

# Horry County Board of Education



## Joint Facilities and Finance Committee Meeting Minutes Monday, September 25, 2017

### Board Members Present:

Neil James, Facilities Committee Chairman,  
Finance Committee Member

Janet Graham, Facilities & Finance Committee Member

Holly Heniford, Facilities & Finance Committee Member

Sherrie Todd, Facilities Committee Member

Ray Winters, Facilities Committee Member

John Poston, Finance Committee Chairman

Shanda Allen, Finance Committee Member

David Cox

Janice Morreale – *via telephone*

Pam Timms

### Staff Members Present:

Dr. Rick Maxey, Superintendent

Velna Allen

Joe Burch

Lisa Bourcier

Edward Boyd

Daryl Brown

Polly Dean

John Gardner

Kenneth Generette

Leann Hill

Mark Koll

Dennis McCrary

Boone Myrick

### Media Present:

Christian Boschult, Sun News

Abbey O'Brien, WBTW

Katie Powell, Horry Independent

*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. Winters moved to approve the agenda as presented. Mrs. Graham seconded the motion. All voted in favor of approving the agenda. Motion passed.

### Review and Approval of Minutes

Mr. Graham moved to accept the Finance Committee minutes of May 17, 2017 as presented. Mrs. Allen seconded the motion, all voted in favor. Motion passed.

Mr. Winters moved to accept the Facilities Committees minutes of August 21, 2017 as presented. Mrs. Todd seconded the motion, all voted in favor. Motion passed.

### **Funding Options for 5-Year Capital Plan**

Mr. Gardner presented the Committee with options to fund the 5-year Capital Plan. He detailed the following sources:

- Under the current financing model there is approximately \$19.5 million that is available to use in 2017-18 and an additional \$51.5 million would be available over the life of the sales tax.
- The utilization of the current 8% debt of \$53 million would generate approximately \$51.1 million that could be available in 2017-18 and an additional \$10.3 million would be available over the life of the sales tax.
- Request a \$150 million bond referendum where the District would issue 20-year bonds that would generate \$148.1 Million dollars that could be available in 2018-19. This would not create a tax increase under the current financing parameters; however, if the sales tax is allowed to sunset as scheduled, we would need to increase our debt service millage by an additional 1.5 mils to 3.5 mils.

After brief discussion, the Committees asked Mr. Gardner to compare the options on one document for review and discussion at a future meeting.

### **Renovation of Current Myrtle Beach Middle School - Mr. Wolfe**

Mr. Wolfe explained the details of the time-sensitive plan to renovate the current Myrtle Beach Middle School when the school is vacated by the completion of the new school. He listed the many aspects of converting the school from a middle school to an elementary school, such as changing heights of fixtures, adding classrooms, and constructing playgrounds. The cost of this conversion would be between \$14 million and \$23.5 million, depending on the scope of work. The conversion could be a partial renovation or a complete renovation of the entire building. A partial renovation will simply convert the school to an elementary school. The complete renovation would extend the life of the building for approximately another 20 years.

Ms. Todd moved to recommend a full building renovation with a projected budget of \$23.5 million, Mr. Winters seconded. The Committees discussed the need to balance the needs in other areas with the unique opportunity to renovate a building while it is vacated. Staff was asked to prepare a detailed list of options to determine if a full building renovation is the best option at this time.

Ms. Allen moved to amend the motion, opting to move ahead with the project with the understanding that the full budget is needed for final approval. The amended motion was seconded by Mrs. Graham, all voted in favor. Motion passed.

Mr. Wolfe requested that the item be discussed at the next Board meeting to keep ensure that the timeline is maintained. The Committee agreed to discuss the renovation budget at the next full Board meeting.

#### **Prioritization of Upcoming Short-Term Building Needs - Establishing the Criteria**

Mr. Wolfe requested input on establishing the criteria that staff will use to compile a short-term capital project list. It was noted that Aynor Middle School Addition / Renovation and Replacement of Horry County Education Center are both on the current Short Term Plan, but previous funding was diverted to other projects in the Plan.

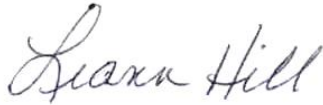
Mr. James asked each committee member to state their priority. The following were listed: age of buildings, athletic facilities, addressing deferred maintenance items as indicated on the FCI, roof repairs, safety and security of older buildings, air quality, and capacity.

Mr. Wolfe will use this information to produce a list of projects that the Board can use to develop the short-term capital project list.

#### **Adjourn**

Mrs. Graham moved to adjourn, seconded by Mrs. Todd, all voted in favor. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,



Leann Hill  
Administrative Asst. – Support Services

**Approved: October 23, 2017**