HORRY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

M I N U T E S

BOARD MEETING

January 27, 2020
Academy for Technology & Academics
5639 Highway 701 North
Conway, SC 29526

Board of Education

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

Horry County Schools Staff

Mary J. Anderson, Robin Bolling, Joe Burch, Edi Cox, Lt. Col. Davis, Ashley Gasperson, Kenneth Generette, Lee James, Russell Ann Jones, Lou Layton, Rick Maxey, Lisa Melchione, Boone Myrick, Heidi Oates, Vann Pennell, Regina Pertell, Mark Porter, Ben Prince, Lucas Richardson, Tammy Trulove, John Washburn, Kelly Wilson, 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 - January 27, 2020 - 6:00 PM - CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair Richardson called the meeting to order at 5:59 PM.

a. Invocation

Mr. Winters offered the invocation.

b. Presentation of Colors, Socastee High School Air Force JROTC

c. Introduction of Board Members

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

d. Approval of Agenda

A motion was made to amend and approve the agenda for January 27, 2020. Mr. Richardson requested to amend the order to observe Recognitions prior to Discussion items. The motion passed.

Moved By: Mr. Winters
Seconded By: Ms. Morreale

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 January 13, 2020, minutes 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

2. DISCUSSION

a. Facility Committee Meeting Report - Mr. James

The Facilities Committee met earlier today with the purpose of discussing the status of the new Horry County Education Center and projected modular classroom needs. Mr. James and members of the Committee asked the architect to include the addition of a kitchen to the current plans and work to reduce overall cost. The Facilities Department will present this information to the Board at the February 3, 2020, Board Work Session. Mr. Burch presented a slideshow with information regarding projected growth in each attendance area with the biggest growth projected in the Carolina Forest area. A request was made to provide the Board with a total cost including both the modular units and the site work.

b. Monitoring Report: R-3 Science - Ms. Myrick

Monitoring Report R-3 was presented.

c. Monitoring Report: OE-13 Facilities Quarterly Report - Mr. Wolfe

Monitoring Report OE-13 was presented. Mr. Wolfe noted the Aynor Elementary loop was near completion. Mr. Wolfe also noted the Pee Dee Elementary loop was redesigned moving the loop to the opposite side of the property due to a conflict with utilities.

d. Monitoring Report: OE-6 Quarterly Financial Statement - Mr. Gardner

Monitoring Report: OE-6 was presented. Mr. Gardner stated that the district is in good financial position. He also shared specifically the availability of residual funds in the school building program.

e. Update on Comprehensive Employee Compensation Study - Ms. Anderson

Ms. Anderson gave an update on the Employee Compensation Study that is presently under way. Ms. Anderson stated the management company is currently in the data collection portion of the study. One of the goals is to ensure the grade structure is correct for employees. Ms. Anderson stated the report was due to be finalized on April 30, 2020. Ms. Anderson stated she would share information with the Board as it becomes available.

f. Superintendent's Report

1. 2020 United States Census

Dr. Maxey expressed the importance of the 2020 Census and how the collected data impact our daily lives. Dr. Maxey noted the data are used to determine states' political representation in Congress as well as funding for services and infrastructure in our community such as health care, senior centers, jobs, roads, schools, and businesses.

Mr. Burch mentioned that methods for participating in the 2020 Census include online, mail, or phone options. HCS is using several social media platforms, public service announcements, and speakers at cluster meetings to reach out to communities to increase awareness of residents' participation in the 2020 Census.

2. January - School Board Appreciation Month

Dr. Maxey recognized the Board Members for their service and expressed his appreciation for all they do for our students and employees. Several schools sent tokens of appreciation that were presented to the Board prior to the meeting.

3. RECOGNITIONS

a. Perfect Attendance Awards: Grades 1st - 5th; 1st - 8th; and 1st - 11th

The Horry County Board of Education recognized five students for having perfect attendance in grades 1-5 and 1-8. Students receiving recognition have attended school for either 900 or 1,440 days without an absence. Honorees with perfect attendance through elementary school received a medallion and a certificate. Those with perfect attendance through middle school received a certificate and a monetary award.

