

**HORRY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**MINUTES**

**BOARD MEETING**

**November 15, 2021**

**District Office**

**335 Four Mile Road**

**Conway, SC 29526**

**Board of Education**

Ken Richardson

Neil James

W Russell Freeman

David Cox

Helen Smith

Janet Graham

Melanie Wellons

James Edwards

Shanda Allen

**Horry County Schools Staff**

Velna Allen

Mary J. Anderson

David Beaty

Lisa Bourcier

Daryl Brown

Joe Burch

Lt. Col. James Davis

Kenneth Generette

Rick Maxey

Boone Myrick

Heidi Oates

Lucas Richardson

John Washburn

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1. **OPENING - November 15, 2021 - 6:00 PM - CALL TO ORDER - BOARD MEETING ROOM**

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

**a. Invocation - Mrs. Graham**

Ms. Graham offered the invocation.

**b. Presentation of Colors and Pledge of Allegiance - NMBHS Navy JROTC**

The North Myrtle Beach High School Navy JROTC presented the Colors and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**c. Administration of the Oath of Office - Mrs. Tracy S. Winters (District 3) - Mr. James**

Mr. Neil James, Vice-Chairman, administered the Oath of Office to Ms. Tracy Winters, District 3. Ms. Winters was sworn into office and seated, effective immediately.

**d. Introduction of Board Members - Mr. Richardson**

Prior to the approval of the agenda, Mr. Richardson asked the Board members to introduce themselves and indicate the areas they represent.

**e. Approval of Agenda - Mr. Richardson**

A motion was made to approve the November 15, 2021, agenda as presented.

**Moved By:** Mr. Freeman

**Seconded By:** Ms. Graham

**Board Action: Carried Unanimously**

**f. Approval of Minutes - Mr. Richardson**

**1. November 1, 2021**

A motion was made to approve the November 1, 2021, minutes as presented.

**Moved By:** Mr. Edwards

**Seconded By:** Ms. Allen

**Board Action: Carried Unanimously**

**2. DISCUSSION**

**a. Monitoring Report: R-7 College and Career Readiness - Ms. Myrick/Mr. Washburn**

Monitoring Report R7 was presented and reviewed.

**b. Student Enrollment Data: 45-Day ADM Report - Ms. Allen**

Ms. Velna Allen provided a slideshow regarding student enrollment on the 45th day, including the following definitions and example:

*Membership* = The days a student is actively enrolled in a school.

*ADM* = The aggregate number of days in membership divided by the number of days that school is in session.

**Example**

A high school (HS) student who enrolled on August 17, 2021, and who is actively enrolled through October 21st, 2021, has accumulated 45 total days of membership as of October 21st, with his high school.

This high school student's days of membership are added to the days of membership of his fellow students (who may be in a different EFA funding classification/weighting). The aggregate number of days in membership divided by 45 equals the 45-Day ADM for this high school.

For the first 45 days of the 2021-22 school year, Aynor High School had an aggregate number of days in membership of 39,648.  $39,648/45$  days = an ADM of 881.07, i.e., 881

**District 45-Day ADM**

**5-Year Historical Data**

**(Pre-K – 12)**

<u>2017-18</u>	<u>2018-19</u>	<u>2019-20</u>	<u>2020-21</u>	<u>2021-22</u>
44,060*	44,184*	45,021*	43,760*	45,672*
44,763	44,918	45,783	44,535	46,398

\*These data exclude the HCS Charter Schools student enrollment numbers.

**c. Reminder: Second Semester Instructional Setting Change Timeline- Ms. Allen**

Ms. Velna Allen shared a slideshow of the timeline parents will follow to select their students' instructional setting for second semester:

November 10 - 19	Current K-12 HCS Virtual Students: Open Commitment Window for K-12 HCS Virtual students to return to their brick-and-mortar school for second semester. ALL PARENT SELECTIONS FOR SECOND SEMESTER ARE FINAL.
November 22 - 26	Thanksgiving Break
November 29 - December 8 (or sooner)	Current HCS Brick-and-Mortar Students: Open commitment window for students who attend an HCS brick-and-mortar school to enroll in the K-12 HCS Virtual program for second semester. The window may close prior to December 8th IF the maximum student enrollment number* has been reached. ALL PARENT SELECTIONS FOR SECOND SEMESTER ARE FINAL. *Proviso 1.103
December 9 - 17	Create schedules for students who are changing instructional settings.
December 20 - January 2	Winter Break
January 3 - 13	Create schedules for students who are changing instructional settings.
January 18	Second Semester Begins.

