

HORRY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES BOARD MEETING District Office December 10, 2018

The following persons were present:

Board of Education

Neil James - Interim Chair	David Cox- Vice Chairman	Chris Hardwick
Holly Heniford	Janice Morreale	Shanda Allen
Sherrie Todd	Janet Graham	Pam Timms
Ray Winters	John Poston	

Horry County Schools Staff

Velna Allen	Cindy Magrath	Lucas Richardson
Mary Anderson	Rick Maxey	April Scott
Lisa Bourcier	Norman McQueen	Scott Scrivner
Teal Britton	Zachary McQuigg	Heather Sheehan
Daryl Brown	Missy Monolo	John Washburn
Edi Cox	Paula Mullis	Kelly Wilson
Ashley Gasperson	Boone Myrick	Kristin Wilson
Kenny Generette	Heidi Oates	Kelley Wilttrout
Ben Hardee	Mark Porter	Mark Wolfe
Candace Lane	Jeremy Rich	

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 December 10, 2018, AT 6:00 P.M. – CALL TO ORDER

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

A. Invocation

Ms. Timms offered the invocation.

B. Presentation of Colors, Pledge of Allegiance

The North Myrtle Beach High School Navy JROTC presented the Colors and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. Approval of Agenda

Board Action: A motion was made by Mr. Winters and seconded by Mr. Hardwick to approve the agenda as presented. The motion to approve the agenda carried unanimously. The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

D. Approval of Minutes

Board Action: A motion was made by Ms. Timms and seconded by Mr. Winters to approve the minutes as presented. The motion to approve the November 19, 2018, minutes carried unanimously. The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

Board Action: A motion was made by Mr. Cox and seconded by Mr. Hardwick to approve the minutes as presented. The motion to approve the December 3, 2018, minutes carried unanimously. The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

2. BOARD MEMBER RECOGNITIONS

A. Board Service: Mr. Joe DeFeo (Posthumously), Ms. Pam Timms

The late Mr. DeFeo was recognized and remembered for his years of service as Board Chairman. Ms. Timms was recognized and honored for her years of service as a Board member.

3. RECOGNITIONS

A. National Merit Scholarship Finalists

The National Merit Scholarship Finalists were recognized and congratulated for their accomplishments.

B. 2019 US Senate Youth Scholarship Award- Ward Wilson, Socastee High School

Ward Wilson was recognized and congratulated on winning the 2019 Senate Youth Scholarship Award.

C. Jenkins Scholar Award – John Sumter, Ocean Bay Middle School

John Sumter was recognized and congratulated on winning the Jenkins Scholar Award.

D. HCS Academic Olympics Champion – Socastee High School

The Socastee High School Academic Olympics Champions were recognized and congratulated for their accomplishment.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- CB Hunt spoke during Public Comments on the topic of SC GSSM Virtual Programs availability to high school students.

4. DISCUSSION

A. Facilities Committee Report – Mr. Winters

Mr. Winters gave a report from the Facilities Committee Meeting which was held prior to the Board meeting. Mr. Winters stated there were four main discussion points during meeting. First, Mr. Wolfe shared an updated 2018 Facilities Condition Index Report which included an update on the condition of facilities through June 30, 2018. Then, a comparison was made with the 2017 Facilities Condition Index Report. Mr. Wolfe provided an update on replacement costs of facilities with an inflation index of approximately 3%. Second, the 45-Day Average Daily Membership report was shared indicating a current membership of 45,927 students. K-5 student membership was down by 299 students, while middle school student membership was up by 402 students, and high school student membership was up by 28 students. The attendance areas for Carolina Forest, St. James, Socastee, and North Myrtle Beach are the only areas reporting growth in the current school year. Forecasted student growth for the district in the upcoming school year was reported as 397 students. Discussion then followed concerning the Architect RFQ for Horry County Education Center (HCEC) with that leading to a conversation of possibly adding an adult education component to the new HCEC facility. It was mentioned that this consideration should be added as a discussion item for the January 14, 2019, Board meeting. The last discussion item was the building modification sustainment list having no significant changes as a result of the Board retreat on December 3, 2018.

