

# **HORRY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**

## **MINUTES**

### **BOARD MEETING**

**April 29, 2019**

**District Office**

**335 Four Mile Road**

**Conway, SC 29526**

#### **Board of Education**

Ken Richardson

John Poston

Chris Hardwick

Holly Heniford

Janet Graham

Janice Morreale

Neil James

Ray Winters

Shanda Allen

Sherrie Todd

Helen Smith

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

Mary J Anderson, Mary Lynn Ashby, Krystal Ballatore, David Beaty, Daryl Brown, Joe Burch, John Cahill, Ellen Carsen, Rebekah Ceran, Edi Cox, Jeanie Daily, Roger Dixon, Natalie Durant, Kandi Fleming, Billy Gainus, Kenneth Generette, Kristen Gifford, Kelly Johnson, Candace Lane, James LaPier, Melody Larrimore, Amber LaSalle, HT Lee, Cameron Lentz, Timmy Martin, Barbara McGinnis, Zachary McQuigg, Boone Myrick, Regina Pertell, Michael Pickett, Tonya Pickett, Mark Porter, Andrea Pridgen, Ben Prince, Laurie Ritter, Michael Ritter, April Scott, Scott Scrivner, Josh Todd, Shelley Todd, Olga Toggas, John Washburn, Alison Watts, Melissa Westbury, Kristin Wilson, Kelly Wiltout, 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 Chair Richardson called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

##### **a. Invocation**

Mr. Neil James offered the invocation.

##### **b. Presentation of Colors, St. James High School Army JROTC**

**c. Introduction of Board Members**

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

**d. Approval of Agenda**

A motion was made to approve the agenda as presented.

**Moved By:** Mr. Winters

**Seconded By:** Mr. Hardwick

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

**Board Action: Carried Unanimously**

**e. Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made to approve the April 8, 2019, minutes as presented.

**Moved By:** Mr. Winters

**Seconded By:** Mr. James

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

**Board Action: Carried Unanimously**

**2. RECOGNITIONS**

**a. All-State Chorus Honorees**

The All-State Chorus Honorees were recognized and congratulated by the Board.

**b. All-State Band Honorees**

The All-State Band Honorees were recognized and congratulated by the Board.

**c. All-State Orchestra Honorees**

The All-State Orchestra Honorees were recognized and congratulated by the Board.

**d. 2019 Best Communities for Music Education - NAMM Foundation**

Horry County Schools was recognized by the NAMM Foundation for being the 2019 Best Communities for Music Education. The District was recognized and congratulated by the Board.

**e. HCS Administrators and Athletic Directors State Honors**

HCS Administrators and Athletic Directors receiving state honors were recognized and congratulated by the Board. Due to previous obligations, several recipients could not attend the meeting Monday evening; however, they will be recognized during a later meeting.

**f. Rebekah Ceron, Academy for the Arts, Science & Technology - Teacher of Promise Award by the South Carolina Foreign Language Teacher Association Academy**

Rebekah Ceron, Teacher of Promise Award Recipient by the South Carolina Foreign Language Teacher Association Academy, was recognized and congratulated by the Board.

**g. John Sumter, Ocean Bay Middle School – National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR) American History Essay Contest Winner**

John Sumter, NSDAR American History Essay Contest Winner, was recognized and congratulated by the Board.

**h. Tanner Buck, St. James Middle School - National Gold Medal in Film and Animation for Middle Level of Scholastic Art and Writing Awards**

Tanner Buck, recipient of the National Gold Medal in Film and Animation for Middle Level of Scholastic Art and Writing Awards, was recognized and congratulated by the Board.

**i. South Carolina National History Day State Winners**

The South Carolina National History Day state winners were recognized and congratulated by the Board.

**j. Stephanie Shirley, St. James Middle School - 2019 Hannah E. (Liz) MacGregor Teacher Award**

Stephanie Shirley, recipient of the 2019 Hannah E. (Liz) MacGregor Teacher Award, was recognized and congratulated by the Board.

**k. Cameron Lentz, Ten Oaks Middle School - 2019 Dr. Ron Ingle South Carolina History Day Teachers' Award**

Cameron Lentz, Recipient of the 2019 Dr. Ron Ingle South Carolina History Day Teachers' Award, was recognized and congratulated by the Board.

**3. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- Jennifer Jackson previously submitted a request to speak during Public Comments. She did not come forward when called.
- Renee Faunce spoke during Public Comments on the topic of ABA Therapy.

- Colleen Mills spoke during Public Comments on the topic of mold concerns at Carolina Forest High School.
- David Warner spoke during Public Comments on the topic of ABA Therapy.
- Jennifer Henley previously submitted a request to speak during Public Comments. She did not come forward when called.
- Patricia Milley spoke during Public Comments on the topic of recess and mental health issues.
- Tiffany Browning spoke during Public Comments on the topic of ABA Therapy.
- Natalia Merolle spoke during Public Comments on the topic of ABA Therapy.

