

HORRY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES

BOARD MEETING

September 28, 2020

District Office

335 Four Mile Road

Conway, SC 29526

Board of Education

Ken Richardson

John Poston

Chris Hardwick

David Cox

Janet Graham

Janice Morreale

Neil James

Ray Winters

Shanda Allen

Helen Smith

W Russell Freeman

Horry County Schools Staff

Velna Allen, Mary J. Anderson, David Beaty, Lisa Bourcier,
Daryl Brown, Joe Burch, Leann Hill, Candace Lane, Rick
Maxey, Boone Myrick, Heidi Oates, Lucas Richardson,
April Scott, John Washburn

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 - SEPTEMBER 28, 2020 - 6:00 PM - CALL TO ORDER

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

a. Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance - Ms. Allen

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

b. Introduction of Board Members

Mr. Richardson asked the Board members to introduce themselves and indicate the areas they represent.

c. Approval of Agenda - Mr. Richardson

A motion was made to approve the September 28, 2020, 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

d. Approval of Minutes - Mr. Richardson

A motion was made to approve the September 14, 2020, 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. DISCUSSION

a. Facilities Committee Report - Mr. James

The Facilities Committee met earlier today focusing on updates of ongoing projects. Mr. James began his presentation by sharing drone footage of ongoing tennis and track projects at Conway High School, Green Sea Floyds High School, and Carolina Forest High School. Additional drone footage shared included updates on the track at Loris High and the parent loop upgrade at Loris Middle School. Mr. James then gave a status update on the construction progress of the SOAR Academy noting site work was ongoing. Mr. James noted that a dedication ceremony would be scheduled closer to completion. Mr. James shared an update regarding the Socastee High School parking lot lights were in the process of being upgraded noting the current lighting was not adequate. Mr. James stated the current halogen lights would be switched to LED. Additionally, the current pole height would be elevated from 30 ft to 40 ft. These changes would require an increase in project cost from \$120,000 to \$180,000. Mr. James noted that Facilities will request the additional \$60,000 needed for the project to be transferred from the drainage ditch project at Socastee High School. This request will need to be brought to the full Board for approval at the next HCS Board Meeting.

Mr. James then shared updates regarding sustainment projects including information regarding the cooling tower replacement at Green Sea Floyds High School. Mr. James noted a total of nine units needed to be replaced. Funding for this project had been approved previously. Mr. James remarked in order to complete the MAU replacement of seven units at St. James High, an additional request for funding in the amount of \$800,000 from the Reserve Fund would be brought before the Board. This would bring the total of that project to \$1,950,000.

Mr. James remarked that Facilities is looking ahead at the growth planning and life cycle management of our schools for the period of 2020 to 2030 to include capacity as well as condition. Mr. James noted that Facilities will be making recommendations accordingly.

b. Consider Ratification of Policy Committee Revisions to Board Governance - Mr. Winters

Mr. Winters shared both a redlined and a clean version of the Board Governance revisions observing that the Board had previously discussed all changes noted. Mr. Winters remarked all revisions will be brought before the Board for a final vote during an upcoming Board of Education meeting.

c. Superintendent's Report

1. 2020 National Blue Ribbon School Award: Ocean Drive Elementary School

Dr. Maxey congratulated Ocean Drive Elementary School on being named a 2020 National Blue Ribbon School for Exemplary High Performance. Ocean Drive Elementary School is one of 367 schools in the nation, and six schools in the state to earn this prestigious academic recognition. Dr. Maxey noted that due to COVID-19, the celebration, which is traditionally scheduled in Washington, DC, will now be held virtually on November 12 and 13, 2020.

2. 2020 SAT/AP Results

Mr. Washburn shared 2020 SAT and AP exam results from spring of 2020 via a slide presentation. The HCS Class of 2020 exceeded the national composite average on the SAT. Mr. Washburn also reported that HCS students continue to perform well on AP exams.

It should be noted Mr. Freeman joined the meeting at 6:23PM.

