

HORRY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES

BOARD WORK SESSION

**October 5, 2020
District Office
335 Four Mile Road
Conway, SC 29526**

Board of Education

Ken Richardson
John Poston
Chris Hardwick
David Cox
Janet Graham
Janice Morreale

Neil James
Ray Winters
Shanda Allen
Sherrie Todd
Helen Smith
W Russell Freeman

Horry County Schools Staff

Velna Allen, Mary J. Anderson, Daryl Brown, Joe Burch,
Leann Hill, Rick Maxey, Boone Myrick, Heidi Oates, Lucas
Richardson, Scott Scrivner, Tammy Trulove

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 - October 5, 2020, - 6:00 PM - CALL TO ORDER

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

a. Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance - Mr. Freeman

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

b. Approval of Agenda

A motion was made to approve the October 5, 2020, agenda as presented.

Moved By: Mr. Hardwick

Seconded By: Mr. Winters

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

Board Action: Carried Unanimously

c. Approval of Minutes

1. September 28, 2020

Prior to approval of the minutes, Mr. Richardson noted that during the September 28, 2020, meeting he inadvertently stated approval of the agenda during the approval of the minutes.

A motion was made to approve the September 28, 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**

Mr. Winters noted the Policy Committee met earlier in the day to discuss the HCS Foundation and to revisit the Board's By-Laws. Mr. Winters noted that all of the Committee's discussions of changes pertained to the "Meetings" section of the By-laws. Mr. Winters also stated a recommendation was made to revise the month that the Board establishes and approves its annual meeting schedule from November to August, with any necessary adjustments to the schedule occurring after August. Mr. Winters also stated a recommendation was made to address the registration of speakers who participate in the Open Forum component of a Board meeting. Specifically, it was recommended that speakers must be residents of Horry County, unless prior approval to participate is given to a non-resident of the county by the Board Chairman. Further, persons requesting to speak previously were given up to 15 minutes before the meeting to sign up. Mr. Winters noted the Committee discussed changing the time frame for submitting a request to speak to 6 hours prior to the meeting. Mr. Winters noted that the Board would vote on all previously discussed amendments during the Business portion of this meeting.

b. **Monitoring Report: R-8 Perceptions of Stakeholders - Ms. Myrick**

Monitoring Report R-8 was presented. No questions were posed by the Board.

c. **Monitoring Report: OE-10 Instructional Program - Ms. Myrick**

Monitoring Report OE-10 was presented. No questions were posed by the Board.

d. **Consider Locally-Approved Course Numbers - Ms. Myrick**

Ms. Myrick addressed the Board requesting approval for locally-developed course numbers for the 2020-2021 school year.

The South Carolina State Department of Education Activity Coding System includes the standardized codes for courses, instructional activities, and non-instructional activities used in the student information systems in South Carolina public schools. Course codes are assigned to courses by the Office of Federal and State Accountability. In addition, school districts have the option of developing locally board-approved course codes for courses for elective credit only.

"Each district must maintain a listing of locally approved courses by subject areas and subgroups. These activities must be uniformly numbered within each school district. All locally board-approved courses must be approved by the district's board of trustees

each year and evidenced in the board's minutes. The Office of Federal and State Accountability may ask for Board minutes during a desk audit."

South Carolina State Department of Education Activity Coding System for the Student Information System 2020-21, page 88.

Activity	Alt. Numbers	PreK-Grade 6	Grades 7-8	Grades 9-12	CTE
English/Language Arts					
Writing 6		10996A00			
Writing 7			20997A00		
Writing 8			20998B00		
Broadcast Journalism 1				309909CW	
Broadcast Journalism 2				309910CW	
English Elective A				30992HCW	
English Elective B				309921CW	
AP English Language & Comp Seminar H				30992KHW	
AP English Literature & Comp Seminar H				30992LHW	
Grammar and Composition				309972CW	
Mythology				3099H2CW	
English 1 Seminar				3099U2CW	
English 2 Seminar				3099V2CW	
Film/Media Literacy				3099X2CW	
Mathematics					
Pre-Algebra			21991000		
Foundations in Algebra Seminar				319917CW	
AP Statistics Seminar Honors				3199G2HW	
AP Calculus AB Seminar				3199H2HW	
Algebra 1 Seminar				3199L4CW	
Science					
Science Research 1				3299C2CW	
AP Physics Seminar Honors				3299C6HW	
AP Chemistry Seminar Honors				3299K2HW	
AP Biology Seminar Honors				3299M2HW	
Science Elective				3299Q2CW	
AP Environmental Science Seminar Honors				3299V2HW	
Social Studies					
AP Human Geography Seminar				339912HW	
AP U.S. History Seminar				3399K2HW	
US History & Constitution Seminar				3399K3CW	
AP European History Seminar				3399O2HW	
Psychology Seminar Honors				3399Q2HW	
Health and Physical Education					
Health and Physical Education 6		14996000			
Visual and Performing Arts					
Music Appreciation 7			25990700		
Music Appreciation 8			25990800		
Instrumental Music : Orchestra-Strings 5				459902CW	
Digital Photography				459924CW	