Honorees are as follows:

Grades 1-5: Lawton Little Broughman, Conway Middle School; Skyler Lillian Hannum and Ryder Warren Hannum, Socastee Middle School; and

Grades 1-8: Jadin Keaton Elliott, Conway High School; and Ryan Joseph Shibley-Cooney, St. James High School.

Students who maintain perfect attendance through the twelfth grade are recognized by the South Carolina Department of Education.

b. Outstanding Theatre Teacher of the Year for South Carolina - Lou Layton, Academy for Arts, Science & Technology

Mr. Lou Layton, Outstanding Theatre Teacher of the Year for South Carolina, was recognized and congratulated by the Board.

c. The Legion of Valor Bronze Cross for Achievement - Jasmine Koepcke, Conway High School JROTC

Jasmine Koepcke, winner of The Legion of Valor Bronze Cross for Achievement, was recognized and congratulated by the Board.

d. 2019 HCS Academic Olympic Champions - Socastee High School

Socastee High School's Academic Team won its third consecutive championship in Horry County Schools Academic Olympics. This annual quiz bowl is a fast-paced competitive event that tests students' knowledge in English, math, science, social studies, fine arts, and current events. District high schools compete against each other each year for the championship trophy.

Socastee High's Academic Team members are: Matthew Norton-Baker, Evan VanArsdale, Megan Lane, Mac Malambri, Sasha Bronovitskiy, Peyton Arp, and Kelana Lanoue. The team's coach is Cynthia Lehr.

Members of the Academic Team were recognized and congratulated by the Board.

e. 2019 State Championship, We The People: The Citizen and the Constitution - Academy for the Arts, Science & Technology

The *We the People* Competition Team from the Academy for the Arts, Science & Technology (AAST) won the *We the People: The Citizen and the Constitution* state championship and will compete for the national title on April 24-27 in Washington, D.C.

We the People is one of many instructional programs and competitive events sponsored by the South Carolina Bar's Law-Related Education Division. The program enhances students' understanding of the institutions of American constitutional democracy, while also discovering the contemporary relevance of the Constitution and Bill of Rights. The culminating activity is a simulated congressional hearing in which students "testify" before a panel of judges.

Students demonstrate their knowledge and understanding of constitutional principles and have opportunities to evaluate, take, and defend positions on relevant historical and contemporary issues.

AAST's *We the People* team members are: Kennedy Smith, Dillon Prince, Hannah Beam, Kathleen Boyle, Emily Eaton, Hannah Ferguson, Bianca Gawencki, Nora Gore, Jazmine Lara, Ana Caroline Phillips, Michael Ritter, Gabriel Russell, Alex Sobota, Patrick Priore, and Emma Ann Lay. The team's coach is Robert DeCerbo.

We the People team members were recognized and congratulated by the Board.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Ms. Allison Maloney previously submitted a request to speak during Public Comments. She did not come forward when called.
- Ms. Pat Milley previously submitted a request to speak during Public Comments. She did not come forward when called.
- Ms. Leslie Oleszkowicz spoke during Public Comments on the topic of disabilities awareness within the schools.
- Mr. Sergio Diaz previously submitted a request to speak during Public Comments. He did not come forward when called.

5. EXECUTIVE SESSION

a. Discussion of Personnel Matters

b. Consideration of Student Appeals

1. Student A

2. Student B

A motion was made to move into Executive Session at 7:00 PM.

Moved By: Mr. Cox
Seconded By: Mr. James

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

Board Action: Carried Unanimously

6. BUSINESS

A motion was made to enter the Business portion of the meeting at 7:44 PM. It should be noted that Mr. Freeman joined the meeting following the Executive Session. It should also be noted that Mr. Poston recused himself from item 6.D.

Moved By: Mr. Hardwick
Seconded By: Ms. Graham

Board Action: Carried Unanimously

a. Consideration of Student Appeals

1. Student A

Upon the Board of Education's review and consideration of the written record regarding student A's appeal, Mr. James made a motion that the Board of Education uphold the District Appeal Board's decision to expel the student until the end of the third quarter, March 20, 2020, of the 2019-2020 school year.

