

HORRY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES

BOARD MEETING

February 18, 2019

District Office

335 Four Mile Road

Conway, SC 29526

Board of Education

Ken Richardson

Neil James

John Poston

Ray Winters

Chris Hardwick

Shanda Allen

Holly Heniford

Sherrie Todd

Janet Graham

Helen Smith

Janice Morreale

Staff

Velna Allen, Mary Anderson, David Beaty, Daryl Brown, Terra Bodkins, Kelly Campman, Anna Carroll, Shawn Chapman, Edi Cox, Meagen Cox, Christina Delarede, John Gardner, Ashley Gasperson, Roger Gray, Leon Hayes, Leann Hill, Marie Holden, Leslie Huggins, Candace Lane, Ebony Livingston, Dr. Rick Maxey, Jimmy McCullough, Richard Neal, Heidi Oates, Mark Porter, Jeremy Rich, Lucas Richardson, Rebecca Schroyer, April Scott, Scott Scrivner, Vicki Underwood, John Washburn, Kelly Wilson, 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 AND CALL TO ORDER

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

A. Invocation

Ms. Sherrie Todd offered the invocation.

B. Presentation of Colors, 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

Board members introduced themselves and indicated the areas they represent.

D. Approval of Agenda

A motion was made to amend and approve the agenda. Ms. Heniford moved to amend the agenda to include an additional Discussion item regarding the newly acquired property adjacent to the athletic field at North Myrtle Beach High School. Ms. Smith seconded Ms. Heniford's amendment.

Moved By: Mr. Winters

Seconded By: Ms. Todd

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

Board Action: Carried Unanimously

E. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made to approve the February 4, 2019, minutes as presented.

Moved By: Mr. Winters

Seconded By: Mr. Hardwick

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

Board Action: Carried Unanimously

2. RECOGNITIONS

A. South Carolina Elementary Honor Choir

Scott Scrivner, Fine Arts Learning Specialist, acknowledged and congratulated each student who was a member of the South Carolina Elementary Honor Choir. Mr. Scrivner noted that Horry County Schools students made up more than 10% of the membership of the state's honor choir. Each student had previously been awarded a certificate of recognition.

B. Prudential Spirit of the Community Award

Alex Stanek of Prudential Financial presented bronze medals to Socastee High School students Ward Wilson and Iliriana Lekani for being named Distinguished Finalists in the 2019 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards in South Carolina.

Both Wilson and Lekani were recognized for their work to help their community during Hurricane Florence and the historic flooding that followed the storm.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Jennifer Jackson addressed the Board on the topic of ABA Therapy.
- Judith Davies addressed the Board on the topic of disciplinary hearings.
- Ann Steinmuller addressed the Board on the topic of indoor air quality at St. James Elementary.
- Will Taylor addressed the Board on the topic of indoor air quality at St. James Elementary.
- David Warner addressed the Board on the topic of ABA Therapy.
- Patricia Milley addressed the Board on the topic of S.C. House Bill H3759.
- Kristy Roderick addressed the Board on the topic of indoor air quality at St. James Elementary.
- Cori Shuford signed up to speak on the topic of S.C. House Bill H3759. Ms. Shuford did not come forward when called.
- Meredith Smith spoke on the topic of indoor air quality at St. James Elementary.

4. DISCUSSION

A. Facilities Committee Report - Mr. James

Mr. James reported that there were six main discussion points during the Facilities Committee meeting which was held earlier in the afternoon. Mr. James stated the first item discussed was the St. James Elementary indoor air quality report which Mr. Brown and Dr. Maxey will share under the Board's next agenda item.

The next item discussed was the appointment of a selection committee for the RFQ evaluation for a new Horry County Education Center. Per Board Governance, Section OE-13, five members from the Facilities Committee must be appointed to the selection committee. The members appointed were Ms. Heniford, Ms. Todd, Mr. Winters, Ms. Graham, and Ms. Smith.

Mr. James stated the Board received a request for the naming of E Field at the Myrtle Beach Sports Complex in honor of the late Lawrence Jones. Ms. Todd will present that name to the Myrtle Beach Advisory Board, and a recommendation will be brought to the Board at a later date.

