will either be held at the home football stadium or a larger venue space such as the Myrtle Beach Convention Center.

Mr. Richardson urged Board Members to be prepared to submit a decision to the Board on Monday, May 11, 2020, for a vote.

3. ADJOURN WORK SESSION AND CONVENE SPECIAL-CALLED MEETING

A motion was made to adjourn the Work Session and convene a Special-Called Meeting.

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

Board Action: Carried Unanimously

4. CONSENT

a. Education Fund Allocation

1. **Board Chair**
2. **District 2**
3. **District 3**
4. **District 5**
5. **District 7**
6. **District 11**

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

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

Board Action: Carried Unanimously

5. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM. Mr. Richardson noted the next Board meeting would be Monday, May 11, 2020, at 6:00 PM.

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

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

Board Action: Carried Unanimously

Respectfully Submitted,



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APPROVED: May 11, 2020