Moved By: Mr. James
Seconded By: Mr. Hardwick

Board Action: Carried Unanimously

2. Student B

Upon the Board of Education's review and consideration of the written record regarding student B's appeal, Mr. James made a motion that the Board of Education uphold the District Appeal Board's decision to expel the student until the end of the third quarter, March 20, 2020, of the 2019-2020 school year.

Moved By: Mr. James
Seconded By: Ms. Morreale

For: (10) Freeman, Todd, Winters, Cox, Morreale, Smith, Graham, Hardwick, James, and Allen

Against: (1) Poston

Board Action: Carried

b. Notice of School Board Meeting Schedule as Required by SC Code 30-4-80 (Dates/Times/Place) for Calendar Year 2020 - Dr. Maxey

Dr. Maxey noted that in accordance with SC Code 30-4-80 all public bodies must give written public notice of their annual regular meeting schedule at the beginning of each calendar year. The notice must include dates and times for each meeting, all of which are held at the District Office located at Four Mile Road. A schedule of meetings was presented to the Board.

Moved By: Mr. Hardwick
Seconded By: Ms. Smith

Board Action: Carried Unanimously

c. Consider Approval of Architect for Repurposing Former Myrtle Beach Intermediate School - Mr. Wolfe

Mr. Wolfe shared information and is seeking Board approval of D3G Architects, LLC as the architectural firm for design and construction work to repurpose the former Myrtle Beach Intermediate School to house Adult Education, Science Kits, and Records Retention programs.

Moved By: Mr. James
Seconded By: Mr. Hardwick

Board Action: Carried Unanimously

d. Consider Approval of Civil Engineering Firms for Design of Loop Roads, Conversion of Records to Transportation, and for Other Improvement Projects - Mr. Wolfe

Mr. Wolfe shared information and is seeking Board approval for five civil engineering firms to be included in a new Indefinite Delivery Contract for the purpose of providing professional design services to the district. Future projects and assignments will be determined by staff. In alphabetical order, the firms selected are:

- DN Engineering
- DRG, LLC
- ECLS Global, Inc.
- Mead & Hunt
- Thomas & Hutton

It should be noted Mr. Poston recused himself from discussion and voting on this item.

Moved By: Mr. James
Seconded By: Mr. Cox

Board Action: Carried Unanimously

e. Consider Approval for Funding for CHA Sports Phase 1 Projects - Mr. Wolfe

Mr. Wolfe shared information and is seeking Board approval for funding for construction services for Phase I of the Track & Field and Tennis Court Repairs, Renovations, and Reconstruction project as stated below.

Funding Sources:
$24,761.00 Other Residual Funds
$276,275.00 School Building Program-Phase IV
$4,127,964.00 Building Modification Funds (5657)
$4,429,000.00 Total funding request

Moved By: Mr. James
Seconded By: Ms. Morreale

Board Action: Carried Unanimously

f. Proposed Employee Donation of Paid Sick Leave Policy - Dr. Maxey

Dr. Maxey is seeking final Board approval on implementation of the Employee Donation of Paid Sick Leave Policy effective February 1, 2020. Mr. Poston requested cost impact on the District after the first year of implementation.

Moved By: Mr. Cox
Seconded By: Mr. Hardwick

Board Action: Carried Unanimously

7. <u>CONSENT AGENDA</u>

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

a. Personnel Recommendations As Required by Law

b. Monitoring Report: OE-6 Financial Administration - Report from External Auditor - Elliot Davis, LLP

c. Education Allocation Fund - District 3

d. Education Allocation Fund - District 4

e. Education Allocation Fund - District 7

f. Education Allocation Fund - Board Chairman

Moved By: Mr. Winters
Seconded By: Ms. Graham

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 7:54 PM.

Moved By: Mr. James
Seconded By: Mr. Poston

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

Board Action: Carried Unanimously

UPCOMING MEETING(S)

a. Policy Committee Meeting - February 3, 2020, 4:00 PM, TBD

b. Board Work Session - February 3, 2020, 6:00 PM, TBD

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi Oates

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Executive Assistant to the Superintendent and Horry County Board of Education