

**HORRY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**MINUTES**

**BOARD MEETING**

**November 14, 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 NOVEMBER 14, 2022 - 6:00 PM - CALL TO ORDER - BOARD MEETING ROOM**

Board Chair Richardson called the meeting to order at 5:59PM.

**a. Invocation - Ms. Wellons**

Ms. Melanie Wellons offered the invocation.

**b. Presentation of Colors and Pledge of Allegiance - Conway High School Navy JROTC**

Conway High School Navy 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 November 14, 2022, agenda as presented.

**Moved By:** Mr. Freeman

**Seconded By:** Ms. Todd

**Board Action: Carried Unanimously**

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

**1. November 7, 2022**

A motion was made to approve the November 7, 2022, minutes as presented.

**Moved By:** Mr. Barnard

**Seconded By:** Mr. Edwards

**Board Action: Carried Unanimously**

**2. DISCUSSION**

**a. Curriculum & Instruction Committee Report - Ms. Todd**

Ms. Todd provided an update from the Curriculum Committee Meeting held earlier today. Ms. Todd noted this meeting was an informational meeting with the topic of discussion being the preparation of the four HCS program schools' application and acceptance procedures. Ms. Todd noted the four program schools are AAST, ATA, Early College High, and the Scholars Academy High School. Ms. Todd shared HCS will work to make sure the students are aware of the application process.

**b. Policy Committee Report - Ms. Graham**

Ms. Graham shared an update from the Policy Committee Meeting held earlier today. Ms. Graham shared she and Mr. Generette spoke with Burr Forman Law Firm and posed questions carried over from the committee meetings such as types of donations and the time frame for establishment of the Foundation. Ms. Graham noted that establishing the Foundation would likely not be finalized this tax season. Ms. Graham noted during the December 5, 2022, Board meeting, a draft of the by-laws will be presented to the Board for review, discussion, and subsequent approval.

**c. Facilities Committee Report - Mr. James**

Mr. James shared a report from the Facilities Committee Meeting held earlier today. Mr. James shared a video prior to his report on the meeting providing the following update on Capital Projects:

- Final striping has been completed on the Conway High Track. Clean-up and punch-list items are underway.
- Site work continues on the new Whittemore Park Middle School. The first foundation footers are being dug and prepared for the building.
- The roof replacement at St. James Middle School is 55% complete. Final completion is anticipated in April.
- The re-roofing at Daisy Elementary School has been completed. The HVAC replacement portion of the project is beginning, but the majority of the work will be during the summer of 2023.
- Curbing and final site prep for paving is nearing completion on the new loop road at Waterway Elementary School. The new canopy has been installed and final completion is expected by the end of the month.

Mr. James reported in addition to Capital Projects, four construction projects were discussed as follows:

- Mr. James noted electrical panels for modular classrooms were currently being rented. Facilities is suggesting HCS purchase 6 panels for future modular classrooms assemblies. The total cost would be \$125,000. Mr. James shared this item would be referred to the Board for consideration during the next meeting.
- Mr. James noted HCS received a 179D Tax Rebate request from two contractors from North Myrtle Beach Middle School and SOAR Academy. Mr. James remarked this was at no cost to HCS to provide the necessary information to allow this rebate. Mr. James noted this would be included on the upcoming Board agenda.
- Mr. James noted the CHA Preliminary Athletic Report is a full comprehensive assessment of HCS's athletic infrastructure which addresses football, cross country, tennis, soccer, lacrosse, track, basketball, softball, baseball, cheerleading, and wrestling. The next phase will be the budgetary projections and prioritizing the most immediate need and the phased approach to bring all the athletic facilities up to standard.
- Mr. James remarked the last item discussed was the Facility Condition Assessment on all non-athletic infrastructure and educational institutions. HCS has been reviewing how they ranked in terms of the building, safety and security, and infrastructure. Mr. James hopes to have the results by the planning meeting in February 2023.

**d. Organizational Business Items for Meeting Scheduled for January 9, 2023**

**1. Proposed Process for the Administration of the Oath of Office for Newly-Elected and Re-Elected Board Members - Mr. Generette**

Mr. Generette shared the anticipated date for the district vacancies is January 9, 2023. The newly and re-elected members of the Board will have the opportunity to be administered the Oath of Office. Those individuals will be properly seated for the districts in which they represent.

**2. Proposed Appointment Process for Filling the Unexpired Term for the Anticipated District 4 Vacancy - Mr. Generette**

Mr. Generette shared as a result of the November 2022 elections, HCS anticipates a vacancy for District 4. Mr. Generette noted this process begins at the start of the vacancy, January 9, 2022. Following the application and interview process, the newly-appointed District 4 Board Member would be administered the Oath of Office at the beginning of the next regularly scheduled Board meeting on Monday, March 20, 2023.

**e. Superintendent's Report**

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

Dr. Maxey recognized and congratulated the 13 students from our district whose artwork won at the 2022 SC State Fair, including one from River Oaks Elementary, one from Socastee High, two from Myrtle Beach High, and nine from the Academy for the Arts, Science & Technology (AAST)!

Best in Show and first place winners included:

- Andrew Bellah, from AAST - Best in Show, high school 3D art
- Kloe Gregory, from Socastee High - First Place, 12<sup>th</sup>-grade 3D art
- Hailey Moreno, from River Oaks Elementary - First Place, 5<sup>th</sup>-grade photography
- Jackson Penn, from AAST - First Place, 12<sup>th</sup>-grade 2D art

**2. Office Depot / OfficeMax "Give Back to Schools Program" - Riverside Elementary**

Dr. Maxey shared on October 27, Riverside Elementary School was given \$20,513 in store credit at OfficeMax to buy classroom supplies and furniture. Office Depot and OfficeMax donated the money as part of their "Give Back to Schools" fundraiser, which gives 5% of qualifying purchases to schools. This was the second year in a row that an HCS school was selected. Last year, Myrtle Beach Elementary was awarded the funds.

