

# **HORRY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**

## **MINUTES**

### **BOARD WORK SESSION**

**March 4, 2019  
District Office  
335 Four Mile Road  
Conway, SC 29526**

#### **Board of Education**

Ken Richardson	Janice Morreale
John Poston	Neil James
Chris Hardwick	Ray Winters
David Cox	Shanda Allen
Holly Heniford	Sherrie Todd
Janet Graham	Helen Smith

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

Jeanna Allen, Velna Allen, Mary J. Anderson, Lisa Bourcier, Daryl Brown, Edi Cox, Lt. Col. Davis, John Gardner, Kenny Generette, Lonnie Kaye, Candace Lane, Dr. Rick Maxey, Boone Myrick, Heidi Oates, Mark Porter, Lucas Richardson, April Scott, Lora Tyler, Kristin 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**

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

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

Mr. Winters offered the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

A motion was made to approve the agenda 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**

**c. Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made to approve the February 18, 2019, minutes as presented.

**Moved By:** Mr. Winters

**Seconded By:** Ms. Smith

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

**Board Action: Carried Unanimously**

**2. DISCUSSION**

Prior to the Discussion portion of the meeting, Mr. Cox recognized three students for their work towards the Boy Scouts Eagle Merit Badge. The Board congratulated Dustin Plattner, Cooper Almassy, and Cameron Kaye on their hard work towards their goal of Eagle Scout.

**a. Human Resources Committee Report - Mr. Cox**

Mr. Cox gave a report from the Human Resources Committee meeting held earlier today. Items discussed included donation of leave time. Mr. Cox referenced the handout which he provided to Board Members. The second item the Human Resources Committee discussed was a proposal for revising the current employee sick leave bank along with a proposal for developing an employee leave donation program. The Human Resources Committee asked District staff to continue to explore options including the possibility of combining the two programs. The Human Resources Committee will present any new developments on this topic to the Board at a later date.

Dr. Maxey reported that the administration requested the Human Resources Committee to consider approving the use of the Undesignated General Fund Balance to fund seven (7) ESOL positions prior to the Board's approval of the 2019-20 general fund budget. Dr. Maxey's reasoning for making this request is that if the District were to wait until the final approval of the budget in late May or June, the District will be faced with a short window of opportunity for recruiting and hiring ESOL teachers, a situation which is further complicated by the scarcity of ESOL applicants. Dr. Maxey also noted that any ESOL teachers who may be hired will not be on contract until after July 1, 2019, so no funding would be expended on these contracts until after the 2019-20 budget is approved. Mr. Cox indicated that the Human Resources Committee would like to bring this recommendation to the full Board for a vote at its next meeting.

**b. South Carolina School Boards Association Annual Convention Report - Board Members**

Ms. Graham, Mr. Cox, Mr. Winters, Ms. Heniford, Mr. James, Ms. Smith, Ms. Morreale and Board Chair Richardson commented on the sessions they attended at the SCSBA Annual Convention. Board members remarked that they enjoyed the sessions and found the information useful. Several Board members remarked that the District has numerous successful programs which our District should consider sharing at future events. Ms. Morreale noted that she had attended and shared with Dr. Maxey information regarding another school district's technology information. Ms. Morreale agreed that our District has programs which our staff could share at future SCSBA meetings, programs such as the District's successful hybrid SSO-

SRO system which has allowed us to place an armed security officer in all of our elementary schools.

**c. Prioritized Five-Year Capital Plan Projects - Mr. Richardson**

Board Members discussed the Five-Year Capital Plan projects to allow input from the Board on priorities, with some discussion on funding options. The Board will vote during the Business portion of the meeting to decide whether to move forward with the Five-Year Capital Plan priorities as developed at the December 3, 2018, Board Retreat.

**d. 2019-2020 Modular Classroom Needs - Mr. Brown**

Mr. Brown requested authorization to purchase and install six (6) modular classrooms with a restroom facility at St. James High School, and six (6) modular classrooms with a restroom facility at Ocean Bay Elementary utilizing the Undesignated General Fund Balance in the amount of \$1,796,642.

**e. Naming of E Field in Myrtle Beach - Mrs. Todd**

Ms. Todd requested permission to change the name "E Field" at the Myrtle Beach Sports Complex to "The Lawrence Jones Memorial Field." Mr. Poston asked if the Myrtle Beach Advisory Board had met to discuss this request. Ms. Todd stated the Myrtle Beach Advisory Board had met and were in agreement with the name change.

**f. Consideration of 2019-2020 Courses for Honors Weighting - Ms. Myrick**

Ms. Myrick presented a request for the Board to consider approving honors weighting for the following STEM courses beginning the 2019-2020 school year: Essentials of Computer Science, Human Body Systems, Principles of Biomedical Science, Introduction to Engineering Design, Principles of Engineering, Engineering and Architecture, Engineering Design and Development, Environmental Sustainability, Medical Interventions, Principles of Computer Science, Fundamentals of Aerospace, Technology Clean Energy Systems, and Innovations in Science and Technology.

