HORRY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

M I N U T E S

BOARD MEETING

November 16, 2020
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	Sherrie Todd
Janet Graham	Helen Smith
Janice Morreale	W Russell Freeman

Horry County Schools Staff
Velna Allen, Mary J Anderson, Daryl Brown, Joe Burch, John Gardner, Kenneth Generette, Rick Maxey, Boone Myrick, Heidi Oates, Lucas Richardson

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. <u>OPENING - NOVEMBER 16, 2020 - 6:00 PM - CALL TO ORDER</u>

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

a. Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance - Mr. Cox

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

b. Introduction of Board Members - Mr. Richardson

Prior to the introduction of Board Members, Mr. Richardson expressed his sympathy regarding the loss of two community members, Mr. Robert Rabon and Dr. Fred Fore, sharing their impact on the community and stating Horry County had lost two great educators. Mr. Richardson offered his condolences to both families.

c. Approval of Agenda - Mr. Richardson

A motion was made to approve the November 16, 2020, agenda as presented.

Moved By: Mr. Hardwick
Seconded By: Mr. Winters

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 November 2, 2020, minutes as presented.

Moved By: Mr. James
Seconded By: Mr. Winters

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

Board Action: Carried Unanimously

2. DISCUSSION

a. Consider Sale of Property to Central Electric Power for Right of Way - Mr. Burch

Mr. Burch shared that Horry County Schools has been approached by Central Electric Power about purchasing 1.29 acres of Right of Way (ROW) from the District for a new 115kV transmission line that will connect to a new Horry Electric Substation planned near the intersection of Highway 501 Business and Highway 90. The ROW proposed is 70 ft wide and 803 ft long and would connect to the existing power lines that run across the property over the parking lot. Mr. Burch is asking the Board to consider approving the sale of 1.29 acres of property at Waccamaw Elementary School to Central Electric Power for a ROW in the amount of $42,400.00 for a new power transmission line connecting to a new Horry Electric Substation.

It should be noted that Mr. James and Mr. Poston recused themselves from this discussion item.

b. Superintendent's Report

1. 2020 Horry County Rookie Teacher of the Year

Dr. Maxey recognized and congratulated Hannah Mills who was named Horry County Schools Rookie Teacher of the Year for the 2020-21 school year. Hannah is a teacher at Aynor Elementary and began her teaching career at HCS in 2017.

2. 2020 Horry County Schools Support Staff Employee of the Year

Dr. Maxey recognized and congratulated Matt Merritt who was named Horry County Schools Support Staff Employee of the Year for the 2020-21 school year. Matt is a paraprofessional at Myrtle Beach High School. He began his career with HCS in 2014.

3. Veterans Day Celebrations

Dr. Maxey shared that in honor of our Veterans HCS students participated in several special events to thank the many servicemen and women who served our country. Dr. Maxey shared a video presentation of the events hosted by our schools and thanked our veterans for their service and commitment to our country. Dr. Maxey noted this video would be shared on various HCS social media platforms, as well as on the HCS educational access TV channels.

4. College Fan Week: November 16-20, 2020

Dr. Maxey shared that for the third year in a row, HCS will celebrate College Fan Week, November 16th-20th, 2020. Dr. Maxey shared that HCS uses this opportunity to make students aware of the higher education opportunities that are available. Dr. Maxey noted information would be available on our website regarding trade and vocational opportunities, serving in the Armed Forces, etc., and encouraged those interested to utilize the links available.

At this time, Dr. Maxey shared information regarding United Way of Horry County's United to Read program. In prior years, volunteers read to 1st graders in Horry County. Due to COVID-19, however, the event is being held virtually. United Way has recruited Hometown Heroes to prerecord themselves reading "Big Al" by Andrew Clements. Some of the Hometown Hero readers include: WPDE TV-15's Chief Meteorologist Ed Piotrowski, former Olympian Amber Campbell, Splash from the Myrtle Beach Pelicans, and Chauncy from Coastal Carolina University to name a few.

5. Status Report: Plexiglass Barriers for Classrooms

Dr. Maxey called Mr. Brown forward to share information regarding the plexiglass barriers for classrooms. Mr. Brown shared the following statement:

HCS Facilities staff have been hard at work delivering thousands of sheets of plexiglass and frames to many of the elementary schools in the District. Deliveries will continue over the coming weeks, and construction of the barriers will begin on November 20th. A local firm will provide the manpower to assemble and install the barriers in the classrooms when

students are not in school to ensure instructional time is not interrupted. HCS anticipates completion at all elementary schools by December 23rd.

