

HORRY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES

BOARD MEETING

October 21, 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
David Cox Sherri Todd
Janet Graham Helen Smith
Janice Morreale

Horry County Schools Staff

Mary J. Anderson, David Beaty, Lisa Bourcier, Daryl Brown, Jackie Chadick, Edi Cox, Lt. Col. Davis, Terry Filippo, Rahnda Ford, Martha Fout, Pamela Gravitte, Ben Hardee, Leann Hill, Sadie Hinkel, Jonathan Tedeton-Johnson, Candice Lane, HT Lee, Marjorie Martin, Clorinda Mason, Rick Maxey, Britt McDowell, Norman McQueen, Boone Myrick, Heidi Oates, Jay Philon, Mark Porter, Robin Poston, Alison Reichert, Mariah Reiss, Lucas Richardson, April Scott, Morgan Sellers, Katie Thompson, Ann Twigg, Ruthie Vaught Warren, John Washburn, Kristin Wilson, 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 Chair Richardson called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

a. **Invocation**

Mr. James offered the invocation.

b. **Presentation of Colors, AHS Army JROTC**

The Aynor High School Army JROTC presented the Colors and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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: Ms. Allen

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 minutes from the October 7, 2019, Board Work Session.

Moved By: Mr. Winters

Seconded By: Ms. Smith

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

Board Action: Carried

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

The following community members requested to speak and came forward when called: Gary Tomlin, Merritt Welch, Ruthie Warren, Ann Twigg, James Philon, Rob Shelton, Susan McDonald, Rafael Adi, Tracy Brown, Sanford Graves, Jason Mahood, Lorraine Mallon, Britt McDowell, Anna-Gray Pruett, Stephanie Hightower, Clyve Lawrence, Mark Gouhin, Julie Schexnayder, Jennifer Faulkner, Paul Richardson, Clorinda Mason, Scot Wisler, Moriah Brown, Mark Sims, and Jennifer Kuperman. The following community members requested to speak and did not come forward when called: Leslie Oleszkowicz, Renee Faunce, Lizzie Batten, Melissa Sanders, Donny King, Erin Crawford, Robert Mason, Amy King, and Laura Wilkes.

3. DISCUSSION

a. Finance Committee Report - Mr. Hardwick

Mr. Hardwick stated the Finance Committee met on Wednesday, October 16, 2019. Board members in attendance were Mr. Hardwick, Ms. Graham, and Ms. Smith. Board Chair Richardson was also in attendance. Mr. Gardner provided the Finance Committee members with a handout defining the role and responsibilities of the Committee. Items discussed were an update on the 2018-19 General Fund: Fund Balance, an analysis of school building projects for the period ended September 30, 2019, and an update on the education funding model developed by the Revenue and Fiscal Affairs office. The next Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for November 20, 2019, at 12:00 p.m. at the District Office.

b. Facilities Committee Report - Mr. James

The Facilities Committee met earlier today with the purpose of discussing several items. The first item discussed was the school attendance area designation for a new development off the Collins Jollie Road in Conway. According to proposed plans, this development would contain approximately 1963 units. The elementary school attendance areas discussed concerning potential school assignment for future students who may reside in this new development were as follows: Kingston Elementary (currently at 77% occupancy), Conway Elementary (currently at 103%

occupancy), and Homewood Elementary (currently at 97% occupancy). Support Services will share this information with the Conway Advisory Board with the hopes of returning to the Board with a recommendation for a school attendance area designation by late November or the beginning of December 2019.

The second item discussed was a report provided by Mr. Wolfe to the Facilities Committee regarding the Facility Condition Index. This information will be shared with the Board.

The third item discussed was the proposed addition of fencing at Myrtle Beach High School that would include the bus lot. This additional fencing will address potential security issues involving pedestrians as well as vehicle traffic near the school. The estimated cost will be approximately \$200,000 to \$250,000 with funding coming from the Sustainment budget.

The final item discussed was the addition of a warehouse for Nutrition Services. The approximate size would be 1,250 sq. feet. This item will be brought to the Board for approval at a later date. The approximate cost would be \$125,000 and would be funded from the Nutrition Services Fund.

c. Monitoring Report: OE-6 Financial Administration - Mr. Gardner

Monitoring Report: OE-6 was provided. Mr. Gardner shared information from the report.

d. Preliminary Report on General Fund: Fund Balance - Mr. Gardner

Mr. Gardner shared information regarding the preliminary report on the General Fund: Fund Balance. The auditing firm of Elliott Davis, who had been previously selected by the Board to perform this state-mandated audit, recently completed their fieldwork. The final report will be shared with the Board during the January 13, 2020, Board Work Session.

e. Status Report: Filling Unexpired Term of District 1 Board Vacancy - Mr. Generette

Mr. Generette provided and reviewed a timeline for the filling of the unexpired term of the District 1 Board vacancy.

