

HORRY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

M I N U T E S

BOARD MEETING

January 25, 2021

District Office

335 Four Mile Road

Conway, SC 29526

Board of Education

Ken Richardson

David Cox

Janet Graham

Neil James

Ray Winters

James Edwards

Shanda Allen

Sherrie Todd

Helen Smith

W Russell Freeman

Howard Barnard

Horry County Schools Staff

Velna Allen, Mary J. Anderson, David Beaty, Daryl Brown, Lisa Bourcier, Joe Burch, Edi Cox, Polly Dean, John Gardner, Kenny Generette, Lee James, Boone Myrick, and 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.

4:00 PM - Facilities Committee Meeting - C300

1. OPENING - January 25, 2021 - 6:00 PM - CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Richardson called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

a. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance

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

b. Introduction of Board Members

Each Board member was asked to introduce herself/himself and state the areas which he/she represents.

c. Approval of Agenda

A motion was made to approve the agenda.

Moved By: Mr. Winters

Seconded By: Ms. Smith

No vote was taken.

A motion was made to amend to remove **Discussion 2. c. 2021-22 K- 12 HCS Virtual Program Staffing Formula** and **Business 5. f.** from the agenda to discuss at a workshop within the next week.

Moved By: Ms. Allen

Seconded By: Ms. Graham

Board Action: Carried

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

A second motion was made to approve the agenda as written with a counter motion being made to amend it by deleting Discussion 2.c. and Business 5. f. With that motion passing the existing motion stands on the floor to be voted on with the agenda and with the amendment be approved.

Moved By: Mr. Winters

Seconded By: Mr. James

Board Action: Carried Unanimously

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

At this point in the meeting, Mr. Russell Freeman joined the other Board members.

d. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made to approve the January 11, 2021, minutes as presented.

1. January 11, 2021 Minutes

Moved By: Mr. James

Seconded By: Ms. Graham

Board Action: Carried Unanimously

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

2. DISCUSSION

a. Facilities Committee Meeting Report - Mr. James

Mr. James gave a report from the Facilities Committee meeting that met earlier in the day. A narrated video was presented with updates on the Tennis & Track Projects, the SOAR Academy, and the Pee Dee Elementary Loop Road. He added the boiler has been replaced at Forestbrook Elementary School and that project is complete. Also discussed was the need to update the Facility Condition

Assessment data and Planning on all buildings. The last full assessment of District buildings was completed in 2012 and it is recommended to be assessed every 10 years to keep up with industry standard. Considering the age of the data, Mr. James noted that the District should plan to conduct a full assessment of District facilities during the 2021-2022 school year. Estimated cost would be around \$1 million and would be funded through the building modifications fund for the 2021-22 school year.

He also shared the need to purchase 14 Modular classrooms for Carolina Forest Elementary, River Oaks Elementary and Ocean Bay Elementary at an estimate of \$3.1 million which will be funded through the undesignated fund balance. The attendance and capacity for each of those schools will be presented to the Board in the next few weeks and some projections will be given at that point.

Also discussed was the escalation of cost estimates for our construction costs and what industry standards are. Recommendation was to move forward with a 5% escalation factor for future growth to use for the basis for construction costs.

b. Monitoring Report: OE-6 Quarterly Financial Report - Mr. Gardner

The Monitoring Report OE-6 Quarterly Financial Report was presented by Mr. Gardner and he added that the receipts were through December 31st.

c. ~~2021-2022 K-12 HCS Virtual Program Staffing Formula - Mr. Gardner~~

d. Superintendent's Report

1. PPE/Plexiglass for Schools Update - Mr. Brown/Colonel Davis

Mr. Brown reported the Plexiglass has been installed at all of the elementary schools across the District. Schools have been able to adjust the configurations to accommodate their needs and each classroom has been or will be inspected to endure compliance with DHEC regulations. Requests have been received for additional units at some schools and staff is in the process of fulfilling those requests in the coming days.

Mr. Brown remarked that we are taking what we learned from the elementary school process and using it to develop a strong middle school plan. Col. Davis met with middle school principals to get their thoughts and suggestions. Since there was still some plexiglass on hand, the plexiglass installation has been completed at Socastee Middle School. For all other schools, a new prototype and different sizing requirements are being looked at. He indicated he would have a firm completion date at the next meeting and also noted the schedule would be for middle schools only.

2. Second Semester Schedule

Ms. Allen gave an update on the second semester scheduling. Beginning February 1st, students will remain on the hybrid schedule for the entire week. This will be the first week of second semester. Students should receive their schedules by Friday, January 29th. Beginning February 8th, all elementary school students will begin 5 days a week face-to-face. Middle and high school students will remain on the hybrid schedule. COVID-19 numbers and data will continue to be monitored and there could possibly be a change with schedules depending if schools can be staffed or not.

3. Recognition - Meritorious Budget Award

Ms. Allen congratulated Ms. Chrystal Frye and Ms. Tara Crain who were instrumental in helping Mr. Gardner receive the Meritorious Budget Award (MBA) for the 2020-21 budget year. The Association of School Business Officials International (ASBO) recognized Horry County Schools for excellence in budget presentation. The award recognizes the district's commitment to sound fiscal management and budgetary policies. ASBO International's MBA and Pathway to the MBA promote and recognize best budget presentation practices in school districts.

Horry County Schools has participated in the MBA program for the past 26 years.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Justin Yarbrough addressed the Board on the topic of Plexiglass installed at the elementary schools.

4. EXECUTIVE SESSION

a. Consideration of Student Appeals

1. Student A

2. Student B

A motion was made to move into Executive Session at 7:04 P.M.

Moved By: Ms. Allen

Seconded By: Mr. Edwards

Board Action: Carried Unanimously
The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

5. BUSINESS

A motion was made to enter into the Business portion of the meeting at 7:33 P.M. It was noted that no votes were taken in Executive Session.

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

Board Action: Carried Unanimously

a. Consideration of Student A Appeal

Based 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 reverse the District Appeal Board's decision and assign Student A to the Soar Academy.

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

Board Action: Carried Unanimously

b. Consideration of Student B Appeal

Based upon the Board of Education's review and consideration of the written record regarding Student B's appeal, Mr. Cox made a motion to uphold the District Appeal Board's decision to expel Student B through the end of the 4th quarter for the 2020-21 school year.

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

Board Action: Carried Unanimously

c. Notice of School Board Meeting Schedule as Required by SC Code 30-4-80 (Dates/Time/Place) for Calendar Year 2021 - Ms. Velna Allen

Ms. Allen presented the Notice of School Board Meeting Schedule (Dates/Time/Place) for Calendar Year 2021 to the Board. She noted the top dates were previously approved by the Board. The District is seeking approval of dates for the 2nd half of the school year.

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

Board Action: Carried Unanimously

d. Myrtle Beach High School Wall Flashing Remediation - Mr. Burch

Mr. Burch noted that the Myrtle Beach High School Wall Flashing Remediation had been discussed at the last Board meeting. He shared the District is seeking approval to create a project to purchase and install embossed stucco metal wall panel along the three high walls of the auditorium at Myrtle Beach High School with a budget of \$550,000 utilizing \$141,022 in residual sustainment funds and \$408,978 from the 2020-21 sustainment funds. He added that the high wall spaces such as the auditorium area, has deteriorated and is resulting in water intrusion.

Moved By: Mr. James

Seconded By: Ms. Todd

Board Action: Carried Unanimously

e. Land Planning for George Bishop Parkway and El Bethel Road Properties - Mr. Burch

Mr. Burch provided information regarding Facilities request to increase the budget of the El Bethel Road School Site and George Bishop Parkway Regional Bus Lot Site from \$25,000 to \$38,000 each by transferring \$13,000 to each budget from the residual funding left in the entrance road project at George Bishop Parkway Regional Bus Lot Site. By increasing both of these projects, it would allow topographic surveys, trees surveys, and preliminary Geotech borings to be completed. It would allow site designers to have more information in planning, designing and providing opinion of probably cost for future site improvements.

Moved By: Ms. Graham

Seconded By: Mr. Cox

Board Action: Carried Unanimously

f. ~~2021-2022 K-12 HCS Virtual Program Staffing Formula - Mr. Gardner~~

6. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Personnel Recommendations**
- b. Monitoring Report: OE-6 Financial Administration - Report from External Auditor**
- c. Monitoring Report: OE-13 Quarterly Facilities Report**
- d. Monitoring Report: R-3 Science**

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

Moved By: Mr. Winters

Seconded By: Ms. Todd

Board Action: Carried Unanimously

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

7. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 7:42 P.M.

Moved By: Mr. Cox

Seconded By: Ms. Allen

Board Action: Carried Unanimously

a. UPCOMING MEETINGS:

- 1. Technology Committee Meeting - February 8, 2021 - 4:00 PM - C-300**
- 2. Budget Retreat/Work Session - February 8, 2021- 6:00 PM - Board Room**

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Polly Dean", is written over a horizontal line.

Polly Dean
Administrative Assistant
Fiscal Services