

HORRY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES

BOARD MEETING

August 22, 2022

District Office

335 Four Mile Road

Conway, SC 29526

Board of Education

Ken Richardson

Neil James

W Russell Freeman

Sherrie Todd

David Cox

Howard Barnard

Helen Smith

Janet Graham

Melanie Wellons

James Edwards

Shanda Allen

Tracy Winters

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.

1. OPENING AND CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair Richardson called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM.

a. Invocation - Ms. Winters

Ms. Winters offered the invocation.

b. Presentation of Colors and Pledge of Allegiance - Green Sea Floyds Army JROTC

Green Sea Floyds Army JROTC offered the Presentation of Colors and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

c. Introduction of Board Members - Mr. Richardson

Mr. Richardson asked Board Members to introduce themselves and indicate the areas which they represent.

d. Approval of Agenda - Mr. Richardson

A motion was made to approve the August 22, 2022, agenda as presented.

Moved By: Mr. Freeman

Seconded By: Ms. Todd

Board Action: Carried Unanimously

e. Approval of Minutes - Mr. Richardson

1. August 8, 2022

A motion was made to approve the August 8, 2022, minutes as presented.

Moved By: Mr. Edwards

Seconded By: Ms. Graham

Board Action: Carried Unanimously

2. DISCUSSION

a. Policy Committee Report - Ms. Graham

Ms. Graham shared an update from the Policy Committee meeting held earlier today. As a part of the work being completed for the establishment of the Horry County Schools Educational Foundation, Ms. Graham stated that Section 5 was discussed regarding establishment of the Board of Directors. The discussion continued through Article 11 which contained legal information regarding creation of the foundation. Ms. Graham stated that the questions posed during the Policy Committee meetings regarding this topic will be compiled and presented in one document to legal services for guidance. The Policy Committee hopes to meet again soon to create the final draft to propose to the Board for final approval.

b. Facilities Committee Report - Mr. James

Mr. James shared a report from the Facilities Committee Meeting held earlier today. Mr. James shared two videos with the first providing the following update on Capital Projects:

Capital Projects Video Update

- Parent Loop Roads at Aynor Middle School, Lakewood Elementary School, and Riverside Elementary School were open and in use the first day of school. Waterway Elementary School's new loop is projected to be completed by the end of October.
- Despite supply chain difficulties, Modular Classrooms were delivered and installed. We are awaiting the Office of School Facilities (OSF) final inspections for occupancy turn over.
- New monument signs and digital message boards were delivered and operational at 8 elementary schools. This completes Phase 1.

- New playground equipment and drainage improvements were installed at Lakewood Elementary, St. James Elementary, Loris Elementary, and Homewood Elementary Schools.
- Numerous Outdoor Air Unit (OAU) and HVAC replacements were completed, and several more are underway across the District utilizing ESSER 2 & 3 grant funding.
- North Myrtle Beach Middle School's main corridor renovations have been completed. Numerous other flooring sustainment projects have been completed district wide.
- Crack fill, seal coating, and striping was completed on parking lots at numerous schools over the summer.
- Several major roofing projects are underway this year utilizing ESSER 2 & 3 grant funding.
- Improvements to the drainage in the Forestbrook Middle School courtyards have been completed this summer.
- Seven of our high schools have undergone major improvements to their outdoor athletic facilities this year. Resurfaced tennis courts, installation of synthetic tracks, installation of artificial stadium turf, and other stadium and site improvements are nearing final completion. These schools and their communities will benefit from these enhanced athletic facilities for years to come.
- Major roofing and HVAC replacements are underway at Conway High School. The project is phased and will be completed the summer of 2024.
- Clearing and site work for the new Whittemore Park Middle School began in July and is progressing as scheduled.

The second video shared was a digital rendering of the new Whittemore Park School.

Mr. James then reported that the Facilities Meeting Schedule was discussed with the meetings to be held prior to the second Board meeting each month at 4:00 PM in room C-300. Mr. James noted a few items were discussed that are key for the District to make decisions going forward. The first item is the Facilities Condition Assessment (FCA) which occurs when HCS utilizes an outside consultant to assess the conditions of all 8,000,000 SF of HCS buildings and athletic complexes. The committee is reviewing the athletic master plan and long-range demographics post-covid data. The information from all three documents will be used together to assist the Board in creating the next strategic facilities plan.