6. Second Semester Scheduling Preparations

Dr. Maxey shared a slideshow presentation regarding preparations for second semester scheduling. The timeline is as follows:

- Develop a plan for all students to have the opportunity to transfer from the K-12 HCS Virtual program to their brick-and-mortar school or to transfer from their brick-and-mortar school to the K-12 HCS Virtual program. (October-November)
- Share information with board members, school administrators, parents, teachers, and stakeholders. (November)
- Notify parents/guardians of the process via email and ParentLink. (Tuesday, December 1st)
- Make the link available to K-12 HCS Virtual program students to commit to return to brick-and-mortar school. (Monday, December 7th – Midnight on Monday, December 14th)
- Make the link available to the brick-and-mortar school students to commit to enroll in the K-12 HCS Virtual program. (Tuesday, December 15th – Midnight on Tuesday, December 22nd)
- Make schedule changes. (Monday, January 4th – Tuesday, January 26th)

Dr. Maxey discussed in detail the process for K-12 HCS Virtual Program students to transfer to their brick-and-mortar school, noting parents will receive an email that contains a link to the commitment form on December 7, 2020.

Dr. Maxey then discussed in detail the process for brick-and-mortar school students to transfer to the K-12 HCS Virtual Program, noting parents will receive an email that contains a link to the commitment form on December 15, 2020.

Dr. Maxey emphasized the importance of parents providing an active email address on file.

Dr. Maxey shared the following additional information:

- A parent of virtual school students who does not receive an email on December 7th and wants his/her child to return to the child's assigned brick-and-mortar schools for second term should send an email to

brickandmortarreturn@horrycountyschools.net. The commitment link will be sent to the parent.

- A parent of brick-and-mortar students who does not receive an email on December 15th and wants his/her child to attend the K-12 HCS virtual program for second term should send an email to virtualprogramrequests@horrycountyschools.net. The commitment link will be sent to the parent.
- HCS has simplified the process.
- HCS will strictly adhere to the dates.
- All decisions are FINAL!
- Parents may contact guidance counselors to ask questions.

Teachers and cohorts may change as a result of the schools' enrollment changes.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Haley Young signed up to address the Board during Public Comments. She did not come forward when called.

4. EXECUTIVE SESSION

a. Receipt of Legal Advice Regarding Litigation

b. Receipt of Legal Advice Regarding Pending Litigation

c. Superintendent's Evaluation

A motion was made to move into Executive Session at 6:45PM.

Moved By: Mr. Freeman
Seconded By: Mr. Hardwick

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

Board Action: Carried Unanimously

5. BUSINESS

A motion was made to move into the Business portion of the meeting at 9:15 PM. It should be noted Mr. Winters recused himself from items 4a and 4b during Executive Session. It should also be noted Ms. Morreale recused herself from item item 4a.

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

Board Action: Carried Unanimously

a. Superintendent's Evaluation - Mr. Richardson

A statement was read by Mr. Richardson regarding the Superintendent's Evaluation.

"Each year, the Horry County Board of Education provides an annual job performance review of the Superintendent based upon the expectations set forth in Board Governance and outlined by various areas of responsibility. The Board is pleased with the overall job performance and leadership of the Superintendent.

In review of the information provided by Dr. Maxey, he continues to be in compliance with our expectations. The Horry County Board of Education would like to state Dr. Maxey's job performance as Superintendent as "Highly Effective." The Board feels the District continues to perform well in achievement and is headed in the right direction under the leadership, character, and clear vision of Dr. Rick Maxey as Superintendent. The Board would like to thank Dr. Maxey for his leadership under tremendously challenging circumstances.

The Board has the utmost level of confidence in Dr. Maxey's leadership and individual characteristics / work traits. We would like to extend Dr. Maxey's current contract for an additional year which is through June 30, 2024."

Moved By: Mr. Poston
Seconded By: Mr. Freeman

Board Action: Carried Unanimously

6. <u>CONSENT AGENDA</u>

a. Personnel Recommendations As Required by Law

b. Monitoring Report: R-1 Literacy

c. Monitoring Report: R-7 College and Career Readiness

d. Education Fund Allocation - District 7

e. Education Fund Allocation - District 11

f. Education Allocation Fund - District 9

g. Education Fund Allocation - District 5

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

Moved By: Mr. Winters
Seconded By: Mr. Cox

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

Board Action: Carried Unanimously

7. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 9:19 PM.

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

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting.

Board Action: Carried Unanimously

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

a. Facilities Committee Meeting, December 7, 2020, 4:00 PM, District Office, C300

b. Board Meeting, December 7, 2020, 6:00 PM, District Office, Board Room

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi Oates

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