HORRY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

M I N U T E S

BOARD WORK SESSION

March 8, 2021
District Office
335 Four Mile Road
Conway, SC 29526

Board of Education

Ken Richardson	Shanda Allen
David Cox	Sherrie Todd
Janet Graham	Helen Smith
Neil James	Howard Barnard
Ray Winters	James Edwards

Horry County Schools Staff
Velna Allen, David Beaty, Daryl Brown, Joe Burch, Kenny Generette, Rick Maxey, Jimmy McCullough, Boone Myrick, Heidi Oates, Lucas Richardson

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 - March 8, 2021 - 6:00 PM - CALL TO ORDER

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

a. Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance

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

b. Approval of Agenda

A motion was made to approve the March 8, 2021, agenda as presented.

Moved By: Mr. Winters
Seconded By: Mr. Edwards

Board Action: Carried Unanimously

c. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made to approve the February 22, 2021, minutes as presented.

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

Board Action: Carried Unanimously

2. DISCUSSION

a. Monitoring Report: R-5 Other Academic Disciplines (Digital Learning, Fine Arts, Health/PE, Foreign Languages, and CATE) - Ms. Myrick

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.

b. Monitoring Report: OE-1 Global Operational Expectations - 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.

c. Superintendent's Report - Dr. Maxey

1. Status Report: School Operations

Dr. Maxey shared with the Board that graduation and senior celebrations dates had been published on HCS social media sites. He noted that specific ceremony and celebration information including times, locations, as well as procedures and guidelines, will be shared by each school closer to the graduation ceremony and senior celebration dates. Dr. Maxey stated that although the Governor lifted the order on events with 250 or more people, HCS will continue to follow the health guidelines that are in place regarding sporting events, graduations, etc. Dr. Maxey noted that the Center for Disease Control (CDC) states people should still wear a mask, stay six feet from others, and avoid crowds and poorly ventilated spaces. Dr. Maxey indicated that Phase 1b of the South Carolina

Department of Health and Environmental Control's (SCDHEC) vaccination plan began Monday, making most HCS employees eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine. Conway Medical Center, which is partnering with HCS to provide the vaccine, shared that last week they received 500 doses that would be designated for HCS employees.

Dr. Maxey addressed the use of plexiglass dividers in classrooms by sharing that HCS would for now, and for the foreseeable future, keep plexiglass in place. And as suggested by DHEC, the wearing of masks will continue in an effort to mitigate transmission of COVID-19. Dr. Maxey noted that HCS has begun discussions to look at how the plexiglass could eventually be repurposed or recycled when that time comes.

2. Status Report: Plexiglass Dividers for Middle/High School Classrooms

Dr. Maxey invited Mr. Daryl Brown, Chief Officer for Support Services, forward to provide an update regarding the installation of plexiglass barriers for middle and high school classrooms. Mr. Brown informed the Board that plexiglass installation is complete for all middle schools, and 5-day instruction will begin at the following schools: North Myrtle Beach Middle, St. James Middle, Blackwater Middle, Ocean Bay Middle, and Ten Oaks Middle School. Mr. Brown noted that HCS will now shift its focus to high schools with the completion of Green Sea Floyds Middle/High School and 5-day face-to-face instruction beginning there on Friday, March 12th, 2021. Mr. Brown stated that HCS was on track to complete installation at North Myrtle Beach High and Loris High School within the next few days. Mr. Brown shared all high schools and program schools were scheduled to be completed by the end of March.

Mr. Brown concluded his update by indicating that HCS is exploring the use of the bipolar ionization technology to assist in purifying indoor air within Horry County Schools facilities. Mr. Brown noted this technology safely creates and releases ions into the airstream using existing HVAC systems. When ions disperse, they seek out and form bonds with particles in the air. This allows HCS HVAC systems to filter out contaminants more effectively. This technology can be safely installed in every space including classrooms, offices, gymnasiums, media centers, etc. Mr. Brown added that these devices would continue to benefit air quality in our buildings after the pandemic. Mr. Brown noted that this project would be funded by the CARES Act.

3. Status Report: Student Services - Vaccine Update

Dr. Maxey invited Ms. Velna Allen, Chief Officer for Student Services, forward to share an update regarding the COVID-19 vaccine. Ms. Allen shared that HCS has partnered with Conway Medical Center (CMC) on

employee vaccinations noting that CMC has designated 500 doses for employees. Ms. Allen noted that HCS has provided CMC with contact information for the first 500 names of eligible, willing employees, and those names are organized in alphabetical order by last name. On March 12th, 2021, and March 13th, 2021, those employees will be the first round of HCS employees to receive their COVID-19 vaccinations. CMC will be handling all vaccination events' setup, registration, data entry and staffing. Ms. Allen also shared that the list of those wanting the vaccine is constantly changing, and HCS will continue to monitor and adjust the list of employees accordingly. Ms. Allen noted that CMC expects additional doses next week.

4. K-12 HCS Virtual Program: Timeline for 2021-2022 Student Commitment Process

Dr. Maxey invited Ms. Velna Allen, Chief Officer for Student Services, and Ms. Boone Myrick, Chief Officer for Learning Services, to share information regarding the K-12 HCS Virtual program timeline for the 2021-2022 Student Commitment Process. Ms. Allen presented a slideshow containing the following timeline:

Date	Event
March 15 – March 31	Use HCS Media Platforms to Inform Parents of 2021-22 Scheduling Process for K-12 HCS Virtual Program.
April 2 – April 11	Spring Break
April 12 – April 16	Send Parents Reminders the Commitment Window Opens on April 19 and closes April 30. No changes permitted after April 30.
April 19 – April 30	Open K-12 HCS Virtual Program Parent Commitment Window. Window closes on April 30.
May 3 – May 10	Assign HCS Virtual Students to Student Management System.
May 10 – May 30	Select K-12 HCS Virtual Program Teachers.
May 10 – June 30	Complete Schools' Master Schedules.