The next item discussed was the wetland analysis which was conducted on undeveloped property located immediately behind the Aynor High School baseball field. Ms. Allen had requested that this area be examined in consideration for the development of additional athletic fields for Aynor High School. A wetland analysis indicated that the property was mostly wetlands and

is probably not suitable for future development. Mr. James noted, however, that Facilities staff will continue to review the matter and seek additional clarification regarding the analysis.

The last item discussed concerned the number of modular classrooms needed for the upcoming 2019-2020 school year. Facilities staff indicated that a total of twelve modular classrooms will be needed, with six at Ocean Bay Elementary School and six at St. James High School. Lakewood Elementary School is on the watch list for a possible addition of two modular units depending upon enrollment.

Following the conclusion of Mr. James' Facilities Committee Report, Board Chair Richardson opened the floor for Ms. Heniford to address her portion of the amended agenda. Ms. Heniford then reviewed the map of the Stevens Building property located adjacent to the North Myrtle Beach High School athletic fields. Ms. Heniford noted the heavy tree line around the property which she considered as safety concerns. Ms. Heniford recommended the Board look into removing the trees and stumps and securing the property.

Mr. James stated that the Facilities Committee would take a look at the options and cost comparisons for both the clearing and fencing options.

B. Facilities Status Updates

1. Myrtle Beach Elementary School Conversion - Mr. Wolfe

Mr. Wolfe updated the board on the progress of the Myrtle Beach Elementary School Conversion and indicated the work is nearly complete. Mr. Wolfe stated that the work is being completed from the inside out, with the outside work focusing on the last items to be completed. Mr. Wolfe said a successful DHEC inspection of the kitchen area occurred on February 11, 2019, and indicated that substantial completion is expected by February 28, 2019. Mr. Wolfe anticipates a final Office of School Facilities inspection on March 13, 2019, and estimated a final completion date to be around March 30, 2019. Mr. James asked if there were any potential issues preventing a successful Office of School Facilities inspection. Mr. Wolfe stated there were none that he was aware of.

2. St. James Elementary School Indoor Quality Report - Mr. Brown

Mr. Brown updated the Board on the progress of events at St. James Elementary School. He stated that HCS had contracted with Palmetto EHS and discussed the summary of work provided by Colleen Eubanks, CIH, CSP, CET. Tests were conducted at St. James Elementary School on November 30, 2018; January 21, 2019; February 10, 2019, and

February 18, 2019. The report from Ms. Eubanks along with the test results had previously been released to parents.

Dr. Maxey shared a copy of his letter to Ms. Jennifer Read, Chief of Staff, South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (SCDHEC). In his letter, Dr. Maxey articulated the steps taken by HCS to address indoor air quality concerns at SJES and shared a timeline of events, test results completed by industrial hygienists from Palmetto EHS, LLC, a letter detailing actions taken by Full Steam Ahead, and a copy of Mr. Brown's communications with St. James Elementary School parents. Dr. Maxey asked for any suggestions from SCDHEC and invited SCDHEC officials to visit the campus for an onsite inspection of the building.

Ms. Read forwarded Dr. Maxey's letter to Myra C. Reece, SCDHEC Director of Environmental Affairs, who stated in her response to Dr. Maxey that the measures taken by HCS "are all recognized as appropriate actions in the EPA guidelines." Dr. Maxey informed the Board that additional testing was done today, February 18th, and HCS would take appropriate measures, if needed, once those test results were received.

Dr. Maxey also shared the professional resume of Colleen Eubanks, owner of Palmetto EHS, LLC, documenting her qualifications as an industrial hygienist. Ms. Eubanks has a B.S. in Environmental Health Science and a Masters of Public Health, Industrial Hygiene. Ms. Eubanks is a Certified Industrial Hygienist, a Certified Safety Professional, and a Certified Environmental Trainer.

C. Review of Prioritized 5-Year Capital Plan Projects - Mr. James

Mr. James addressed the Board regarding the list of projects that were prioritized during the December 3, 2018, Budget Retreat. Mr. James noted there were five distinct areas of focus. Those areas were as follows: capacity and growth, replacement and renovation, sustainment projects, athletic projects, and grounds projects. Mr. James remarked that it was time to finalize the results from the retreat and that to move forward with these projects, it would need to come before the Board for a vote.