#### 4. **DISCUSSION**

##### a. **Technology Committee Report - Ms. Morreale**

Mr. Winters shared an overview of the Technology Meeting from earlier today. Items discussed were reported device breakage, updates from Apple, and the 5th grade refresh. A handout from Apple was shared with the committee. Mr. Winters expressed concerns regarding the 5th grade refresh. The current iPad in use has a 3 year-old processor. With the current schedule of a 4-year refresh cycle when the device reaches the next scheduled replacement, the device will then have a 7 year-old processor. Mr. Winters also stated he would like administration to check the availability of the iPad Pro and what the price point would be.

##### b. **Facilities Committee Report - Mr. James**

Mr. James shared an overview of the Facilities Committee Meeting from earlier today. Mr. James stated the previous partnering of Conway High School and the City of Conway to build joint tennis facilities is no longer an option. Mr. James stated this item would need to be discussed further and other options presented.

Mr. James noted that Facilities was in full endorsement of the RFQ for the sports design firm, CHA Design/Construction Solutions.

The scheduled replacement of St. James Elementary School's roof was discussed, and it was noted that the project would be funded through sustainment funding.

Mr. James stated that Ms. Smith discussed possible green space and practice field options for Socastee High School utilizing the old Socastee Elementary School property. A map was provided with suggested options.

##### c. **Status of Energy Positive Schools - Mr. Ferris**

Mr. Ferris presented a slide show on the status of the Energy Positive Horry County Schools. The following schools were included in that review: Ten Oaks

Middle School, St. James Intermediate School, Socastee Elementary School, Myrtle Beach Middle School, and Socastee Middle School.

**d. Monitoring Report: OE-13 Facilities - Mr. Brown/Mr. Wolfe**

Mr. Wolfe gave an overview of the OE-13 reports provided to the Board and an update on those projects for first quarter 2019.

**e. Monitoring Report: OE-6 Financial Administration - Mr. Gardner**

Mr. Gardner provided the Board with a copy of the 2019 quarterly financial report for the period ending March 31, 2019. Mr. James asked where funds in holding for the insurance proceeds of the old District Office would be shown on the report. Mr. Gardner stated it would be in the contingency section of the report (on page 14.) Mr. Gardner noted there was approximately 1.5 million dollars available.

**f. 2019-2020 Budget Update - Mr. Gardner**

Mr. Gardner addressed the Board regarding the 2019-2020 budget update and noted the Board will be kept informed as more information becomes available.

**g. School Safety and Security Briefing - Mr. Beaty**

Mr. David Beaty, Coordinator of School Safety and Security, gave a security briefing presentation focusing on 9 points. They are as follows: Security Personnel, Public Safety Partnerships, Communications, Cultures of Safety, Protocols, Training and Staff Development, Partnerships, Target Hardening, and Drill/Debriefs.

**h. Superintendent's Report**

**1. 10th Annual Tech Fair - April 10, 2019**

Dr. Maxey provided an overview of the Horry County Schools Technology Fair held at the Myrtle Beach Convention Center. This was the tenth year of the Technology Fair. Dr. Maxey noted that Molly Spearman, South Carolina Superintendent of Education, was also in attendance. In addition to visiting the Technology Fair, Superintendent Spearman also spoke with principals at their breakout sessions which were held at Myrtle Beach Middle School. Dr. Maxey stated that Ms. Spearman was impressed and very complimentary concerning her visit with Horry County Schools. In closing his report, Dr. Maxey reminded Board members that the Teacher of the Year Banquet was tomorrow evening and encouraged everyone to attend.

**5. BUSINESS**

**a. Consider Personnel Recommendation - Dr. Maxey**

Dr. Maxey recommended Mr. Josh Todd for Principal of Daisy Elementary School beginning with the 2019-2020 School Year.

**Moved By:** Mr. James

**Seconded By:** Mr. Hardwick

**Board Action: Carried Unanimously**

**b. Consider Approval of Site Location for New Horry County Education Center - Mr. Brown**

Mr. Brown requested the Board to approve the site location for the new Horry County Education Center. The administration recommended that the new facility be constructed on the western portion of Horry County Schools undeveloped property adjoining the west side of the main District Office property on Four Mile Road in Conway, SC.