**3. 2022 AAAAA Girls Tennis State Champions: Socastee High School**

Dr. Maxey recognized and offered congratulations to the Socastee High School Girls Tennis for winning the 2022 5A State Championship. This is their second state championship in the last two years. Team members include Kaitlyn Atkins, Laurel Case, Wae Man Chan, Cassidy Cocca, London Daniels, Emma Dugan, Sofia Feres Tetto, Casey Gwyer, Isla June Jenks, Zoe Knick, Gwen Madiot, Emma Murphy, Olivia Robert, Brooke Rogers, Isabel Solazzo, Bella Williams, Delanie Williams, Hannah Williams, Ryleigh-Caroline Williams, and Tianna Woodard. Team coaches include Jason Williams and Michelle Money.

**4. 2022-2023 South Carolina Marine Educators Association Educator of the Year - Cindy Lilly, Ocean Bay Middle School**

Dr. Maxey recognized and congratulated Mrs. Cindy Lilly, a 7<sup>th</sup>-grade science teacher at Ocean Bay Middle School, for being named the 2022-2023 Marine Educator of the Year by the South Carolina Marine Educators Association. Mrs. Lilly was acknowledged at the annual conference during the awards ceremony on November 5<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Lilly works extremely hard in the areas of conservation, sustainability, and marine science.

**5. HCS Veterans Day Events**

Dr. Maxey shared on November 11<sup>th</sup> our schools hosted multiple events honoring the many veterans who served our country. Our HCS Communications Team will continue for the coming weeks to highlight over 200 veterans who work for Horry County Schools. A short clip was shared highlighting events held at schools.

**3. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

The following individuals signed up to speak and came forward when called during the Public Comments portion of the meeting: Meredith Ritchie, David Warner, Charles Collins, Julinna Oxley, Ken Colman, Nick Mercer, Jennifer Hannigan, and David Warner. The following individuals signed up to speak during Public Comments and did not come forward when called: Ashlyn Preaux and Joe Boggs.

**4. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

A motion was made to move into Executive Session at 7:00PM.

**Moved By:** Mr. Freeman  
**Seconded By:** Ms. Wellons

**Board Action: Carried Unanimously**

**5. BUSINESS**

A motion was made to move into the Business portion of the agenda at 8:48PM. It should be noted no votes were taken during the Executive Session.

**Moved By:** Mr. Freeman  
**Seconded By:** Ms. Winters

**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 extremely 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 Dr. Maxey's job performance as Superintendent as "Highly Effective." The Board would like to thank Dr. Maxey for his leadership in directing Horry County Schools to exceed state and national standards.

The Board maintains the utmost level of confidence in Dr. Maxey's vision, leadership, individual characteristics / work traits, and strong communication skills. We would like to extend Dr. Maxey's current contract for an additional year which is through June 30, 2026."

**Moved By:** Mr. Freeman  
**Seconded By:** Ms. Todd

**Board Action: Carried Unanimously**

**b. Consider Purchase of Property - Mr. Burch**

Mr. Burch shared Horry County Schools has identified a parcel of land adjacent to St. James Elementary School which is positioned advantageously to allow the district to replace St. James Elementary School with a new facility in the future.

Replacing this facility has been discussed for many years and is identified in the recent Facility Condition Assessment as a facility potentially in need of replacement. To perform the planning and construction of such a replacement facility efficiently and effectively, additional property is warranted. Due to the complicated nature of the ownership of this parcel of land, Facilities staff is requesting authority to pursue the land purchase through any lawful means necessary, including a negotiated agreement, or by friendly or contested condemnation action.

A motion was made to authorize staff to acquire the 18-acre tract of land adjacent to St. James Elementary School by any lawful means necessary, including, without limitation, a negotiated arm's length purchase/sale agreement (PSA) or by friendly or contested condemnation action, as supported by the recent appraisal report by a qualified and licensed commercial appraiser in the amount of \$1,500,000.

**Moved By:** Mr. James  
**Seconded By:** Mr. Barnard

**Board Action: Carried Unanimously**

**6. CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- a. Personnel Recommendations**
- b. Monitoring Report: OE-8 Communicating with the Board**
- c. Monitoring Report: R-1 Literacy**
- d. Monitoring Report: R-7 College and Career Readiness**
- e. Education Fund Allocation - District 10**

**Moved By:** Mr. Edwards  
**Seconded By:** Ms. Allen

**Board Action: Carried Unanimously**

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made to adjourn the November 14, 2022, Board Meeting at 8:54PM.

**Moved By:** Mr. Freeman  
**Seconded By:** Ms. Allen

**Board Action: Carried Unanimously**

**a. UPCOMING MEETING(S):**

- 1. Technology Committee Meeting, 3:00 PM, December 5, 2022, Room C300**
- 2. Facilities Committee Meeting, 3:30 PM, December 5, 2022, Room C300**
- 3. Board Meeting, 6:00 PM, December 5, 2022, District Office, Board Room**

Respectfully submitted,

*Heidi Oates*

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Executive Assistant to the Superintendent and Horry County Board of Education

APPROVED: December 5, 2022