

# **HORRY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**

## **MINUTES**

### **BOARD WORK SESSION**

**May 6, 2019  
District Office  
335 Four Mile Road  
Conway, SC 29526**

#### **Board of Education**

Ken Richardson  
John Poston  
Chris Hardwick  
David Cox  
Holly Heniford  
Janet Graham

Janice Morreale  
Neil James  
Ray Winters  
Sherrie Todd  
Helen Smith

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

Velna Allen, Mary Anderson, Daryl Brown, Gloris Carr, Sylvester Carr, Edi Cox, Martha Fout, John Gardner, Ashley Gasperson, Kenny Generette, Suzanne Gore, Pam Gravitte, Ben Hardee, Jill Jeter, Candace Lane, Rick Maxey, Boone Myrick, Walter Nichols, Heidi Oates, Mark Porter, Lucas Richardson, April Scott, Olga Toggas, Vicki Underwood, 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**

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

##### **a. Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance**

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

##### **b. Approval of Agenda**

**Moved By:** Mr. Winters

**Seconded By:** Ms. Smith

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

**Board Action: Carried Unanimously**

**c. Approval of Minutes**

**Moved By:** Mr. Winters

**Seconded By:** Ms. Heniford

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

**Board Action: Carried Unanimously**

**2. RECOGNITION**

**a. Support Staff Employee of the Year**

Dr. Maxey recognized and congratulated the 2019 Support Staff Person of the Year nominees and the 2019 winner, Walter Nichols, Ten Oaks Middle School. Ms. Anderson invited Mr. Nichols to the podium to address the Board.

**3. DISCUSSION**

**a. 2019-2020 Budget Workshop - Mr. Gardner**

**1. Budgets by Location and Special Fund Utilization**

Mr. Gardner provided a report on Budgets by Location and Special Fund Utilization. Mr. Gardner noted this included a comparison of the current year's budget with the proposed 2020 budget. Mr. Gardner reviewed the report and answered questions from the Board.

**2. 2019-2020 Superintendent's Comprehensive Budget**

Mr. Gardner provided a report on the 2019-2020 Superintendent's Comprehensive Budget. Mr. Gardner reviewed the report and answered questions from the Board.

**3. Budget Presentation**

Mr. Gardner provided a presentation in regarding the 2019-2020 budget and included a list of major revenue and expenditure changes.

**b. Monitoring Report: OE-5 Financial Planning - Mr. Gardner**

Mr. Gardner highlighted information from the OE-5 Financial Planning report.

**c. Appointment of Board Members to Selection Committee: RFQ 1819-28 AE Design Services for a Replacement Facility for the Horry County Education Center (HCEC) - Mr. James**

Mr. James remarked that at the last Board meeting on April 29, 2019, the Board voted to modify Board Governance policy GC-5 which describes Board member participation on facility selection committees and OE-13 which also addresses the same topic. In addition, Mr. James noted that policy GC-5 stipulates that one of the two Board members should be from the area in which the facility is being constructed. Horry County Education Center will be built in District 11. By default, Ms. Shanda Allen should serve on that selection committee. Mr. James appointed Ms. Sherri Todd to serve as the second Board member on the selection committee. Mr. James stated that he had spoken with both Ms. Allen and Ms. Todd, and they both have agreed to serve on the selection committee.

**d. Consideration to Use the Integrated Project Delivery Method (IPD) for the New Horry County Education Center Facility**

At the March 4, 2019, meeting, the Board approved a replacement facility for the Horry County Education Center (HCEC) with a total project budget of \$13 million. A Request for Qualifications for A/E Design Services was published on February 12, 2019, and qualifications were received on March 12, 2019. The membership of the selection committee for the review of A/E qualifications was approved on February 18, 2019. Due to a change in Board Governance Policies GC-5 and OE-13, which modified the number of Board members who participate on a facilities selection committee, the original selection committee for the new HCEC was dissolved, and a new selection committee will be appointed. Due to a desire to accelerate the delivery of this project, the Facilities staff recommends utilizing the Integrated Project Delivery method (IPD) as the best and most responsible way to achieve this goal. This method has been used successfully on other recent HCS projects with very positive results.

Mr. Poston asked for the names of schools for which this method has been utilized successfully. Mr. Wolfe replied that those schools are Midland Elementary, North Myrtle Beach Middle, North Myrtle Beach High School, and the current old Myrtle Beach Middle School.

**e. SHS/Old SES Green Space and Practice Field Options**

Ms. Smith presented to Board members her proposal calling for additional athletic practice space at Socastee High School. Ms. Smith stated students were currently using the front yard of the school for athletics practice and that she believes student safety is a concern. Mr. Wolfe provided a map of the old Socastee Elementary School property indicating areas that potentially could be modified for athletic practice space. Mr. Brown noted the cost of this project is approximately \$1.2 million. Some Board members discussed the need to wait upon the completion of the current District-wide athletics facility study prior to the Board's making any decisions about future athletics facility projects. Mr. Poston remarked waiting on the study would help the Board be objective. Mr. Wolfe stated the study should take approximately 8 weeks for the results.