**d. COVID-19 Voluntary Vaccination Opportunities: Dates and Locations - Ms. Allen**

Ms. Velna Allen shared information regarding voluntary vaccination opportunities in partnership with Conway Medical Center:

- **Burgess Elementary School**

**Daisy Elementary School**

Tuesday, November 16, 2021, 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Tuesday, December 7, 2021, 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM

- **Carolina Forest Elementary School**

**Conway Elementary School**

Wednesday, November 17, 2021, 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Wednesday, December 8, 2021, 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM

**e. Superintendent's Report**

Prior to the recognitions, Dr. Maxey shared information regarding tracking current COVID cases on the HCS website. Dr. Maxey noted that currently HCS has under 100 positives and that the District appears to have reached a plateau. Dr. Maxey reminded everyone that HCS follows SCDHEC guidelines.

1. **2021 First Place Girls AAAA Golf State Champion: Madison Messimer, Myrtle Beach High School**

Madison Messimer was recognized and congratulated.

2. **2021 Girls AAAAA Tennis State Champions: Carolina Forest High School Girls Tennis Team**

The Carolina Forest High School Girls Tennis Team was recognized and congratulated.

3. **2021 Girls AAAAA-AAAA Tennis Singles Champion: Brooke Rogers, Socastee High School**

Brooke Rogers was recognized and congratulated.

4. **South Carolina State Fair Art Contest Winners**

Dr. Maxey recognized and congratulated the HCS high school students who placed in the South Carolina State Fair Art contest. Students showcased their creative talents in several divisions, including 2-D, 3-D, and Photography. All exhibitors had to be South Carolina residents and attend public, private, or home school in grades kindergarten through 12-grade.

Art winners included:

Academy for the Arts, Science & Technology (AAST)

Jack Penn - 1<sup>st</sup> Place, 2-D

Brady Carney – Best in Show, 2-D (High School Division Grades 9-12)

Hannah Harrison – Best in Show, 3-D (High School Division Grades 9-12)

To view the artwork of these students and other HCS students who received recognition, Dr. Maxey encouraged board members to visit our website at [horrycountyschools.net](http://horrycountyschools.net).

**5. South Carolina Adult Education Awards:**

Horry County Schools' [Adult Education](#) employees received several prestigious awards from the South Carolina Association of Adult and Continuing Education (SCAACE). Dr. Maxey recognized and congratulated Ms. Etta Carter, Ms. Karen Watts, and Ms. Linda Richards.

**6. South Carolina Virtual Adjunct Teacher of the Year: Cyndi Teegarden, Myrtle Beach High School**

Ms. Cyndi Teegarden was recognized and congratulated.

**7. St. James High School, United Way of Horry County Caring Cup Winner**

Dr. Maxey recognized and congratulated St. James High School for being awarded the Horry County Caring Cup for the annual United Way campaign. The Horry County Caring Cup is presented each year to the school demonstrating the highest percentage of an increase in campaign participation during the previous year.

**8. 2021 Civil Rights/Civil Liberties Excellence in Teaching Award: William Chappell, HCS Early College High School**

Dr. Maxey recognized and congratulated Mr. William S. Chappell, a Social Studies teacher at HCS Early College High, for being awarded the 2021 Civil Rights/Civil Liberties Excellence in Teaching Award by the South Carolina Council for Social Studies. The award is presented to a teacher who inspires their students to be fully informed about civil rights and civil liberties assured by our Constitution. Mr. Chappell encourages students to take informed action when they see injustices and contribute to our democracy. This award serves to honor Mr. Chappell's striving to continue his work advancing civil rights and civil liberties.

**9. 2021 National ESEA Distinguished Schools Award: HCS Early College High School**

Dr. Maxey recognized and congratulated HCS Early College High School for being recognized as a 2021 National (Elementary and Secondary Education Act) ESEA Distinguished School by the National Association of ESEA State Program Administrators. The purpose of the National ESEA Distinguished Schools Program is to highlight selected schools that have

successfully used their ESEA federal funds to improve the education for all students-including economically disadvantaged students. These schools demonstrate a wide array of strengths, including team approaches to teaching and learning, focused professional development opportunities for staff, individualized programs for student success, and strong partnerships between the school, parents, and the community.

**3. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Prior to the Public Comments section of the meeting, Mr. Richardson recognized Coach Patrick Howle on being voted Region 6 AAAAAA Tennis Coach of the Year.

Mr. Richardson recognized and shared condolences regarding the loss of Ms. Lois Eargle, former Horry County Auditor. Mr. Richardson shared with great fondness the appreciation HCS has for the positive long-standing relationship with Ms. Eargle.

