

# HORRY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

## **MINUTES** **BUDGET RETREAT/WORK SESSION/SPECIAL-CALLED MEETING** **District Office** **February 5, 2018**

The following persons were present:

### **Board of Education**

Joe DeFeo, Board Chairman	Chris Hardwick	Sherrie Todd
Neil James, Vice-Chairman	Holly Heniford	Ray Winters
David Cox	Janice Morreale	
Janet Graham	John Poston	

### **Horry County Schools' Staff**

Velna Allen	John Gardner	Boone Myrick
Mary Anderson	Kenny Generette	Lucas Richardson
Lisa Bourcier	Bo Gorcesky	Donna Satterley
Edward Boyd	Lindy Hylton	Rhonda Snowden
Teal Britton	Lee James	Judy Stall
Daryl Brown	Kim Johnson	Kristin Wilson
Joe Burch	Rick Maxey	Mark Wolfe

*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 FEBRUARY 5, 2018, AT 6:00 P.M. – CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman DeFeo called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

#### **A. Invocation**

Ms. Todd offered the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **B. Approval of Agenda**

Mr. DeFeo stated there would be an addition to the Agenda under Discussion, "Board Meetings During the Summer Months," and this will be addressed by Ms. Todd.

***Board Action:*** A motion was made by Mr. James and seconded by Mr. Hardwick to approve the Agenda as amended. The motion carried. The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

#### **C. Approval of Minutes**

***Board Action:*** A motion was made by Mr. Cox and seconded by Mr. Winters to approve the January 22, 2018, Board Minutes as presented. The motion carried. The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

### **2. DISCUSSION**

#### **Board Meetings During Summer Months**

Ms. Todd suggested the Board consider meeting at least once during the summer months while school is not in session, adding that the Board meets in June and August, and she proposed the Board meet at least once in July. Mr. DeFeo asked that this item be on the agenda for the upcoming meeting.

**A. Technology Committee Report**

Ms. Morreale gave a report from the Technology Committee meeting held earlier today, at which time the Committee received an update on the grades 9-12 PDL device refresh.

**B. Human Resources Committee Report**

Mr. Cox gave a report from the Human Resources Committee meeting held earlier today. Topics discussed included new teacher salary incentives. The Committee concluded this should be brought before the full Board for discussion. Bus driver salaries were also discussed.

**C. 2018-19 General Fund Budget Planning**

- 1) Fiscal Services
- 2) Student Services
- 3) Human Resources
- 4) Support Services
- 5) Learning Services

Mr. Gardner, along with the Chief Officers, gave a broad overview and update on the 2018-19 budget process, setting forth the new budget requests for each of the divisions. Staff will continue to update the Board as we move forward in the process and as we gain additional information. The Board Chair asked that the budget requests be organized according to those items that are mandated first and then to prioritize those items that are not mandated in the order of preference of staff. Mr. DeFeo added that the budget requests will go before the Finance Committee for their review/recommendation prior to a vote of the full Board.

**D. Draft Five-Year Plan**

A draft Five-Year Plan was shared. Mr. DeFeo addressed this item on behalf of Ms. Timms who had to leave the meeting due to illness. Mr. DeFeo stated he would like for the demolition of the old Socastee Elementary School to be addressed prior to 2021, which is the date suggested in the draft Five-Year Plan. He further added that he would like the District to have the principal, and possibly an assistant principal and the athletic director of a school report to the Board on their position before any major construction item takes place at their school. Mr. James asked that a cost estimate be prepared for demolishing the old Socastee Elementary building, and for district administration to seek input from the administration at Socastee High about utilizing a portion of the building, or if it may be of greater use to totally demolish the building and use the property as a part of the campus. Mr. James also asked that the schedule for addressing this item be accelerated.

Mr. Gardner presented information on three funding options available to address the Five-Year Capital Plan, which are, 1) Pay as We Go, 2) Utilize Current 8% Debt Capacity of \$53 Million, and 3) Request \$150 Million Bond Referendum.

**E. District Policies – “Student Assignment to Schools”**

Mr. Generette highlighted the draft revision that was presented, noting that the recommendation for the enrollment percentage for Category 1 and Category 2 schools is 95%. Additionally, the recommended

deadline for transfer applications is May 1 prior to the beginning of the following school year, except in the case of students who move in to the District from another county or state after the published date shall have three weeks to apply for a transfer. In order to allow ample input from principals regarding the May 1 date, this item will be discussed at the upcoming A-Team (Principals) meeting scheduled for February 14, 2018.

### **3. SPECIAL-CALLED MEETING**

### **4. CONSENT AGENDA**

**A. Personnel Recommendations as Required by Law**

**B. Act 155 Diploma Request(s)**

**C. Notice of School Board Meetings as Required by SC Code 30-4-80 (Dates/Times/Place) for Calendar Year 2018**

**D. Monitoring Report: OE-13 Facilities Quarterly Update**

**E. Monitoring Report: OE-6 Financial Administration – Report from External Auditor**

**F. Monitoring Report: R-3 Science**

**G. Education Fund Distribution – District 7; and**

**H. Education Fund Distribution – District 8**

**Board Action:** A motion was made by Mr. Winters and seconded by Ms. Graham to enter into Business Session and to approve the Consent Agenda items as presented. The motion carried. The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

### **5. ADJOURNMENT**

**Board Action:** A motion was made by Mr. Cox and seconded by Mr. Hardwick to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m. The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

### **BOARD SELF-ASSESSMENT RESULTS**

A summary of the responses follows.

Respectfully submitted,



Rhonda Snowden  
Executive Assistant to the Superintendent and  
Horry County Board of Education

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ February 19, 2018 \_\_\_\_\_

**Board Performance Indicators - 7 Responses**

2/5/18

*5 = strongly agree, 4 = agree, 3 = neither agree nor disagree, 2 = disagree, 1 = strongly disagree*

Date

**Agenda**

Reports are clear, well prepared and provide adequate information for decision making.

33 / 4.72

The majority of agenda items focus on our core purpose.

33 / 4.72

**Meetings**

Our meetings are businesslike, results-oriented and we function like a team.

31 / 4.43

Our discussions are cordial and well balanced (not dominated by just a few members.)

32 / 4.58

**Community**

Board members make reasonable efforts to inform themselves about education through school visits, professional meetings and outside reading.

29 / 4.15

Board members meet reasonable expectations of involvement by participating in school and other public meetings as representatives of the Board.

30 / 4.29

Board members efficiently address issues and concerns brought to them by the public.

31 / 4.43

**Superintendent Relationship**

The Board seeks and values the input of the Superintendent as issues are discussed and decisions are made.

33 / 4.72

**Work / Policies**

Board decisions are based on thoughtful analysis of available information.

31 / 4.43

Board members balance the issues of their district with the needs of the entire school district.

29 / 4.15

The Board places emphasis on building consensus among members through open and honest communication.

29 / 4.15

**Comments:**

There were no comments.