**Moved By:** Mr. James

**Seconded By:** Ms. Graham

**Board Action: Carried Unanimously**

**c. Consider Recommendation to Demolish Warehouse Located by Horry County Records Facility - Mr. Wolfe**

Mr. Wolfe addressed the Board seeking authorization for the Facilities Department to pursue the abatement and complete demolition of the warehouse structure located between the Horry County Records building and Conway High School on 501. The approximate cost for both is \$80,000-100,000, and the funds will be provided through the Building Modification Fund.

**Moved By:** Ms. Smith

**Seconded By:** Ms. Heniford

**Board Action: Carried Unanimously**

**d. Consider Approval of Design Fees for Tennis Courts/Track Repairs/Upgrades - Mr. Wolfe**

Mr. Wolfe addressed the Board to authorize staff to enter into contract with the CHA Design/Construction Solutions for professional sports design services for tennis courts/track repairs/upgrades for an estimated cost of \$112,300. This cost includes geotechnical exploration and land surveying services for tennis courts at all nine high schools, and all athletic tracks, except Myrtle Beach High School which was recently renovated.

**Moved By:** Ms. Morreale

**Seconded By:** Ms. Allen

**Board Action: Carried Unanimously**

**e. Reversion of Aynor-Galivants Ferry Cultural Foundation Building to the District - Mr. Burch/Mr. Generette**

Mr. Burch addressed the Board requesting approval to move forward with the return of 0.50 acres of property from the Aynor-Galivants Ferry Cultural Heritage Foundation back to Horry County Schools at no cost.

**Moved By:** Ms. Allen

**Seconded By:** Ms. Graham

**Board Action: Carried Unanimously**

**f. Consider Possible Revisions to Board Governance: "GC-5 Board Committees," and "OE-13 Facilities" - Mr. Richardson**

Mr. Richardson addressed the Board regarding the possible revisions to Board Governance: GC-5 Board Committees and OE-13 Facilities. A motion was made to rephrase and amend the statement to include 3 Board members and 3 staff members and remove the sentence that states all members on the Facilities Committee can serve on the selection committee. Upon a vote, the motion failed as follows: Smith and Heniford - in favor; Todd, Winters, Morreale, Graham, Poston, Hardwick, James, Allen - opposed. The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

**Moved By:** Ms. Smith

**Seconded By:** Ms. Heniford

**Board Action: Failed**

A second motion was made by Ms. Smith and seconded by Mr. Poston to amend the statement to include 2 Board members and 3 staff members and remove the sentence that states all members on the Facilities can serve on the selection committee.

**Moved By:** Ms. Smith

**Seconded By:** Ms. Heniford

**Board Action: NA**

Ms. Graham then motioned to amend the motion to change the sentence to all members on the Facilities Committee may serve on the selection committee.

**Moved By:** Ms. Graham

**Seconded By:** Mr. Poston

**Board Action: Carried Unanimously**

A motion was made by Mr. Poston to move forward with the recommended changes to OE-13.

**Moved By:** Mr. Poston

**Seconded By:** Mr. Hardwick

**Board Action: Carried Unanimously**

**g. Board Meeting Schedules for 2019 Calendar Year and 2019-2020 School Year - Dr. Maxey**

Dr. Maxey presented both the Calendar Year and School Year Board Meeting Schedules for the 2019-2020 School Year for approval. South Carolina Code 30-4-80 requires the District to publish its meeting dates for the calendar year. This draft was presented for consideration in order to comply with the law.

**Moved By:** Mr. Poston

**Seconded By:** Ms. Morreale

**Board Action: Carried Unanimously**

**6. CONSENT AGENDA**

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

**Moved By:** Mr. James

**Seconded By:** Mr. Winters

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

**Board Action: Carried Unanimously**

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

**b. Monitoring Report: OE-9 Communicating with the Public**

**c. Education Fund Distribution - District 1**



**7. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A motion was made to move into Executive Session at 8:31.

Board Chair Richardson recused himself from Section 7, Item A.

Ms. Morreale and Mr. Winters recused themselves from Section 7, Item B.

**Moved By:** Ms. Graham

**Seconded By:** Ms. Heniford

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

**Board Action: Carried Unanimously**

A motion was made to return from Executive Session at 9:07pm. It was noted that no votes were taken in Executive Session.

**Moved By:** Ms. Morreale

**Seconded By:** Mr. Winters

**Board Action: Carried Unanimously**

- a. **Discuss Potential Purchase of Property**
- b. **Receive Legal Advice Regarding Current Litigation**
- c. **Discuss Personnel Recommendations**

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made to adjourn at 9:09pm.

**Moved By:** Ms. Morreale

**Seconded By:** Ms. Smith

**Board Action: Carried Unanimously**

Upcoming Meetings:

- a. **Human Resources Committee Meeting - May 6, 2019, 4:00 PM, District Office**

**b. Board Work Session - May 6, 2019, 6:00 PM, District Office**

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