Digital Photography 2				459925CW	
Music Theater 2				45992TCW	
Music Theater 1				45993ACW	
Symphony Orchestra 1				459942CW	
Girl's Show Choir				459962CW	
Symphonic Band 1				4599A2CW	
Symphonic Band 1				4599A4CW	
Symphonic Band 2				4599B2CW	
AP Studio Art Seminar Honors				4599C2HW	
Instrumental Music Ensemble				4599C4CW	
Basic Photography				4599N2CW	
Advanced Photography				4599O2CW	
Theatre Workshop 1				4599S2CW	
Theatre Workshop 2				4599T2CW	
Theatre Workshop 4				4599V4CD	
Theatre 5				4599X2CW	
World Languages					
AP French Seminar				3699D2HW	
IB Spanish Seminar				3699E2HW	
Supporting Areas					
STEM 6		17990100			
Comp Learning G/T		17994000			
GEMS6		17996000			
Personal Finance			27990300		
Leadership			27990500		
GEMS 7			27997000		
GEMS8			27998000		
SAT Preparation 7			27990L00		
SAT Preparation 8			27990M00		
Math Enrichment 7			27990N00		
Math Enrichment 8			27990P00		
Leadership Development				379904CW	
Leadership Development				379905CH	
Bible				379913CW	
Teacher Assistant				3799H1CW	
AVID 201				3799I1CH	
AVID 201				3799I2CW	
AVID 101				3799I4CW	
AVID 202				3799J1CH	
AVID 202				3799J2CW	
AVID 102				3799J4CW	
Freshman Seminar A				3799LSCQ	
Freshman Seminar B				3799L6CQ	
AVID 301				3799T1CH	
AVID 301				3799T2CW	

AVID 302				3799U1CH	
AVID 302				3799U2CW	
AVID 401				3799V1CH	
AVID 401				3799V2CW	
AVID 402				3799W1CH	
Work Experience				3799Z2CW	
Arts, Audio-Video Technology, and Communications					
Broadcast Journalism					529912CW
Digital Com 1					5299B4CW
Health Science					
Sports Trainer 1					559933CW
Additional/Placeholder Courses					
Student Assistant	A8990D00				
January Graduate	A8990Q00				
AVID Research	A8990T00				
ATAAll Day	A899A200				
HCS Initial Credit Year	A899A300				
Early Release A/B	A899A400				
HCEC-Alternative School	A899H000				
Advisor Elementary	A899K000				
Early Release Fall	A899K700				
Early Release Spr	A899K800				
Advisor Middle	A899L000				
Off Campus Assignment	A899L500				
AAST All Day	A899M200				
TLC All Day	A899TLCO				
HGTC Fall	A899Y200				
HGTC Campus Spring	A899Y300				
Scholar's Academy	A899Z200				
HCS Initial Credit	A899Z400				
HCS Online Credit Recovery	A899ZZ00				
Burst Data 1	B8990100				
Burst Data K	B8990K00				
Kaleidoscope Data	K8990100				
Passport Data 2	P8990100				
Passport Data 3	P8990200				
Passport Data 4	P8990300				
Passport Data 5	P8990400				
Other Tier 3 R. I. Data	X8990800				
Other Tier 2 R. I. Data	X8990900				

e. Monitoring Report: OE-13 Facilities Quarterly Report - Mr. Brown

Monitoring Report OE-13 was presented. Mr. Brown noted that this OE-13 report was very lengthy, as it includes loop roads and several final reports due to the completion of those projects. Mr. Brown noted that progress was continuing with the track and tennis courts.

f. Budget for Socastee High School Student/Stadium Parking Lot Lights - Mr. Brown/Mr. Burch