4. BUSINESS

a. Curriculum Committee Recommendations - Mr. Richardson

A motion was made by Mr. Cox and seconded by Ms. Allen to move into discussion regarding the Curriculum Committee recommendations: beginning with the 2020 school year, the Scholars Academy will be a stand-alone school and the Scholars Academy students who wish to remain enrolled in their base schools will have the option to return to their base schools. No vote was taken.

Moved By: Mr. Cox

Seconded By: Ms. Allen

Board Action: NA

A second motion was made by Ms. Todd and seconded by Mr. Graham to again move into discussion regarding the Curriculum Committee recommendations that beginning with the 2020 school year, the Scholars Academy will be a stand-alone school and the Scholars Academy students who wish to remain enrolled in their base schools will have the option to return to their base schools. No vote was taken.

Moved By: Ms. Todd

Seconded By: Ms. Graham

Board Action: NA

A third motion was made by Mr. Poston to amend the original recommendation and seconded by Ms. Allen to grandfather all current Scholars Academy students through their graduation.

Moved By: Mr. Poston

Seconded By: Ms. Allen

For (6): Mr. Poston, Mr. Hardwick, Ms. Morreale, Mr. James, Mr. Winters, and Ms. Allen

Against (4): Mr. Cox, Ms. Graham, Ms. Todd, and Ms. Smith

Board Action: Carried (6 to 4)

A fourth motion was made by Mr. Poston and seconded by Mr. Morreale to amend the original motion and Scholars Academy become a non-ranking school.

Moved By: Mr. Poston

Seconded By: Ms. Morreale

Board Action: Carried Unanimously

The original motion to make Scholars Academy a stand-alone school was amended to grandfather all current Scholars Academy students through their graduation and to make Scholars Academy a non-ranking school.

Moved By: Ms. Todd

Seconded By: Ms. Graham

For (8): Mr. Hardwick, Mr. Cox, Ms. Graham, Ms. Morreale, Mr. James, Ms. Allen, Ms. Todd, and Ms. Smith

Against (2): Mr. Poston, and Mr. Winters

Board Action: Carried (8 to 2)

A motion was made by Ms. Todd and seconded by Ms. Graham to discuss and move to vote on the recommendation by the Curriculum Committee that beginning with the 2020 school year, AAST will expand the opportunities in CTE and STEM majors program for juniors and seniors. Freshman and sophomore CTE- and STEM-related opportunities will be provided at the base schools. The 2019 freshman class that entered AAST STEM will be the last class to enter for a four-year program at a single site. These students will continue, if they choose to do so, their course of study at AAST until they graduate.

Moved By: Ms. Todd

Seconded By: Ms. Graham

For (7): Mr. Cox, Ms. Graham, Ms. Morreale, Mr. James, Ms. Allen, Ms. Todd, and Ms. Smith

Against (3): Mr. Poston, Mr. Hardwick, and Mr. Winters

Board Action: Carried (7 to 3)

5. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made to move into Executive Session at 8:36 p.m.

a. Consideration of Student Appeal

b. Receipt of Legal Advice Related to Matters Covered by Attorney-Client Privilege

Moved By: Ms. Graham

Seconded By: Ms. Smith

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

Board Action: Carried Unanimously

6. BUSINESS

A motion was made to adjourn the Executive Session and move into the Business portion of the meeting at 9:13 p.m. It should be noted that no votes were taken in Executive Session.

Moved By: Mr. James

Seconded By: Ms. Morreale

Board Action: Carried Unanimously

a. Consideration of a Student Appeal

Mr. James made a motion that upon review and consideration of the written record regarding the student's appeal, the HCS Board of Education moves to uphold the District Appeal Board's decision to expel the student until the end of the first quarter, October 23, 2019, of the 2019-2020 school year.

Moved By: Mr. James

Seconded By: Mr. Hardwick

For (8): Mr. Poston, Mr. Hardwick, Ms. Graham, Mr. James, Mr. Winters, Ms. Allen, Ms. Todd, and Ms. Smith

Against (2): Mr. Cox, and Ms. Morreale

Board Action: Carried (8 to 2)

7. CONSENT AGENDA

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

a. Personnel Recommendations As Required by Law

b. Monitoring Report: OE-10 Instructional Program

c. Monitoring Report: OE-13 Facilities

d. **Monitoring Report: R-8 Perceptions of Stakeholders**

e. **Education Allocation Fund - D2**

Moved By: Mr. James

Seconded By: Mr. Hardwick

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

Board Action: Carried Unanimously

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 p.m.

Moved By: Mr. James

Seconded By: Mr. Hardwick

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting.

Board Action: Carried Unanimously

UPCOMING MEETING (S): Board Work Session - November 4, 2019, 6:00 PM, District Office

Heidi Oates

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Executive Assistant to the Superintendent and Horry County Board of Education