During the Public Comments section of the meeting, Mr. Mark Snyder, Ms. Denise Patterson, and Mr. Jeremy Halpin did not come forward when called. Mr. John Gallman came forward when called.

**4. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**a. Superintendent's Evaluation**

A motion was made to move into Executive Session at 6:57PM.

**Moved By:** Mr. Cox

**Seconded By:** Mr. James

**Board Action: Carried Unanimously**

**5. BUSINESS**

A motion was made to move into the Business portion of the meeting at 8:41PM.

**Moved By:** Mr. Cox

**Seconded By:** Mr. Edwards

**Board Action: Carried Unanimously**

**a. Superintendent's Evaluation - Mr. Richardson**

A statement was read by Mr. Richardson regarding the Superintendent's Evaluation, as follows:

"Each year, the Horry County Board of Education provides an annual job performance review of the Superintendent based upon the expectations set forth in Board Governance and outlined by various areas of responsibility. The Board is pleased with the overall job performance and leadership of the Superintendent. In review of the information provided by Dr. Maxey, he continues to be in compliance with our expectations. The Horry County Board of Education would like to state that Dr. Maxey's job performance as Superintendent is 'Highly Effective.' The Board feels the District continues to perform well in achievement and is headed in the right direction under the leadership, character, and clear vision of Dr. Rick Maxey as Superintendent. The Board would like to thank Dr. Maxey for his leadership under tremendously challenging circumstances.

The Board has the utmost level of confidence in Dr. Maxey's leadership and individual characteristics/work traits.

The Horry County Board of Education would like to make the following amendments to Dr. Maxey's current contract retroactively to July 1, 2021:

- increase the annual salary of the Superintendent to \$260,000.00,
- increase the Superintendent's monthly automobile allowance to \$1,000.00,
- increase the District's contribution to the Superintendent's annuity to 15%, and
- extend the term of Dr. Maxey's current contract for an additional year which is through June 30, 2025."

**Moved By:** Mr. Cox

**Seconded By:** Ms. Smith

**Board Action: Carried Unanimously**

**b. Consider Engagement of Risk Management Consulting Services - Mr. Gardner**

Mr. Gardner addressed the Board seeking approval to engage a qualified risk management consultant to evaluate exposures, assess risk, and examine insurance programs to determine whether assets and personnel are adequately, and cost effectively protected.

**Moved By:** Mr. James

**Seconded By:** Mr. Edwards



**Board Action: Carried Unanimously**

**c. Consider Approval of the 2021-24 Short-term Capital Project List - Mr. Burch**

Mr. Burch addressed the Board seeking approval of the remaining 2021-24 Building Program projects for an estimated cost of \$109.3 million over the length of the 2021-24 Building Program.

**Moved By:** Mr. Cox

**Seconded By:** Mr. Freeman

**Board Action: Carried Unanimously**

**d. Designation of Assembly Delegates for SCSBA Annual Business Meeting, December 4, 2021, Charleston, S.C. - Mr. Richardson**

Mr. Richardson recommended appointing Ms. Janet Graham and Mr. James Edwards as voting delegate(s) and alternate(s) for the 16 votes allowed for Horry County Schools at the December 4, 2021, SCSBA Delegate Assembly, split evenly between them both.

**Moved By:** Mr. James

**Seconded By:** Ms. Smith

**Board Action: Carried Unanimously**

**e. Appointment of Advisory Board Members - Board Members**

Ms. Janet Graham made a motion to appoint Steven Glenn to replace Kamal Frazier and to appoint Nettie Eaddy to replace Nina Keith, each for a 1-year term to the Conway Advisory Board.

**Moved By:** Ms. Graham

**Seconded By:** Mr. James

**Board Action: Carried Unanimously**

Ms. Melanie Wellons made a motion to appoint Heather Bell for a 1-year term to the Carolina Forest Advisory Board.

**Moved By:** Ms. Wellons

**Seconded By:** Mr. Edwards

**Board Action: Carried Unanimously**

6. **CONSENT AGENDA**

- a. **Personnel Recommendations**
- b. **Monitoring Report R-1: Literacy**
- c. **Monitoring Report OE-8: Communicating with the Board**
- d. **Education Fund Allocation - Board Chair**

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

**Moved By:** Mr. Cox

**Seconded By:** Mr. Freeman

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

**Board Action: Carried Unanimously**

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made to adjourn at 9:00PM.

**Moved By:** Mr. Freeman

**Seconded By:** Ms. Graham

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting.

**Board Action: Carried Unanimously**

Respectfully submitted,



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Heidi Oates

Executive Assistant to the Superintendent and Horry County Board of Education

APPROVED: **December 6, 2021**