Ms. Allen and Ms. Myrick noted the following important information:

- All K-12 students enrolling for 2021-22 (both brick-and-mortar and K-12 HCS Virtual) new and returning, must register for the 2021-22 school year in their brick-and-mortar schools.
- Students who are new to HCS will have the opportunity to attend the K-12 HCS Virtual program upon enrollment in their assigned brick-and-mortar school (This opportunity closes after the first five days of school).
- Students/Parents should research all information prior to making a decision.
- ALL DECISIONS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE K-12 HCS VIRTUAL PROGRAM ARE FINAL AS OF APRIL 30, 2021.

5. National Education Association's Read Across America Week Recap

Dr. Maxey shared that every year, the month of March is National Reading Month. This initiated with 'Read Across America Day' on March 2nd, which is also the birthday of one of the most beloved children's book authors of all time — Dr. Seuss. Reading stories and antics about his wonderful characters is a rite of passage and the perfect way to get children interested in reading books. Last week, HCS celebrated this special week by reading lots of books, hosted book drives, dressed up as their favorite book characters, and hosted virtual guest readers. Dr. Maxey presented a video of this event with footage from several schools celebrating reading.

6. Marissa Pipkin-Jones, S.C. American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (SCAAFCS) Teacher of the Year

Dr. Maxey recognized and congratulated Ms. Marissa Pipkin-Jones, a Family and Consumer Sciences Teacher at St. James High School, who was recently named the 2021 South Carolina Association Family & Consumer Sciences Teacher of the Year. Ms. Jones, who received the state award during the 106th Annual Conference, will go on to compete at the national level.

7. Student Athletic Championships

Dr. Maxey recognized and congratulated the following 2021 State Wrestling Champions:

- Thomas Johnson, Aynor High School, 285 lb. Class AAA State Champion
- Johnny Guardian, Conway High School, 160 lb. Class AAAAA State Champion

- Braedon Bailey, Carolina Forest High School, 113 lb. Class AAAAA State Champion

8. Food Lion "No Kid Hungry" Grant Recipient

Dr. Maxey announced that Food Lion Feeds donated more than $106,000 in child feeding grants to No Kid Hungry to support the campaign's mission to end child hunger. The grants were distributed to five school districts across South Carolina and Virginia, including Horry County Schools, which received $35,000. The grants support feeding programs at nearly 200 schools across those districts located in the towns and cities Food Lion serves.

The grant was developed to ensure school districts have additional funding to support efforts to create more sustainable infrastructures to distribute food in new, innovative ways. Horry County Schools plans to purchase coolers/carts to make student meals more accessible.

9. Santee Cooper Donation to STEM, Pre-Engineering Programs, and Technology

Dr. Maxey shared Santee Cooper presented Horry County Schools with a $103,000 check to sponsor technology programs and services in our District. These funds will support the HCS Technology Fair, HCS Robotic Teams, STEM, pre-engineering programs, technology, and programs provided by the Academy for Technology and Academics, the Academy for Arts, Science, and Technology.

10. Socastee High School, National Athletic Trainers Association - Safe Sports School

Dr. Maxey recognized and congratulated Socastee High for being named a Safe Sports School, First Team by the National Athletic Trainers' Association. The Safe Sports School Award recognizes secondary schools around the country that take the crucial steps to keep their athletes free from injuries.

3. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made to move into Executive Session at 6:54 PM.

a. Discussion of Personnel Recommendation

b. Receipt of Legal Advice Regarding Potential Litigation

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

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

Board Action: Carried Unanimously

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 8:07 PM. It should be noted no votes were taken during Executive Session.

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

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

Board Action: Carried Unanimously

5. BUSINESS

a. Consider Personnel Recommendation - Dr. Maxey

Dr. Maxey recommended Mr. Jimmy McCullough be named Principal of Loris High School effective July 1, 2021. A motion was made to approve Dr. Maxey's recommendation. The motion carried unanimously, and Mr. McCullough was recognized by the Board and congratulated.

Moved By: Mr. James
Seconded By: Mr. Edwards

Board Action: Carried Unanimously

b. Consider Purchase of Additional Modular Classrooms - Mr. Burch

Mr. Burch approached the Board seeking approval to provide additional temporary classroom space for Carolina Forest Elementary (2) Ocean Bay Elementary (6) and River Oaks Elementary (6). A total of (14) classrooms are requested. The total estimated cost for this request includes all associated components necessary to operate including engineering, foundations, delivery, set up, utilities, fire alarm, security, site work, ramps, steps, canopies, walkways, parking, etc. When they are no longer needed, HCS will be able to reuse these classrooms at other locations for years to come. Mr. Burch is seeking Board authorization of use of the Unassigned General Fund - Fund Balance in the amount of $2,804,108

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

Board Action: Carried Unanimously

6. CONSENT

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

a. Personnel Recommendations

b. Education Fund Allocation - D1

c. Education Fund Allocation - D4

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

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

Board Action: Carried Unanimously

7. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:19 PM.

Moved By: Mr. Barnard
Seconded By: Mr. Edwards

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

Board Action: Carried Unanimously

a. UPCOMING MEETINGS

1. **Facilities Committee Meeting, 4:00 P.M., March 22, 2021, District Office, C-300**
2. **Board Meeting, 6:00 P.M., March 22, 2021, District Office, Board Room**

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi Oates

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Executive Assistant to the Superintendent and Horry County Board of Education

APPROVED: March 22, 2021