

HORRY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES

BOARD MEETING

June 17, 2024

District Office

335 Four Mile Road

Conway, SC 29526

Board of Education

David Cox, Chair

Neil James

David Koch

Debbie Edmonds

Howard Barnard

Wendy Hodges

Janet Graham

Pam Dawson

Melanie Wellons

James Edwards

Shanda Allen

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 - JUNE 17, 2024 - 6:00 PM - CALL TO ORDER - BOARD MEETING ROOM

Chairman Cox called the meeting to order at 6:01PM.

a. Invocation - Ms. Winters

Ms. Winters was not in attendance. Mr. James offered the invocation.

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

The Conway High School Navy JROTC presented the Colors and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

c. Introduction of Board Members - Mr. Cox

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

d. Approval of Agenda - Mr. Cox

A motion was made to approve the June 17, 2024 agenda as presented.

Moved By: Ms. Wellons

Seconded By: Ms. Allen

Board Action: Carried

e. Approval of Minutes - Mr. Cox

1. June 10, 2024

A motion was made to approve the June 10, 2024, minutes as presented.

Moved By: Mr. Edwards

Seconded By: Mr. Koch

Board Action: Carried Unanimously

2. ADJOURN BOARD MEETING AND CONVENE PUBLIC HEARING

A motion was made to adjourn the regular Board Meeting and convene a Public Hearing.

Moved By: Ms. Wellons

Seconded By: Ms. Edmonds

Board Action: Carried Unanimously

3. PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2024-2025 SUPERINTENDENTS COMPREHENSIVE BUDGET

The Board Chair called for any public comments on the 2024-25 Superintendent's Comprehensive Budget. One individual came forward when called: Marsha Smith.

4. ADJOURN PUBLIC HEARING AND RECONVENE BOARD MEETING

A motion was made to adjourn the Public Hearing and Re-Convvene the Board Meeting.

Moved By: Ms. Wellons

Seconded By: Mr. Koch

Board Action: Carried Unanimously

5. **DISCUSSION**

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

Ms. Graham provided an update from the Policy Committee Meeting held earlier in the day. A review of the Board Governance policies was completed, all revisions will be provided to the full Board for final review and discussion prior to the June 24, 2024, meeting. Committee Members in attendance: Ms. Graham, Ms. Wellons, Mr. Koch.

b. **South Carolina Department of Education Turnaround Schools: 90-day Update - Mr. Washburn**

Mr. Washburn provided a slide show update regarding the 90-day monitoring update for Loris Elementary School and Loris High School. The 30-day and 60-day updates were also included to serve as a reminder and to track the on-going progress for each school.

6. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

The following individuals signed up to speak during the Public Comments section of the meeting and came forward when called: Patricia Milley and David Warner. The following individual signed up to speak and did not come forward when called: Richard V. Sotomayor II.

7. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

a. **Review Superintendent Search Firm Proposals**

A motion to move into Executive Session was made at 6:26PM.

Moved By: Ms. Edmonds

Seconded By: Mr. Koch

Board Action: Carried Unanimously

8. **BUSINESS**

A motion was made to enter the Business portion of the meeting at 6:40PM. It should be noted that no votes were taken, and no decisions were made during the executive session.

Moved By: Ms. Allen

Seconded By: Ms. Edmonds

Board Action: Carried Unanimously

a. Consider Final Approval of the 2024-2025 Superintendent's Comprehensive Budget - Mr. Gardner

A motion was made to approve the 2024-2025 Superintendent's Comprehensive Budget as presented.

Moved By: Mr. Barnard

Seconded By: Ms. Hodges

Board Action: Carried Unanimously

b. Consider Selection of Superintendent Search Firms(s) - Mr. Cox

A motion was made to invite BWP & Associates and Hazard, Young, Attea & Associates to provide a presentation before the Board during the June 24, 2024, Special-Called Meeting. A firm will be selected following the presentations.

Moved By: Mr. Barnard

Seconded By: Mr. Edwards

Board Action: Carried Unanimously

c. Consider Relocation of District Programs to the Old Whittemore Park Middle School - Mr. Burch

Mr. Burch approached the Board seeking approval of relocating three district programs to the old Whittemore Park Middle School. The three programs are the Integrated Support Services facility on Hwy 905 (the Old Kingston Elementary School), the Therapeutic Learning Center, and Conway Adult Education on Sherwood Drive (The Old Conway Primary School).

Moved By: Ms. Graham

Seconded By: Ms. Hodges

Board Action: Carried Unanimously

9. CONSENT AGENDA

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

a. Personnel Recommendations

b. Monitoring Report: OE-12 Learning Environment/Treatment of Students

c. Monitoring Report: R-6 Personal Success and Citizenship

Moved By: Ms. Dawson
Seconded By: Mr. Edwards

Board Action: Carried Unanimously

10. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn at 6:48PM.

Moved By: Mr. Barnard
Seconded By: Ms. Graham

Board Action: Carried Unanimously

UPCOMING MEETING(S)

A. Special-Called Board Meeting, 6:00 PM, June 24, 2024, District Office, Board Room

Respectfully submitted,



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