Horry County Board of Education

Facilities Committee Minutes - REVISED

Monday, October 24, 2016

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

Board Members Present:

Joe DeFeo, Acting Facilities Committee Chairman
Janet Graham, Facilities Committee Member
Holly Heniford, Facilities Committee Member
Sherrie Todd, Facilities Committee Member
Janice Morreale
Ray Winters

Staff Members Present:

Dr. Rick Maxey, Superintendent
Edward Boyd
Teal Britton
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
Meghan Miller, WBTW

Welcome

Mr. DeFeo 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

Mr. DeFeo removed two items from the agenda; the St. James Dedication Plaque and the Loris Education Center Update. Mrs. Graham moved to accept the agenda as revised. Ms. Heniford 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 26, 2016 meeting. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

Discussion

New Schools in Conway Attendance Area

Mrs. Graham stated how appreciative she is for the support she has received for the Conway area. She explained that the community would like to begin conversations regarding the facilities that the community feels are nearing the end of their useful life. She shared that they felt that South Conway Elementary and Conway High School may need to be replaced; and the middle schools could be combined to save money and be more efficient.

Mr. DeFeo asked about enrollment numbers at each school. Mr. Burch answered that enrollment figures have been stable for the past few years. Mr. DeFeo requested that Mr. Burch research enrollment for each school.

Mrs. Graham reminded the Committee that while the schools may not be at, or over, capacity, they may still have a failing facility. Ms. Todd asked about available land options in Conway. Mr. Burch answered that the District owns the land beside Conway High School which is the site of the records retention building. He noted that that tract only has about 6 acres of land.

The Committee agreed to review the attendance numbers for the Conway area schools as a starting point for future discussions.

Doug Shaw Stadium Update

Mr. Wolfe explained that Mr. Dixon had attended a meeting with the city earlier in the day. One of the results of the meeting was a slightly revised estimate. The city would like our comments prior to moving forward.

Mr. DeFeo noted that the City plans to issue a bond for the project which would allow the District to make yearly payments for its share. He suggested that Mr. Wolfe continue to attend the meetings and keep the Committee updated. He also asked that staff work with the City develop a recommendation for the Board to consider.

Ms. Heniford and Mrs. Graham voiced concern over funding given that the District has other concerns that need to be supported. Mrs. Todd noted that the City is very generous and supportive of Horry County Schools in many areas such as after-school care. She also noted that we have a signed agreement with the City regarding the stadium.

Mr. Wolfe summarized the he will meet with the staff attorney and staff members to formulate a proposal for the Board regarding costs and expectations.

New Socastee Area Middle School Change Orders

Mr. Wolfe advised that the proposed change orders can be considered for approval as they have been reviewed by an independent party and deemed to be fair and reasonable. Ms. Heniford asked for clarification on the need for the change orders. Mr. Wolfe explained that the contract was issued prior to the purchase of the property which resulted in an estimate of site work costs. He further explained that the site work needed was more extensive than the estimate and this is cover the net overage.

The item will be presented to the full Board for approval at that evening's meeting.

Community Passageway to New Carolina Forest Area Middle School

At a previous meeting the Committee asked staff to research the feasibility of a walkway between the new middle school in Carolina Forest and the Plantation Lakes Subdivision; specifically, the cost to prepare a proposal. Mr. Burch explained that architect cost would be $12,600 to examine the feasibility and draft a proposal. Mr. DeFeo questioned the necessity of the passageway. Mr. Burch answered that it may minimally reduce traffic at the school. He added that the only path available to the school would be through the bus loop. He added that a similar access path from The Farm to Ocean Bay Middle is no longer used due to traffic congestion in the subdivision.

Ms. Heniford moved to table the discussion until after the majority of the construction is complete to allow for accurate assessment of the facility and logistics. Ms. Graham seconded the motion, all voted in favor.

Adjourn

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

Respectfully submitted,

Leann Hill
Administrative Asst. – Support Services

Approved: November 21, 2016