

Horry County Board of Education

Policy Committee



Policy Committee Meeting Minutes Monday, October 5, 2020

Board Members Present:

Ray Winters, Policy Committee Chairman
David Cox, Policy Committee Member
Chris Hardwick, Policy Committee Member

Ken Richardson, Board Chairman
Shanda Allen
Helen Smith

Staff Members Present:

Dr. Rick Maxey, Superintendent
Velna Allen
Mary Anderson
Lisa Bourcier
Daryl Brown
John Gardner

Kenneth Generette
Leann Hill
Boone Myrick
Lucas Richardson

Media Present:

Hannah Strong, Post & Courier

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.

Review and Approval of Agenda

Mr. Cox moved to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Hardwick seconded the motion. All voted in favor of approving the agenda. Motion passed.

Review and Approval of Minutes

Mr. Hardwick moved to accept the minutes of September 14, 2020, as presented. Mr. Cox seconded the motion; all voted in favor. Motion passed.

Discussion

HCS Foundation

Mr. Generette updated the Committee of the status of the creation of the HCS Foundation noting that the articles of incorporation have been submitted. This action will register information such as the name of the foundation and the address of record.

Mr. Cox asked if the foundation would be set up as an “S” corporation or a “C” corporation. Mr. Winters answered that the foundation is being established as a “C” corporation since it is a not-for-profit foundation.

Revisit of any Matter left open since last meeting

Mr. Winters opened the floor for any prior topics but noted that all previous suggestions on the Board Governance portion of the policies are on the agenda of the October 5, 2020, Board meeting. Committee members had nothing additional.

Begin review of Bylaws

Mr. Winters presented the Committee with a red-lined version of the Bylaws which included several grammatical corrections. He led the Committee through the following sections to see if other changes are needed:

Membership – only grammatical changes only needed

Officers – only grammatical changes only needed

Unexpired Term Fulfillment – only grammatical changes needed

Meetings – in addition to grammatical changes, Mr. Winters suggested that the sentence that states that the meeting calendar be established in November be revised to read August since that has been the standard in recent years. All agreed with this change.

Mr. Winters also suggested that the Open Forum section of *Meetings* be revised to allow non-residents to speak during public comments at Board meetings, which was depicted in the red-lined version he shared.

Mr. Hardwick moved to remove the second use of the word “must” from the sentence that currently reads “Each person wishing to speak must register prior to the Board meeting and must be a resident of Horry County...” to permit anyone to speak as long as they have registered and provided an email address. Mr. Winters seconded the motion so as to allow discussion on the motion. Chairman Richardson suggested that requests to speak must be received 24 hours before the start of the meeting. Mr. Generette reminded the Committee that a meeting agenda must be posted 24 hours prior to a meeting and in order to give the public time to review the agenda they may wish to consider establishing a time deadline for requests. The Committee and attending Board members discussed the matter, noting that in the past non-residents have spoken with Chairman approval on pertinent matters before the Board. It was also mentioned that the option for non-residents to speak without requiring Chairman approval could potentially lead to solicitation topics, especially given the current pandemic situation.

Mr. Hardwick withdrew his initial motion and moved to revise the sentence to read that those requesting to speak must be a resident of Horry County or have prior written approval from the Chairman and requests to speak must be received six (6) hours prior to the posted start time of the meeting. Mr. Cox seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

Quorum – no changes required

Voting Method – Mr. Winters asked the Chairman if he would like any changes in this section, specifically regarding the sentence that reads “The chairperson can vote in all matters except in the election of the vice-chair and the appointment of a Board member unless it is to break a tie.” Mr. Richardson did not wish to make any changes. No other changes were requested.

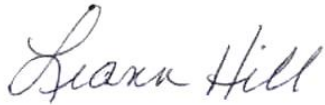
Legal representation - only grammatical changes only needed

Mr. Winters noted that this concludes the full review of Board Policies and Bylaws and thanked the Committee for their diligent work. He added that once the revisions have been approved by the full Board, monthly meetings will not be necessary.

Adjourn

Mr. Hardwick moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Cox; all voted in favor. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,



Leann Hill
Administrative Asst. – Support Services

Approved: _____