Mr. Burch addressed the Board seeking approval of the budget increase of the Socastee High School lighting improvements from \$120,000 to \$180,000 by transferring \$60,000 from the Socastee High School ditch piping project. The Facilities Committee previously approved a budget of \$120,000 for improvements to the parking lot lights at Socastee High School. The current parking lot lights do not adequately illuminate all areas of the parking lot, and as a result there are some areas that are dark. For several years, Facilities has assisted the school with renting portable lights for evening activities. After numerous discussions with the District's lighting contractor, it has become apparent that just replacing the light fixtures at the site would not provide enough improvement due to the existing height of the poles. To address this issue adequately, it is recommended to replace the existing poles with taller poles and new LED fixtures. The quote from our contractor is \$180,000 to perform this work. To fund the project Facilities would like to repurpose some funds from the site drainage repairs at Socastee High school. Previously the Facilities Committee allocated \$300,000 to pipe and enclose the major drainage ditch at Socastee High. This ditch is along the property line adjacent to the student parking lot and football stadium. After numerous meetings and discussions with Horry County Stormwater, it was clear that the expense of that effort would greatly exceed the original funding, and an alternative was devised to address the drainage issue which will be well within budget.

g. Budget for St. James High School Replacement of Make-Up Air (MAU) Units - Mr. Brown/Mr. Burch

Mr. Burch addressed the Board seeking approval of the funding source for design and replacement of seven rooftop make-up air units (MAU) at St. James High School. Mr. Burch shared that previously the Facilities Committee approved a budget of \$600,000 for evaluation and restoration repairs to seven rooftop MAUs at St. James High School. After evaluating and discussing the work this year, it is recommended that the District proceed with replacement of these units to get the best long-term value. Replacement of the units will continue to provide dehumidification and indoor air quality improvements to the school. The request to replace the units would utilize \$600,000 from the previously allocated sustainment funds, \$800,000 from the sustainment residual fund, and \$525,000 from the current sustainment funds for a total budget of \$1,950,000. This budget includes design of the project, all equipment and installation costs, control systems, and contingency. If approved, design would commence immediately

with bidding and award in the spring and construction during the summer of 2021.

h. City of Myrtle Beach Oceanfront Redevelopment Plan - Mr. Gardner

It should be noted Mr. Winters recused himself from this Discussion item.

Mr. Gardner addressed the Board regarding the proposed amendment to the City of Myrtle Beach Oceanfront Redevelopment Plan. He shared that on September 4, 2008, the City of Myrtle Beach presented the District with information about a redevelopment plan (with proposed redevelopment projects) that was being considered in a proposed Tax Increment Financing district (TIF) located between the Atlantic Ocean and King's Highway from 16th Avenue North to 6th Avenue South.

He disclosed that the City of Myrtle Beach Myrtle Beach indicated that they would welcome the utilization of the District's incremental taxes from the proposed TIF to support the redevelopment effort; however, they were not requesting it and had not used the funds in formulating their projections of available revenues for the projects.

He affirmed that at the October 20, 2008, Board of Education meeting, the Board objected to the City of Myrtle Beach Oceanfront Redevelopment Plan and did not consent to the utilization of the District's incremental taxes to finance the redevelopment projects. The Board authorized the Superintendent to notify the City of Myrtle Beach of the School District's objection and non-consent on or before the public hearing on October 21, 2008.

He shared that on September 9, 2020, the City of Myrtle Beach presented the District with a notice of public hearing regarding an amendment to the City of Myrtle Beach Oceanfront Redevelopment Plan which would include an additional 285.95 acres and the inclusion of additional redevelopment projects. The hearing will be held on October 27, 2020, at 9:00 A.M.

He mentioned that the City of Myrtle Beach indicated that they would welcome the utilization of the District's incremental taxes from the proposed amendment to support the redevelopment effort; however, they were not requesting it and had not used the funds in formulating their projections of available revenues for the projects.

Mr. Gardner made the following two recommendations to the Board: 1) The Horry County School District objects to the proposed amendment to the City of Myrtle Beach Oceanfront Redevelopment Plan and does not consent to the utilization of the District's incremental taxes to finance the redevelopment projects; and 2) The Board authorizes the Superintendent to notify the City of Myrtle Beach of the School District's objection and non-consent on or before the public hearing on October 27, 2020.

i. Superintendent's Report - Dr. Maxey

Prior to Dr. Maxey's Superintendent's Report, Dr. Maxey recognized the tragic loss of PFC Jacob Hancher, City of Myrtle Beach Police Officer, who was killed in the line of duty this past weekend. Dr. Maxey stated HCS mourns his loss along with city and all of Horry County. Dr. Maxey shared PFC Hancher will be remembered by all as a smiling face who frequently directed traffic in front of the Myrtle Beach Schools. PFC Hancher's mother is an employee of the District. Dr. Maxey shared he as well as HCS will keep PFC Hancher's family in our thoughts and prayers.