B. Board Retreat Follow-up

Mr. James noted that the December 3, 2018, meeting, facilitated by Dr. Sandra Lindsey, was focused on establishing priorities for the district's next building projects. Mr. James stated he felt the pre-planning was beneficial to the meeting. Ms. Morreale asked what the next step was going to be. Mr. James replied since direction had been given that he had met with the Facilities staff earlier today and that after the first of the year the Facilities and Finance Department will meet and determine where to go from there. Mr. Cox stated he hoped that by January there would be some sort of closure on this. Ms. Timms commented that she appreciated Dr. Lindsey as a facilitator. Ms. Todd noted that she was happy that the Board was able to put items in order with one goal.

C. Pickens County Schools STEM Visit

Ms. Myrick shared and reviewed a presentation regarding the recent visit to Pickens County School District. Currently, several high school and middle school STEM programs are in place in Horry County. An Ad Hoc Committee was established to explore the possibility of expanding STEM programs to all schools, including the addition of programs at the elementary level. Mr. Poston, who served on the Ad Hoc Committee, added that he was encouraged that school districts were trying to take the STEM curriculum across the board. Mr. Poston would like to see a comprehensive STEM program in place within Horry County Schools.

D. South Carolina School Report Cards

Mr. Washburn, Executive Director of Accountability, presented a general overview of how the State Report Card is put together for the three grade levels. Overall, HCS fared very well in comparison to schools across the state. Mr. James mentioned the issue of the data error with a vendor and asked if that error may have impacted some of the report cards. Mr. Washburn stated some of our schools may indeed have been impacted and dropped a level because of it.

Everyone is encouraged to share feedback on the State Report Card through a link that was shared previously. Dr. Maxey noted that the new State Report Card, which is based upon a normal distribution of the scores assigned to each of the state's schools within a given year, is very different than the State Report Card scoring structure used in the past which was based upon a school's performance in meeting a given set of criteria.

E. New St. James Propane Fueling Station

Mr. Poston submitted a Recusal Statement and recused himself from the discussion of this topic. Mr. Wolfe requested approval of funding for the construction of a propane refueling station as a result of the State of South Carolina's agreement to allocate HCS twenty-one new buses dependent upon the district's constructing a new propane fueling station. The project was then bid on by one bidder. The original estimate for construction was for \$154,000 with the bid \$194,100. Mr. Wolfe stated there was approximately \$309,000 remaining in the project budget for the new bus lot. The proposal is to use some of these remaining funds to complete this project.

F. Aynor High School Practice Field Request

Ms. Shanda Allen stated there was an enormous need for this additional practice field as the current field is being shared by varsity and junior varsity players. This is presenting scheduling problems including the field's being overloaded. Ms. Allen stated she would like to request that the property behind the current field be considered as a possible location for the additional field. Mr. James stated when this item was addressed in the Facilities Committee meeting it was questioned whether or not the property was deemed a wetland. Mr. James noted a wetland delineation is required should the Board elect to pursue this.

G. R-2 Numeracy

Monitoring Report R-2 was presented. Ms. Todd asked if the district is adding more testing for our math students. Ms. Myrick stated no additional assessments have been added. Mr. Poston noted the district performs exceedingly well in mathematics and commended our staff, as the work being done is making a difference with our students and in our community. Mr. Poston challenges our staff going forward to look at any gaps during the 10th and 11th grade years, as students would benefit from a linear progression in math courses through their senior year as they progress toward college.

H. OE-6 Financial Administration

Monitoring Report OE-6 was presented. Mr. Gardner noted that at the January 14, 2019, the District's Auditor (Elliott Davis) will be here to present the fiscal year 2018 audit.

I. OE-7 Asset Projection

Monitoring Report OE-7 was presented. Mr. James stated the insurance coverage was listed at 80% of the value and asked why it was not 100% replacement. Mr. Gardner noted it was cost prohibitive.

J. 2019-2020 Budget Assumptions and Parameters

The 2019-2020 Budget Assumptions and Parameters report was presented. Mr. Gardner shared information from this report. Mr. Poston asked if there were any significant changes from previous years. Mr. Gardner stated there were not.

K. 2019-2020 Personnel Allocation Formulae

The 2019-2020 Personnel Allocation Formulae report was presented. Mr. Gardner shared information from this report.

L. Board Committee Effectiveness

There are currently four Committees in place. Those committees are as follows: Technology, Facilities, Human Resources, and Finance. Ms. Todd expressed concern over the possibility of hindering the Facilities Committee in their work. She stated that the Board hired professionals, and they should be allowed to do their job without the time constraint of taking every decision before the Board. Mr. James stated that the committees are in place to allow more discussion in a smaller setting but noted there were valid points in what was shared. Mr. Poston feels there is duplication, at times, with the Finance Committee. Mr. Poston shared that he didn't know how effective the Finance Committee was without the full attention of the Board. Mr. James noted no changes to the Committees were being made at this time. Mr. James stated this was simply a discussion about effectiveness and can be brought back before the Board at a later time.

M. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Maxey presented the video "Hour of Code." This event was in celebration of Computer Science Education Week which was December 3rd –December 9th, 2018. During weekly school visits, several District staff members and Board members had the opportunity to observe our schools working with code, technology, using logic, and being creative. Dr. Maxey stated most importantly, we saw our students having fun.

Dr. Maxey stated HCS made history with the Myrtle Beach High School Football Team winning their 8th Class AAAA State Championship and with the Green Sea Floyds High School Football Team winning the South Carolina Class A Championship. Dr. Maxey recognized and congratulated both teams on their success.

5. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Receipt of Legal Advice Regarding Potential Litigation

B. Discussion of Personnel Recommendation(s)

Board Action: A motion was made by Mr. Cox and seconded by Mr. Hardwick to move into Executive Session. The motion carried unanimously, and the Board moved into Executive Session at 7:52 P.M.

Board Action: A motion was made by Mr. Hardwick and seconded by Mr. Winters to adjourn the Executive Session and reconvene the meeting. The motion carried unanimously, and the Board returned to open session at 9:08 P.M. No decisions were made during Executive Session.

6. BUSINESS

A. New St. James Propane Fueling Station

Mr. Poston has recused himself from this discussion.

Board Action: A motion was made by Ms. Heniford and seconded by Ms. Todd to approve the St. James Propane Fueling Station. The motion carried unanimously. The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

B. Advisory Appointments

Ms. Graham appointed the following new members to the Conway Advisory Board for a one-year term: Nina Keith, Niki Batson, and Sukena Wiley. The following members of the Conway Advisory Board were reappointed for a two-year term each: Sheila McCullough, Keith Collins, Bernita Platt, and Shawndra Williams.

Board Action: A motion was made by Ms. Allen and seconded by Mr. Hardwick to approve the appointment(s)/reappointment(s). The motion carried unanimously. The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Personnel Recommendations As Required By Law**
- B. Education Allocation Fund – District 6**
- C. Education Allocation Fund – District 4**
- D. Education Allocation Fund – District 1**
- E. Education Allocation Fund – District 9**
- F. Education Allocation Fund – District 5**
- G. Education Allocation Fund – District 11**
- H. Education Allocation Fund – District 2**
- I. Education Allocation Fund – District 3**

Board Action: A motion was made by Mr. Hardwick and seconded by Ms. Allen to approve the Consent Agenda items. The motion carried unanimously. The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Board Action: A motion was made Mr. Hardwick and seconded by Ms. Graham to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously. The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item. The meeting was adjourned at 9:11pm.

BOARD SELF-ASSESSMENT RESULTS

A summary of the responses follows.

Respectfully submitted,



Heidi Oates
Executive Assistant to the Superintendent and
Horry County Board of Education

Approved: _____

Board Performance Indicators - 3 Responses

12/10/18

5 = strongly agree, 4 = agree, 3 = neither agree nor disagree, 2 = disagree, 1 = strongly disagree

Date

Agenda

Reports are clear, well prepared and provide adequate information for decision making.

15/5

The majority of agenda items focus on our core purpose.

15/5

Meetings

Our meetings are businesslike, results-oriented and we function like a team.

15/5

Our discussions are cordial and well balanced (not dominated by just a few members.)

15/5

Community

Board members make reasonable efforts to inform themselves about education through school visits, professional meetings and outside reading.

14/4.6

Board members meet reasonable expectations of involvement by participating in school and other public meetings as representatives of the Board.

14/4.6

Board members efficiently address issues and concerns brought to them by the public.

14/4.6

Superintendent Relationship

The Board seeks and values the input of the Superintendent as issues are discussed and decisions are made.

15/5

Work / Policies

Board decisions are based on thoughtful analysis of available information.

15/5

Board members balance the issues of their district with the needs of the entire school district.

14/4.6

The Board places emphasis on building consensus among members through open and honest communication.

14/4.6

Comments:

There were no comments.