In addition, the committee received a report regarding the architect engineering selection for the two new elementary schools awaiting to be designed. HCS received 10 respondents, conducting interviews with 5 of those who responded. SMHA architects, who were recommended following the interview process, will work with HCS staff to design two new elementary schools. This recommendation was approved by the Facilities Committee and will be brought before the Board for final approval.

The committee also discussed the project delivery plans for the new elementary schools including selecting the Integrated Project Delivery (IPD) methodology. Mr. James noted this method had been used on the most recent schools and has proven to be a very efficient.

c. A Resolution Regarding the Board of Education's Position on Critical Race Theory (CRT) and the Schools - Mr. Richardson

The Board considered a resolution concerning the Board's position on Critical Race Theory (CRT) in relation to Horry County Schools.

d. Proclamation of Constitution Week, September 17-23, 2022 - Mr. Generette

Mr. Generette acknowledged Ms. Dorothy Weberling, a member of the Theodosia Burr Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR). The DAR requested that the Board consider issuing a Proclamation recognizing the week of September 17-23, 2022, as Constitution Week in Horry County Schools.

e. Superintendent's Report

1. Opening of Schools

Dr. Maxey shared that the opening of schools was a successful one. On this first day, he visited schools across the county and found students and staff members happy to be back in school. Dr. Maxey shared a brief video of students and staff members enjoying their first day back in school.

2. SCDHEC Provides Retention Bonus to School Nurses

Dr. Maxey shared that the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (SCDHEC) is providing retention bonuses to nurses currently employed by HCS in recognition of their service to the K-12 school community during the COVID-19 pandemic and in furtherance of the goals of the CDC COVID-19 Public Health Workforce Development Crisis Cooperative Agreement. SCDHEC will pay retention bonuses in the amount of \$3,000.00 per nurse to HCS nurses who have been continuously employed by the District since August 2021. Dr. Maxey reiterated that SCDHEC is funding the retention bonus and set the requirements to determine who the recipients will be.

3. Recognitions

1. Excellence in Financial Reporting Award

Dr. Maxey shared that the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) has awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to Horry County Schools for its annual comprehensive financial report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021. The report has been judged by an impartial panel to meet the high standards of the program, which includes demonstrating a constructive "spirit of full disclosure" to clearly communicate its financial story and motivate potential users and user groups to read the report.

The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management.

2. Tracy Todd, Carolina Forest High School, 2022 South Carolina National History Teacher of the Year for the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History

Dr. Maxey recognized and congratulated Tracy Todd, a US History and AP Psychology teacher at Carolina Forest High School, for being named the 2022 South Carolina National History Teacher of the Year by the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History. All state winners are finalists for the National History Teacher of the Year Award. A panel of former national winners, renowned historians, and master teachers reviews all state winners' materials and selects the National History Teacher of the Year. The winner is announced in the early fall and receives a \$10,000 award and a trip to the national award ceremony.

3. Loris High School Community Pep Rally & Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the New Artificial Turf Field

Information was shared regarding the Loris High School Community Pep Rally & Ribbon Cutting Ceremony.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

The following individuals signed up to speak during the Public Comments portion of the meeting and came forward when called: Robert Urbancik, Patricia Milley, Wendy Farris, and Jennifer Hannigan.

The following individuals signed up to speak during the Public Comments portion of the meeting and did not come forward when called: Steve Howell, Jennifer Reilly, Christine McMahon, and Vincent Gatto.

4. EXECUTIVE SESSION

a. Consider Potential Purchase of Property

A motion was made to move into Executive Session at 6:55 PM.

Moved By: Mr. Edwards

Seconded By: Ms. Wellons

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

Board Action: Carried Unanimously

5. BUSINESS

A motion was made to move into the Business portion of the meeting at 7:14 PM. Cox, Freeman. It should be noted no decisions were made, and no votes were taken during the Executive Session.

Moved By: Mr. Cox

Seconded By: Mr. Freeman

Board Action: Carried Unanimously

a. Competitive Employee Compensation - Mr. Gardner and Ms. Anderson

A motion was made that the Board authorizes the utilization of Unassigned General Fund - Fund Balance in the amount of \$18.1 million to implement the administration's Competitive Employee Compensation Proposal.