3. SCDHEC Disease Activity Report

Dr. Maxey spoke regarding the weekly South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (SCDHEC) Disease Activity Report. Dr. Maxey shared this report consists of data reported by SCDHEC concerning disease activity occurring over the prior two weeks in each South Carolina county. The report is based upon the COVID-19 incidence rate per 100,000, trend in incidence rate, and the percent positive rate. Dr. Maxey noted that since September 8, 2020, the first day of school, HCS has been operating on the hybrid instructional model due to SCDHEC's reporting medium disease activity for Horry County. Dr. Maxey noted that HCS expected the SCDHEC report to be reported on Monday, as usual. However, the District learned today that SCDHEC had moved the reporting day to Thursday. Dr. Maxey noted that while the

hybrid instructional model was posted earlier in the day on the District's website based upon the most recent SCDHEC report, he had asked for the District announcement to be taken down in order for him to have an opportunity to explain to the Board the change in SCDHEC's reporting day. Dr. Maxey shared a screenshot of the SCDHEC website which stated, *"This data has been regularly updated on Mondays, however, to accommodate requests from school districts, DHEC will begin releasing this report on Thursdays instead to allow schools to make plans for the following week with the latest information available."* Dr. Maxey shared this change would allow more time to make operational adjustments if it was deemed necessary by the information shared by SCDHEC. Dr. Maxey noted that HCS will continue to be adaptive and move forward with the new SCDHEC reporting schedule. Dr. Maxey shared that the week of October 12, 2020, HCS would continue operating on the hybrid instructional model based on the most recent SCDHEC report.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Kerry Murphy did not come forward when called.
- Pamela Jakubowski spoke on the topic of Virtual Instruction.
- Ronald Denley spoke on the topic of Virtual Instruction.
- Kate Martin spoke on the topic of Virtual Instruction.
- Dean Blumburg spoke on the topic of Virtual Instruction.

4. EXECUTIVE SESSION

a. Receipt of Legal Advice Regarding Contractual Matters

b. Discussion of Potential Property Purchases

A motion was made to move into Executive Session at 6:54PM.

It should be noted Mr. Winters and Ms. Morreale recused themselves from Item 4.A. during the Executive Session.

Moved By: Mr. James

Seconded By: Ms. Allen

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

Board Action: Carried Unanimously

5. BUSINESS

A motion was made to enter into the Business portion of the meeting at 8:09PM.

Moved By: Mr. Cox

Seconded By: Mr. Hardwick

Board Action: Carried Unanimously

a. Phase 2 Tennis/Track Funding - Mr. Brown/Mr. Burch

Mr. Burch sought the Board's approval of funding for design and construction services for Phase 2 of the Track & Field and Tennis Court Repairs, Renovations, and Reconstruction project as stated below.

Estimated Cost: \$3,309,280

Funding Source: Building Residual Funds

Moved By: Mr. James

Seconded By: Ms. Graham

Board Action: Carried Unanimously

b. Designation of Assembly Delegates for SCSBA Annual Business Meeting, December 4, 2020, Columbia - Mr. Richardson

Mr. Richardson will represent all 15 votes at the 2020 SCSBA Delegate Assembly. Ms. Morreale has been appointed as Delegate alternate.

Moved By: Mr. Cox

Seconded By: Mr. Winters

Board Action: Carried Unanimously

c. Advisory Board Appointments - Board Members

A motion was made by Ms. Graham to appoint the following Advisory Board Members to the Conway Advisory Board:

Al Bease - 1-Year Term - 1st Term Appointment

Jean Burden - 1-Year Term - 1st Term Appointment

Moved By: Ms. Allen

Seconded By: Ms. Graham

Board Action: Carried Unanimously

6. **CONSENT AGENDA**

- a. **Personnel Recommendations As Required by Law**
- b. **Monitoring Report: OE-3 Treatment of Stakeholders**
- c. **Education Allocation Fund - District 7**
- d. **Education Allocation Fund - District 10**
- e. **Approval of Home School Applications**

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

Moved By: Mr. Winters

Seconded By: Mr. Freeman

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

Board Action: Carried Unanimously

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made to adjourn at 8:17PM and carried unanimously.

Moved By: Mr. Hardwick

Seconded By: Mr. James

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting.

Board Action: Carried Unanimously

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

- a. **Policy Committee Meeting, October 5, 2020, 4:00 PM - C-300**
- b. **Board Meeting, October 5, 2020, 6:00 PM - District Office**

Respectfully submitted,



Heidi Oates

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