Mr. James asked Ms. Myrick to provide course descriptions for the requested courses. Ms. Smith asked if the courses will be available for all schools. Ms. Myrick stated they are available in all schools that would like to offer the courses and that have the appropriate certified staff. Ms. Myrick stated she would provide the course descriptions and the schools that will offer the courses for board members.

**g. Monitoring Report: R5 Other Academic Disciplines - Col. Davis and Ms. Myrick**

Ms. Myrick presented the monitoring reports for technology applications, fine arts, world language, and career and technology education (CATE). Lt. Colonel Davis presented the monitoring report for physical education. Ms. Myrick and Lt. Colonel Davis offered to address

any questions. Ms. Todd asked which schools offer the exploratory Spanish class. Ms. Myrick stated North Myrtle Beach Middle and Ten Oaks Middle.

**h. Monitoring Report: OE-1 Global Operational Expectations - Dr. Maxey**

Dr. Maxey presented information describing how training and professional development are utilized to help guide staff actions to ensure those actions are lawful, ethical, safe, respectful, prudent, aligned with District policy, and supportive of the District's public image and credibility. Dr. Maxey noted if any action fails to meet these expectations, corresponding consequences will follow. No questions were presented at this time.

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

Mr. Gardner stated the House is discussing a 4% increase in teacher salaries with a state-wide starting salary of \$35,000. Mr. Gardner noted The State Department of Education has a conference this week and remarked this should allow us to see how these changes will impact the District.

**3. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

**a. FIRST Robotics – Palmetto Regional Competition**

Dr. Maxey addressed the Board regarding the FIRST Robotics – Palmetto Regional Competition held March 1-2, 2019, at the Myrtle Beach Convention Center. Dr. Maxey noted the robotics competition provides hands-on real-life experiences in STEM education for our students. Dr. Maxey shared a brief video which highlighted the competition and introduced the 11 high school teams that represented Horry County Schools.

**b. Pathways to Possibilities Career Expo**

Dr. Maxey informed the Board about the recent Pathways to Possibilities Career Expo which was held at the Myrtle Beach Convention Center, February 20-21, 2019. Dr. Maxey, who also shared a brief video of student and teacher highlights from the event, noted that more than 3,400 8th graders attended, with participants coming from seven of our neighboring counties.

In closing his report, Dr. Maxey invited Board members to attend the Principal-for-a-Day Breakfast on March 13, 2019, for an opportunity to hear community members share their experiences in spending a day shadowing an HCS principal.

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

A motion was made to adjourn the Board Work Session and convene a Special-Called Meeting. The Board entered into Business Session at this time.

**Moved By:** Ms. Heniford

**Seconded By:** Mr. Hardwick

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

**Board Action: Carried Unanimously**

**5. BUSINESS**

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

Dr. Maxey recommended that the Board approve naming Lora Tyler as Principal of Loris Elementary, effective the 2019-2020 school year.

**Moved By:** Mr. Hardwick

**Seconded By:** Ms. Heniford

**Board Action: Carried Unanimously**

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

Mr. Wolfe requested permission from the Board for the Facilities Department to enter into fee negotiations with the highest ranked offeror who will provide professional sports design services to the District for tennis/track and related athletic facilities. Mr. Wolfe stated once this process was completed it would then be brought back to the Board for approval.

**Moved By:** Mr. James

**Seconded By:** Ms. Heniford

**Board Action: Carried Unanimously**

**c. Prioritized 5-Year Capital Plan Projects - Mr. Richardson**

Ms. Heniford moved to approve the proposed 5-Year Capital Plan Projects list with the exclusion of funding/dollar figures except for the Horry County Education Center and modular requests.

**Moved By:** Ms. Heniford

**Seconded By:** Ms. Smith

**Board Action: Carried Unanimously**

**d. 2019-2020 Modular Classroom Needs**

A motion was made to approve the 2019-2020 modular classroom needs as presented. This motion authorized the purchase and installation of six (6) modular classrooms with a restroom facility at St. James High School, and six (6) modular classrooms with a restroom facility at Ocean Bay Elementary utilizing the Undesignated General Fund Balance in the amount of \$1,796,642.

**Moved By:** Mr. James

**Seconded By:** Ms. Heniford

**Board Action: Carried Unanimously**

**6. CONSENT AGENDA**

**Moved By:** Mr. Winters

**Seconded By:** Ms. Morreale

A motion was made to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

**Board Action: Carried Unanimously**

- a. **Personnel Recommendations As Required by Law**
- b. **Education Fund Allocation -District 11**
- c. **Education Fund Allocation - District 4**

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 6:47 PM.

**Moved By:** Ms. Allen

**Seconded By:** Mr. Hardwick

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

**Board Action: Carried Unanimously**

**UPCOMING MEETING(S):**

**Facilities Committee Meeting, March 18, 2019, 4:00 PM, C300**

**Board Meeting, March 18, 2019, 6:00 PM, Board Room**

Respectfully Submitted,

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Heidi Oates

Executive Assistant to the Superintendent and Horry County Board of Education