

Horry County Board of Education



Facilities Committee Minutes

Monday, September 26, 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
Janet Graham
Kathy Richardson
Ray Winters

Staff Members Present:

Dr. Rick Maxey, Superintendent
Mary Anderson
Daryl Brown
Joe Burch
Jeff Carland
Carolyn Chestnut
John Gardner

Kenny Generette
Leann Hill
Dennis McCrary
Boone Myrick
Trevor Turner
Mark Wolfe

Media Present:

August Dittbenner, Myrtle Beach Herald
Christian Buschult, Sun News

Others Present:

Patrick Howle, Santee Cooper
Keith Pehl, Optima Engineering
Fox Simons, City of Myrtle Beach
Steve Spivey, Santee Cooper
Pam Wrenn, Santee Cooper

Welcome

Mr. James called the meeting to order at 4:00 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

Ms. Heniford moved to accept the agenda as presented. Mrs. Graham seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Review and Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Mrs. Graham and seconded by Mrs. Todd to accept the minutes of the September 12, 2016 meeting. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

Discussion

Loris Education Center

Mr. Burch updated the Committee on the possible transfer of the Loris Education Center facility to the City of Loris. He stated that the City is requesting an extension to the proposed October 1st decision deadline to accommodate the City Council meeting planned for October 3rd. Ms. Heniford moved to extend the deadline to November 1st, 2016. Mrs. Todd seconded the motion, all voted in favor. Motion passed.

Power Purchase Agreement and Interconnectivity Plan

Mr. Wolfe introduced representatives from Santee Cooper and Optima Engineering that were present to answer any questions the Committee had on the correspondence from Santee Cooper regarding a power purchase agreement dated September 21, 2016, as presented to the Committee.

Mr. Pehl explained that rather than a buy-all/sell-all agreement, the school would work on a net-metered arrangement. This allows a school to use some of the power generated to run the school and the rest would be sold back to the utility company. He also noted that a Distributed Generation Rider (DG-16) and Purchase Power Agreement (PPA) would be needed to accommodate these two separate systems.

Mrs. Graham asked about the additional equipment costs mentioned in the letter. Mr. Pehl answered that those costs, and who is responsible, have not been determined yet.

Ms. Richardson asked if the schools not listed would have the same agreement. Mr. Pehl answered that Horry Electric has stated that they will defer to the Santee Cooper agreement and will follow the same plan.

Ms. Heniford asked about the variations in usage between seasons and how that would impact the agreements. Mr. Pehl answered that there may be an increase in the amount used but he does not anticipate it exceeding the amount produced.

Mr. Gardner asked if he should budget for utilities for these new schools. Mr. Pehl answered that yes, the amount should be considerably less, but there will still be some costs associated with these agreements.

Mr. James stated that he would include this information in his Board update.

City of Myrtle Beach Request

Mr. Simons presented the Committee with an overview of the request for future use of a portion of the current Myrtle Beach Intermediate School after the campus transition is made in 2018 following the opening of the new middle school. He noted that the proximity to the Pepper Geddings Recreation Center would help the City tremendously.

Mr. James asked Mr. Wolfe what the District planned to do with the property. Mr. Wolfe explained that the adult education program will use some of the property. Dr. Maxey added that other programs that had been displaced during construction will need consideration.

After a brief discussion regarding the timing of the construction completion and grade shifts within existing buildings, it was agreed that priority must be given to previous tenants. The Committee agreed to make note of the City's request and contact the City when use of the property is discussed.

Community Passageway to New Carolina Forest Area Middle School

Mr. Winters explained that many residents in the Plantation Lakes subdivision have expressed interest in a walkway from Plantation Lakes to the new school. Mr. James asked if the school property would have a fence around the perimeter. Mr. Wolfe answered that the plans did not call for a fence, but there would be fencing around retention ponds. Concerns about the security, surrounding homes, and nearby wetlands were raised. The Committee asked Mr. Wolfe to contact First Floor Energy Positive to provide an estimate for drafting a passageway plan.

Athletic Facilities Assessment

Mr. Wolfe noted that the Committee asked for more discussion on this report. Mr. James proposed combining this assessment with the building assessment so that the two are evaluated together. The Committee agreed with Mr. James' proposal. Mr. Wolfe answered that he will update the building assessment list with the current and pending projects and present the whole report at a future meeting. It was noted that this information will be needed for budget preparation.

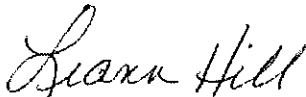
Canopy Colors for New Schools

Mr. Wolfe presented the Committee with the new color sections for the canopy and accent colors. After discussion on each color presented, it was decided that the St. James area intermediate school would use Resonant Blue, and the Carolina Forest area middle school would use the color of the garnet in the high school logo. Mr. Wolfe will contact the school's Athletic Director to get the exact color and relay it to First Floor Energy Positive.

Adjourn

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

Respectfully submitted,



Leann Hill
Administrative Asst. – Support Services

Approved: 10/24/16