Moved By: Mr. Barnard

Seconded By: Ms. Todd

Board Action: Carried Unanimously

b. A Resolution Regarding the Board of Education's Position on Critical Race Theory (CRT) and the Schools - Mr. Richardson

A motion was made to approve the Board's Resolution Concerning Critical Race Theory, as presented.

Moved By: Mr. Cox

Seconded By: Mr. James

For (10): Mr. James, Mr. Freeman, Ms. Todd, Mr. Cox, Mr. Barnard, Ms. Smith, Ms. Wellons, Mr. Edwards, Ms. Allen, and Ms. Winters

Against (1): Ms. Graham

Board Action: Carried (10 to 1)

c. Proclamation of Constitution Week, September 17-23, 2022 - Mr. Generette

A motion was made by Ms. Allen and seconded by Mr. Edwards to set aside the week of September 17-23, 2022, as Constitution Week in Horry County Schools.

Moved By: Ms. Allen

Seconded By: Mr. Edwards

Board Action: Carried Unanimously

d. Consider Additional Funding for School Security Audit - Mr. Gardner

A motion was made that the Board authorizes the utilization of Unassigned General Fund - Fund Balance in the amount of \$86,000 to fully fund the school security audit.

Moved By: Ms. Smith

Seconded By: Mr. Edwards

Board Action: Carried Unanimously

e. Appointment of Advisory Board Members - Board Members

A motion was made by Mr. Freeman to appoint the following Advisory Board Member to the North Myrtle Beach Advisory Board:

Michelle Harmon: 2-Year Term - 1st Term Appointment

Moved By: Mr. Freeman

Seconded By: Mr. Edwards

Board Action: Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Ms. Winters to appoint the following Advisory Board Member to the Carolina Forest Advisory Board:

Eugenia Hopper: 1-Year Term - 1st Term Appointment

Moved By: Ms. Winters

Seconded By: Ms. Todd

Board Action: Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Ms. Smith to appoint the following Advisory Board Members to the Socastee Advisory Board:

Meghan Stiles: 2-Year Term - 3rd Term Appointment

Michelle Gerald: 2-Year Term - 3rd Term Appointment

Roger Clyde: 2-Year Term - 4th Term Appointment

Moved By: Ms. Smith

Seconded By: Mr. Barnard

Board Action: Carried Unanimously

A motion was made by Ms. Allen to appoint/reappoint the following Advisory Board Members to the Aynor Advisory Board:

Jeremy Johnson: 2-Year Term - 2nd Term Appointment

Scott Hucks: 2-Year Term - 2nd Term Appointment

Kelly Long: 2-Year Term - 4th Term Appointment

Catherine Johnson: 2-Year Term - 4th Term Appointment

Toni Squires: 1-Year Term - 1st Term Appointment

Amanda Brown: 1-Year Term - 1st Term Appointment

Moved By: Ms. Allen

Seconded By: Mr. Edwards

Board Action: Carried Unanimously

6. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. **Personnel Recommendations**
- b. **Board Meeting Schedule for Fiscal Year 2022-2023**
- c. **Monitoring Report: GC-6 Annual Work Plan**
- d. **Monitoring Report: OE-2 Emergency Superintendent Succession**
- e. **Monitoring Report: OE-11 Student Discipline**
- f. **Monitoring Report: OE-12 Learning Environment/Treatment of Stakeholders**
- g. **Monitoring Report: OE-13 Facilities Quarterly Report**
- h. **Monitoring Report: R-6 Personal Success and Citizenship**
- i. **Education Fund Allocation - District 1**
- j. **Education Fund Allocation - District 2**

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

Moved By: Ms. Allen

Seconded By: Mr. Edwards

Board Action: Carried Unanimously

7. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn at 7:32 PM.

Moved By: Mr. Barnard

Seconded By: Mr. Freeman

Board Action: Carried Unanimously

Upcoming Meeting:

Board Work Session/Special-Called Meeting, 6:00 PM, September 12, 2022,

District Office, Board Room

Respectfully submitted,



Heidi Oates

Executive Assistant to the Superintendent and Horry County Board of Education

APPROVED: September 12, 2022