HORRY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

M I N U T E S

BOARD MEETING

June 15, 2020
Virtual Meeting
335 4 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
Helen Smith
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. OPENING AND CALL TO ORDER

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

a. Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance - Mr. Poston

Mr. Poston offered the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

b. Approval of Agenda - Mr. Richardson

A motion was made to amend and approve the agenda for June 15, 2020. Mr. Richardson requested that items 2. A. and item 4. A. be removed from the agenda.

Moved By: Mr. James
Seconded By: Mr. Winters

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 June 8, 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. ~~EXECUTIVE SESSION~~

a. ~~Consider Employee Appeal~~

3. DISCUSSION

a. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Maxey discussed two topics during the Superintendent's Report. First, Dr. Maxey called upon Ms. Allen to provide a report on the return of athletics.

Ms. Allen remarked that fall sports practice will resume on Monday, June 22, 2020, starting with a phased-in approach of football on that date. Ms. Allen noted that this approach would begin with team sports and that a plan was in place for cheerleading, including a two-week process where cheerleaders would learn the routines virtually. Ms. Allen remarked that HCS anticipated holding tryouts July 6 through July 10, 2020, allowing students time to learn the routines. Middle school teams will begin after school resumes which is in line with what has been done previous years.

Ms. Allen added that an assumption of risk waiver will be added for athletic participation this year. Ms. Allen noted that conditioning would begin for two weeks and be held outside. At the recommendation of the South Carolina High School League, they will be in groups of 10 with one being a coach. These athletes will be at different locations or different fields for the first two weeks. All coaches and athletes will be screened before they are allowed to practice. HCS is taking the recommendation of Department of Health and Environmental Control, Centers for Disease Control, and South Carolina High School League, and practicing social distancing. Coaches are asked to wear masks and athletes are asked to wear masks when they are not actively participating in an activity. The conditioning will begin in 45-minute segments, and all proper sanitation procedures will be followed after each session. As a precaution, during the beginning stages of implementing this process, no parents/visitors are allowed to attend conditioning sessions. Ms. Allen noted that following the first two weeks, it is our hope to be able to get our athletes back into our gymnasiums and weight rooms.

Dr. Maxey then addressed the reopening of schools. Dr. Maxey noted that although HCS is awaiting final direction from the S.C. Department of Education,

HCS has put together a school re-opening committee consisting of representatives of district stakeholders: parents, teachers, students, staff members, and administrators. Dr. Maxey also pointed out that just today he had received a draft of the S.C. Department of Education's AccelerateEd Committee report and will begin reviewing it with staff. Once the state plan is finalized, HCS will incorporate the state's ideas and guidelines into the District's plan. Dr. Maxey remarked that one of our goals would be to keep the public informed once HCS had substantial information that can be shared through our website and social media. In the upcoming weeks, HCS will send out surveys to parents and employees seeking feedback concerning their experiences with distance learning as well as their thoughts for the upcoming school year. Dr. Maxey stated that this situation remains a fluid one, but he felt we would be looking at several options that could be a possibility for the District.

4. BUSINESS

a. ~~**Consider Employee Appeal - Mr. Richardson**~~

b. **Consider Personnel Recommendations - Dr. Maxey**

Dr. Maxey recommended approval of Ms. Tanika McKissick as Principal of Conway High School, effective July 1, 2020. Ms. McKissick served as Assistant Principal at Conway High School.

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

Board Action: Carried Unanimously

Dr. Maxey recommended Ms. Demetrius Williams as Principal of Early College High School, effective July 1, 2020. Ms. Williams served as Assistant Principal of Whittemore Park Middle.

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

Board Action: Carried Unanimously

Dr. Maxey recommended Ms. Kristin Altman as Principal of Myrtle Beach High School, effective July 1, 2020. Ms. Altman served as Assistant Principal at Carolina Forest High School.

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

Board Action: Carried Unanimously

c. Ratification of Employment Contracts Issued by the Superintendent During the Summer Months - Ms. Anderson

Ms. Anderson addressed the Board seeking approval to ratify employment contracts issued by the Superintendent to qualified candidates from June 16, 2020, through August 3, 2020.

Moved By: Mr. James
Seconded By: Mr. Freeman

Board Action: Carried Unanimously

5. CONSENT AGENDA

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

a. Personnel Recommendations

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

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

Board Action: Carried Unanimously

6. ADJOURNMENT

Prior to adjournment of the June 15, 2020, meeting, Mr. Richardson expressed his sincere thanks to the Board for working with him during the past virtual meetings and thanked the public for their patience with the virtual format. Mr. Richardson stated that public input would resume once the regular Board meetings began. A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 6:24 PM.

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

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting.

Board Action: Carried Unanimously

a. UPCOMING MEETING(S)

1. August 3, 2020 - Work Session, 6:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi Oates

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Executive Assistant to the Superintendent and Horry County Board of Education

APPROVED: July 13, 2020