**4. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Maxey reported on a water safety program that was recently piloted at Myrtle Beach Elementary School. Mr. Ryan Finney, Chief Executive Officer, Coastal Carolina YMCA, worked with Mr. Mark Porter and Principal Michelle Green-Graham to launch this program at MBES. Dr. Maxey noted that the program launch was a huge success and that all 303 MBES second grade students participated. A video of interviews about the Safety Around Water Program with Mr. Finney, Ms. Green-Graham, and MBES students was shared with the Board. Dr. Maxey indicated that he hopes it will be possible to replicate this program around the District.

Dr. Maxey's second item concerned recent feedback Horry County Education Center (HCEC) administrators received from a citizen who was the beneficiary of an HCEC student's community service project. As background, Dr. Maxey noted that the implementation of a tier program at HCEC last year allows students to own responsibility for successfully completing their HCEC assignment. Part of that student responsibility requires the student to fulfill a community service component. Dr. Maxey shared a message of praise and thanks received from a community member who had recently benefited from a student's community service. His children all live in distant states, and he informed HCEC administrators that he owes his recovery to an HCEC student who helped him throughout this difficult time. His lawn was mowed and yard cleaned, and his home was cleaned and furniture rearranged for his wheel chair. The student also accompanied him shopping and to church and then put things away daily. He said he could not have made it through this tough time without the student's aid.

**5. ADJOURN BOARD WORK SESSION AND CONVENE SPECIAL-CALLED MEETING**

A motion was made by Mr. Cox and seconded by Ms. Todd to adjourn from the Board Work Session and convene a Special-Called Meeting. The motion carried unanimously. The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

**Moved By:** Mr. Cox

**Seconded By:** Ms. Todd

**Board Action: Carried Unanimously**

**6. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A motion was made to move into Executive Session at 7:26 PM.

**Moved By:** Mr. Cox

**Seconded By:** Mr. Winters

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

**Board Action: Carried Unanimously**

**a. Discuss Personnel Recommendation**

**7. BUSINESS**

A motion was made to adjourn the Executive Session and move into the Business portion of the Special-Called meeting at 7:50 PM. It should be noted Mr. Cox did not return from Executive Session.

**Moved By:** Mr. Winters

**Seconded By:** Mr. Hardwick

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

**Board Action: Carried Unanimously**

**a. Consider Personnel Recommendation**

Dr. Maxey recommended Mr. Bob Homer, Principal, River Oaks Elementary, transfer to Seaside Elementary as principal beginning with the 2019-2020 school year.

**Moved By:** Mr. James

**Seconded By:** Ms. Morreale

**Board Action: Carried Unanimously**

**b. Waiver of Instructional Days Missed Due to Hurricane Florence**

On April 26, 2019, Governor McMaster signed a resolution (H.3929) to provide that during the 2018-19 school year, local school districts may waive makeup days in addition to the three days previously forgiven pursuant to §59-1-425. In preparation for Hurricane Florence, Governor McMaster issued mandatory school closing orders for September 11, 2018, through September 14, 2018. Hurricane Florence and the subsequent flooding was devastating to Horry County, requiring schools to be closed a total of 15 days – September 11, 2018, through October 1, 2018. Additionally, schools were closed for one day (October 11th) in anticipation of Tropical Storm Michael. For the 2018-19 academic year, Horry County Schools designated the following three dates as possible make-up days for students: October 8, 2018, January 18, 2019, and February 18, 2019. In an effort to make up as many lost instructional days as possible, additional days were added to those already scheduled. This allowed students to make up seven instructional days.

The Horry County Board of Education granted a waiver for three days missed due to Hurricane Florence and the subsequent flooding (September 11, 12, and 13, 2018), since three days had already been made up (October 8th, November 21st, and

December 19th). In addition, the State Board of Education granted a waiver for three days (September 14, 17, and 18, 2018). Administration is requesting the Horry County School Board grant a waiver of the remaining three days (September 19, 20, and 21, 2018).

**Moved By:** Mr. Winters

**Seconded By:** Ms. Morreale

**Board Action: Carried Unanimously**

**8. CONSENT**

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

**Moved By:** Mr. Winters

**Seconded By:** Ms. Graham

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-6 Financial Administration**
- c. **Monitoring Report: OE-13 Facilities**
- d. **Education Fund Allocation - District 11**
- e. **Education Fund Allocation - District 5**
- f. **Education Fund Allocation - District 9**
- g. **Education Allocation Fund - District 10**
- h. **Education Allocation Fund - District 2**

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 pm.

**Moved By:** Mr. James

**Seconded By:** Ms. Smith

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

**Board Action: Carried Unanimously**

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

1. **Facilities Committee Meeting, May 20, 2019, 4:00 PM, C300**
2. **Board Meeting, May 20, 2019, 6:00 PM, Board Room**

*Heidi Oates*

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Heidi Oates

Executive Assistant to the Superintendent and Horry County Board of Education

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# Board Performance Indicators

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

5/6/2019

Date

## Agenda

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

25/5

The majority of agenda items focus on our core purpose.

24.5/4.9

## Meetings

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

23.5/4.7

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

17/3.4

## Community

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

21.5/4.3

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

23.5/4.7

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

23/4.6

## Superintendent relationship

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

24.5/4.9

## Work / Policies

Board decisions are based on thoughtful analysis of available information.

22.5/4.5

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

16.5/3.3

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

22.5/4.5

Comments: