

Horry County Board of Education



Facilities Committee Minutes

August 22, 2016

District Office, 335 Four Mile Road, Conway, South Carolina

Board Members Present:

Neil James, Facilities Committee Chairman
Janet Graham, Facilities Committee Member
Holly Heniford, Facilities Committee Member
Sherrie Todd, Facilities Committee Member

Joe DeFeo
Kathy Richardson
Ray Winters (*Joined the meeting at 4:00 p.m.*)

Staff Members Present:

Dr. Rick Maxey, Superintendent
Mary Anderson
Edward Boyd
Teal Britton
Daryl Brown
Dottie Brown
Joe Burch
Jeff Carland

John Gardner
Kenny Generette
Leann Hill
Boone Myrick
Trevor Turner
Mark Wolfe

Welcome

Mr. James called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. He asked that everyone introduce themselves for the record.

Acknowledge Compliance with FOIA

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. Brown requested that the River Oaks Dashboard item be removed from the agenda. Mrs. Todd moved that the agenda be accepted as modified. Mrs. Graham seconded the motion. All voted in favor, motion passed.

Review and Approval of Minutes

Mrs. Graham moved that the minutes of the May 23, 2016 meeting be accepted as presented. Ms. Heniford seconded the motion. All voted in favor, motion passed.

Executive Session - Receipt of Legal Advice Related to Potential Litigation

Moved by Mrs. Graham, seconded by Ms. Heniford, the Committee entered into executive session at 3:03 p.m.

The Committee returned from executive session at 3:19 p.m. Mrs. Graham made a motion to return to regular session. Mrs. Todd seconded the motion. All voted in favor, motion passed. Mr. James stated for the record that no action was taken during executive session.

Discussion

Construction Update

Mr. Ferris of First Floor Energy Positive (FFEP) presented a detailed status update on each of the current construction projects. It was noted that conductivity testing was performed by FFEP and paid for by HCS. Also, allowances for inspections were removed from FFEP's contract but still need to be expended by HCS.

Mr. Wolfe explained the need to install non-proprietary elevator software to eliminate the cost associated with entering into long-term service contracts. This will allow HCS staff to handle repairs for the life of the school rather than relying on outside firms.

Mr. Ferris stated that it is possible that the construction of Socastee Middle School may not be completed within the scheduled time-frame, but all efforts will be made to meet the original deadline. Contributing factors include a later start than anticipated, significant soil problems, and the need for extensive pilings. He anticipates a completion date of December 19th. He stressed the possibility of the project being completed on time, but cautioned the Committee to have realistic expectations.

Clarification was requested on the use of aggregate piers. Mr. Ferris explained that it is common to need to use piers, or pilings, for foundations in conditions like this. Ms. Heniford agreed that conditions in Horry County often require this type of site work. Mr. James asked if proper elevations have been incorporated in the construction to ensure that flooding is not a concern. Mr. Ferris answered that he would check with the engineers on that question.

The Committee then reviewed the exterior canopy colors proposed for the middle and intermediate schools. The opinion of the Committee was that the middle school in Carolina Forest and the intermediate school in St. James did not fit with the attendance area colors. Mr. Ferris stated that color changes to Myrtle Beach Middle School and the new middle school in Socastee would need city or developer approval as they have already approved the renderings. It was agreed that new color options will be brought to the full Board for the new middle school in the Carolina Forest area and the intermediate school in the St. James area.

Mr. Ferris invited the Committee to a low country boil being held at the site of the new middle school in Carolina Forest on September 22nd.

First Floor Change Order Requests for the Socastee Area Middle School

Mr. Wolfe explained the change order requests that were distributed to the committee, noting that Board Governance requires these change orders be presented to the Board because they exceed the superintendent's threshold for approval. Mr. Gardner explained that contingency funds would be used to cover the costs of the change orders. There was brief discussion regarding acquiring a third party assessment and the costs associated. Mr. Ferris cautioned that if the change orders were not approved relatively soon, it may cause a delay in the projects. Mr. Gardner was asked to research the costs.

2016-17 Meeting Dates

Mr. Brown reviewed the 2016-17 meeting dates as presented. The dates were adopted by the Committee.

North Myrtle Beach High School Renovation

Ms. Heniford requested the Committee review the scope of work for the North Myrtle Beach High School Renovation project to determine items that are critical and those that are not critical. She expressed concern that the needs of the school be met. Mr. DeFeo stated that changes in the budget and scope of work must be presented to the Board. Mr. James assured Ms. Heniford that he had discussed this project with Dr. Maxey and a meeting will be scheduled with the architect to gather more information.

Loris Education Center

Mr. Burch updated the Committee on the interest the City of Loris has in the property. He explained that the City Council is divided on the subject and is conducting a study on the potential use of the property. The Committee asked if there was a timeframe, if others are interested, and if there is a deadline. Mr. Burch answered that there is no immediate need to dispose of this property, but ongoing cost savings is a factor. Mr. James stated that he has been approached by other organizations that are interested in the property. The Committee would like an October 1st deadline for the City to decide if they would like the property.

Outdoor Facilities Assessment

Mr. Turner reviewed the Outdoor Facilities Assessment as presented to the Committee, noting that it complements the building assessment. Mr. James asked about the variance in "Ed Spec. Requirements" as indicated on page 6. Mr. Turner explained that the South Carolina High School League determines these numbers based on class rank, such as 4A vs 2A. Mr. Wolfe added that this will help us prioritize the needs of these facilities. Mr. James agreed that a balance between athletic facilities and buildings is needed, and may be a topic for the upcoming Board retreat.

Mr. James then asked if travel had reimbursed to the schools that had unusable facilities. Mr. Brown answered that yes, additional funds were added to travel accounts for those schools.

Doug Shaw Update

Mr. Wolfe updated the Committee on the renovations planned for Doug Shaw Stadium by the City of Myrtle Beach. He stated that the City anticipates final designs to be completed by the end of the week. Mr. James suggested that the City present to the full Board as he is concerned about budget and would like the other Board member's input. It was agreed that the City would be invited to a Board meeting in September, at their convenience.

Proposed Aquifer Storage Recovery Well Site at River Oaks Elementary School

Mr. Burch explained the Aquifer Storage Recovery Well Site proposed for River Oaks Elementary School, as detailed on the presented maps. He noted that we have a similar site at Seaside Elementary. After confirming that the District would have no future use for that small piece of land, Mr. James said that he would share this with the Board and hoped to vote on the matter at the next Board meeting.

North Myrtle Beach 11th Avenue Widening Project

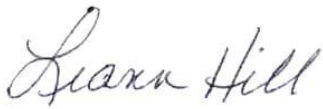
Mr. Wolfe requested guidance from the Committee on the 11th Avenue Widening Project. He added that an application has been submitted to FEMA for a grant that is intended to help fund on-site

drainage improvements, although he is not sure how long that process will take. He noted that the total cost estimate for off-site improvements, with the addition of a turning lane and storm drainage, is approximately \$300,000, which would be HCS's portion of the project. Mr. James inquired about where the funds would come from. Mr. Wolfe answered that it is a modification, which may allow for funds to come from that account. It was agreed that Mr. Wolfe will prepare an Agenda Action Form for a future Board meeting.

Adjourn

Ms. Heniford moved to adjourn. Mrs. Todd seconded the motion, all voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Leann Hill".

Leann Hill
Administrative Asst. – Support Services

Approved: September 12, 2016