1. Fine Arts Accomplishments

Dr. Maxey shared updates regarding accomplishments within the Fine Arts Department. Dr. Maxey congratulated Dawson Bell, senior at Socastee High School, whose artwork was selected by Congressman Tom Rice's office to represent our 7th District of South Carolina at the U.S. Capitol. His artwork will be displayed for one year at the U.S. Capitol Building in Washington, D.C.

Dr. Maxey shared that Aynor Middle School, Carolina Forest High School, Conway High School, Forestbrook Middle School, Green Sea Floyds High School, Loris High School, Myrtle Beach Early Childhood School, Myrtle Beach High School, Midland Elementary School, North Myrtle Beach High School, Socastee High School, St. James Elementary School, St. James High School, St. James Intermediate School, and St. James Middle School were all awarded the Distinguished Arts Program Grant for the 2020-2021 school year. Under the State's Art Curricular Innovation Grants (ACIG), the Distinguished Arts Program Grant (DAP Grant) assists schools and districts in developing and implementing arts initiatives that support quality arts education programs that significantly improve student achievement in the arts. DAP grants provide funds for one-year projects.

2. Athletics Update

Ms. Velna Allen shared an update regarding the fall athletic season. Ms. Allen remarked even though the season was challenging due the pandemic, HCS swim teams competed in swimming, both boys and girls. Ms. Allen shared that the North Myrtle Beach boys placed 1st in Region 6-4A play, Carolina Forest High boys and girls placed 1st in Region 6-5A play. Ms. Allen shared the State Championship Swim Meet will be held this weekend, with girls' swimmers competing on October 10th, 2020, and boys' swimmers competing on October 12th, 2020. The meet will be held at the North Charleston Aquatic Center which is closed to the public due to COVID-19, however, will be live streamed.

3. Technology Update

Ms. Allen addressed the Board with a Technology update. Ms. Allen remarked that HCS is continuing to issue hot spots. To date, 342 hot spots have been issued. HCS worked with HTC last spring to provide

internet to those in need. To date, 347 homes have been provided free internet. HCS is serving just under 700 homes and will continue to work with those needing internet access. As of September 14, 2020, HCS has collected 245 devices that had not been returned. As of today, 475 devices have not been returned. Ms. Allen noted in a District this size, she feels good about that number. At last report, 41,945 devices have now been issued.

4. SCDHEC Disease Activity Report: October 1, 2020

Dr. Maxey stated his original intention with this agenda item was to share what the disease activity was from the latest report. Dr. Maxey noted that in 36 years as an educator he had never seen anything like this pandemic and hoped to never see anything like it again. Dr. Maxey shared he was interested in getting our students back in school but only when it could be accomplished safely. Dr. Maxey noted that we have guidelines from SCDHEC and CDC that we must consider when contemplating school operations. Both agencies have issued numerous pieces of advice that HCS has followed in reference to our brick and mortar instructional platform.

Dr. Maxey shared a presentation of the COVID-19 in Schools: Frequently Asked Questions page from the SCDHEC website. On that page, Dr. Maxey highlighted and read each time the 6 feet apart spacing recommendation was addressed. Dr. Maxey stated his reason for sharing this document was to highlight the emphasis that SCDHEC places on the necessity of 6 feet of distance for social distancing.

Dr. Maxey noted that HCS is constantly working to understand the many issues associated with the pandemic and its impact on our school system. He noted we are doing the best we can as educators. Dr. Maxey indicated that he had asked Mr. Burch to provide an analysis of a typical classroom to determine the number of people that could fit into a classroom while maintaining a social distance of 6 ft. Mr. Burch shared a typical classroom was approximately 800 square feet. Using current ratios for elementary school at 23.5 to 1, the largest number of people allowed in the classroom while socially distancing 6 ft. would be 14 people. Dr. Maxey stated that our hands are tied at being able to safely distance to 6ft based on these measurements.

Dr. Maxey then shared the latest October 5, 2020, recommendation from SCDHEC regarding the use of plexiglass in schools:

PLEXIGLASS USE IN SCHOOLS

Consistent with its existing policy, DHEC is providing further information regarding use of plexiglass barriers between students. As noted in the COVID-19: Frequently Asked Questions for School Officials from August 14, 2020, appropriate plexiglass use, combined with other measures,

allows for shorter distances for social distancing.