Ms. Heniford stated she was uncomfortable with voting on a plan when a budget had not been discussed. Mr. Poston noted that a specific methodology was used, and this information was used to create a prioritized list. Mr. Poston suggested that the Board endorse the sustainment projects using the funds available. Mr. Poston suggested the priority needed to be on HVAC, then roofing, and then electrical/plumbing.

Mr. James then reviewed the handout regarding the prioritization of projects. Ms. Morreale and Mr. Poston expressed their concerns of the remaining budget. Mr. James stated if funding was remaining after the project completion, it would then roll over to the next project on the list.

Ms. Smith expressed her concerns on voting on projects now that she did not vote on during the December 3, 2018, Budget Retreat, and that they may change priority in the upcoming years. Ms. Smith commented that she didn't think that there should be a vote taken tonight on the current list but that this process should go back and begin again.

Ms. Heniford stated she was concerned about voting for items when there were not dollar amounts associated with them.

Ms. Smith remarked that she felt the process we used needed to be redone.

Mr. Winters remarked he felt we were at a point where we should move forward because the staff needs direction for projects and to be at a point where we can re-evaluate priorities if funds become available.

Ms. Heniford presented a map of potential growth in the North Myrtle Beach attendance area.

Ms. Allen expressed concern over the growth in the Aynor attendance area.

Board Chairman Richardson remarked the Board should look at the District as a whole and not only as individual areas of representation.

D. Consideration to Enter Negotiations with the Highest Ranked Offeror for Professional Design Services for Tracks/Tennis Courts - Mr. Wolfe

Mr. Wolfe stated that the process of hiring a tennis and track design firm began with three firms responding to the District's RFQ. Those firms have been presented to procurement, and an evaluation committee made up of five individuals evaluated and ranked the firms. The firms were then asked to participate in individual interviews. As a result of the evaluation process, CHA Design Construction Solutions was ranked highest. Facilities is now asking the Board for permission to enter into fee negotiations with CHA Design Construction Solutions. Upon successful negotiations, Facilities will then return to the Board for final approval. There were no questions from the Board.

E. 2019-2020 Budget Update - Mr. Gardner

Mr. Gardner updated the Board on the collection of taxes. Mr. Gardner stated he hoped to provide information on State funding at the next meeting. Mr. Gardner

presented the Board with a copy of the 2019-2020 budget board calendar. Ms. Smith commented that this was a great report.

5. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. 2019-2020 Academic Calendar

Dr. Maxey shared the 2019-2020 academic calendar. Dr. Maxey stated that South Carolina law requires school districts to develop an academic calendar consisting of 180 days of instruction for students with an additional 10 days to be designated for teacher professional development and work days. Dr. Maxey noted that during the course of its development the 2019-20 academic calendar was shared with the various superintendent's stakeholder cabinets for their input.

B. 2019 Teacher Job Fair

Dr. Maxey noted there were over 400 candidates from twenty different states who attended the recent Job Fair at Conway High School. Dr. Maxey shared a video of the event. Dr. Maxey noted 140 interviews were conducted on the spot and that 54 contracts were issued. Dr. Maxey expressed thanks to Ms. Anderson and included all the staff involved in event. Dr. Maxey reminded everyone of the upcoming 16th Annual Robotics Convention at the Myrtle Beach Convention Center February 28th through March 2nd, 2019.

6. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made to move into Executive Session at 7:46 PM. Board Chairman Richardson recused himself from item 6.B, "Discussion of Potential Purchase of Property."

Moved By: Mr. James

Seconded By: Ms. Heniford

Board Action: Carried Unanimously

A motion was made to adjourn the Executive Session at 8:19 PM. It should be noted that no votes were taken in Executive Session.

Moved By: Ms. Heniford

Seconded By: Mr. Hardwick

Board Action: Carried Unanimously

7. **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

Moved By: Ms. Smith

Seconded By: Ms. Heniford

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

Board Action: Carried Unanimously

A. **Personnel Recommendations As Required By Law**

B. **Monitoring Report: OE-4 Personnel Administration**

C. **Monitoring Report: R-4 Social Studies**

D. **Education Fund Allocation - District 2**

E. **Education Fund Allocation - Board Chairman**

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 PM.

Moved By: Mr. Winters

Seconded By: Ms. Heniford

Board Action: Carried Unanimously

Upcoming Meeting:

Board Workshop/Special-Called Meeting, March 4, 2019, 6:00 PM, Board Room

Respectfully Submitted,

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