In scenarios in which students are seated closer apart than six feet, the students would not be considered close contacts when:

- 1. appropriate plexiglass is utilized, and*
- 2. distance between students is at least three feet apart, and*
- 3. the students are wearing cloth face coverings or face masks that cover the nose and mouth (the plexiglass does not serve as a substitute to mask-wearing).*

Plexiglass is considered appropriately sized and utilized if it surrounds three sides (the front and two sides) of the edges of the student's desk and extends at least a foot above each child's head when seated at the desk and at least a foot beyond the end of the desk on either side. There may be acceptable other configurations, as determined on an individual basis by DHEC.

At this point, Mr. Gardner addressed the Board regarding the current status of the Coronavirus Aid Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act funding. Mr. Gardner then shared the total allocation, the current obligations, and the current balance of \$4,964,438. Mr. Gardner noted that the District has until 2022 to expend the remaining funds.

Mr. Brown addressed the Board regarding PPE and funding. Mr. Brown noted that HCS would reach out to the State to secure Plexiglass. Mr. Brown noted HCS has examples of dividers and that Facilities would look into the recommended dimensions to determine if these dividers were usable. Dr. Maxey assured the Board that HCS would pursue this aggressively with the intent of getting students back in school but only when it is safe to do so.

Dr. Maxey then shared as one means for having a better understanding of the health of our learning environments, the District is closely monitoring COVID-19 positive test results which HCS nurses have confirmed with SCDHEC. We believe this information provides the district with a local data point for understanding the degree of disease spread within our school communities.

The numbers in the Horry County Schools COVID-19 Case Dashboard is one means for having a better understanding of the health status of our learning environments. The District is closely monitoring COVID-19 positive test results which HCS nurses have confirmed with the SCDHEC. We believe this information provides the district with a local data point for understanding the degree of disease spread within our school communities.

The numbers in the Horry County Schools COVID-19 Case Dashboard indicate totals for both current and cumulative positive staff and student COVID-19 cases reported for each school site. The disease activity data

reported on this dashboard, beginning on September 4, 2020, are compiled and updated by 4:00 P.M. by Horry County Schools. Information regarding statewide recent disease activity is provided courtesy of SCDHEC. HCS Dashboard data may differ from the SCDHEC report on public school cases which is generated two times per week for South Carolina schools. Dr. Maxey shared this Dashboard and the parent notification protocol would be shared on the HCS website.

3. 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.

Moved By: Mr. James

Seconded By: Mr. Winters

Board Action: Carried Unanimously

4. BUSINESS

a. City of Myrtle Beach Oceanfront Redevelopment Plan - Mr. Gardner

A motion was made as follows:

1) The Horry County School District objects to the proposed amendment to the City of Myrtle Beach Oceanfront Redevelopment Plan and does not consent to the utilization of the District's incremental taxes to finance the redevelopment projects.

2) The Board authorizes the Superintendent to notify the City of Myrtle Beach of the School District's objection and non-consent on or before the public hearing on October 27, 2020.

It should be noted Mr. Winters recused himself from voting on this item.

Moved By: Mr. Freeman

Seconded By: Ms. Smith

Board Action: Carried Unanimously

b. Consider Ratification of Policy Committee Revisions to Board Governance - Mr. Winters

A motion was made to approve all revisions made to the HCS Board Governance Policy at this time. A copy of the revisions was provided prior to the meeting.

Moved By: Mr. Winters

Seconded By: Mr. Cox

Board Action: Carried Unanimously

c. Advisory Board Appointments - Board Members

There were no Advisory Board Appointments.

5. CONSENT

- a. Personnel Recommendations
- b. Education Fund Allocation - D11
- c. Education Fund Allocation - D9

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

Moved By: Mr. Winters

Seconded By: Mr. Freeman

Board Action: Carried Unanimously

6. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn the October 5, 2020, Board Work Session at 7:12PM.

Moved By: Mr. Cox

Seconded By: Mr. Freeman

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

Board Action: Carried Unanimously

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

- a. Finance Committee Meeting, 3:00 PM, October 19, 2020, District Office
- b. Facilities Committee Meeting, 4:00 PM, October 19, 2020, District Office
- c. Board Meeting, 6:00 PM, October 19, 2020, District Office

Respectfully submitted,



Heidi Oates

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APPROVED: October 19, 2020