

Horry County Board of Education

Facilities Committee



Facilities Committee Meeting Minutes Monday, March 28, 2022

Board Members Present:

James Edwards, Facilities Committee Member
Sherrie Todd, Facilities Committee Member

Shanda Allen
Howard Barnard
W. Russell Freeman
Janet Graham
Helen Smith
Melanie Wellons
Tracy Winters

Staff Members Present:

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

Kenneth Generette
Leann Hill
Boone Myrick
Frank Smith

Media Present:

Maria Debone, WBTW
Mary Norkel, The Sun News
Katie Powell, My Horry News

Others Present:

Chris Cook - ADC engineering
Ryne Hardwick - ADC engineering
Greg McFarland - Pike, McFarland, Hall Associates
Joe Pike - Pike, McFarland, Hall Associates
Patrick Reynolds – HG Reynolds Company
Graham Reynolds – HG Reynolds Company

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

Mrs. Todd moved to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Edwards seconded the motion. All voted in favor of approving the agenda. Motion passed.

Review and Approval of Minutes

Mrs. Todd moved to accept the meeting minutes of February 28, 2022, as presented. Mr. Edwards seconded the motion; all voted in favor. Motion passed.

Discussion

Project Updates

Mr. Burch presented a video update of the following various projects going on across the District:

- The track rebuild at Aynor High is complete and has been turned over to the school for athletic use.
- Final striping on the track at North Myrtle Beach High has been completed and the facility is ready for athletics.
- Soil mitigation work at Green Sea Floyds is complete with paving and final surfacing in the coming weeks.
- Work is progressing on the Lakewood Elementary parent loop road with land clearing completed and drainage installation underway.
- The parent loop road at Riverside Elementary is also progressing. Some delays are occurring with materials delivery dates.
- The old concrete bleachers at Socastee High have been demolished. Field has been excavated, concrete curbing is almost complete around the field and field drainage is underway.
- The field at Loris High has been stripped of topsoil and drainage installation will begin soon.
- Topsoil from Loris High has been stockpiled at Conway High track for use in rebuilding their infield.

Mr. Edwards asked if the projects presented are currently on schedule. Mr. Burch answered that yes, the projects, especially the athletic projects, are moving along well. Mr. Burch added that staff had met recently with CHA regarding master planning for future athletic projects. Each high school was visited and the Athletic Directors were able to discuss their thoughts with the group. Mr. Burch anticipates a report on the assessment in coming months.

Renaming of the Myrtle Beach Tennis Center

Mrs. Todd proposed the re-naming of the Myrtle Beach High School Tennis Center to the "Rivers Foster Lynch Tennis Center" in memory of an outstanding coach and teacher at Myrtle Beach High School. She presented the Committee with the following awards and recognitions bestowed on Mr. Lynch throughout his career at Myrtle Beach High School.

Awards and Recognitions - Rivers Foster Lynch (1946-2019)

Teacher: Health, Physical Education, Biology, Drivers Education
Co-Founded the Graduation Enhancement Program, a high school student drop-out prevention program

Coached: Boys and girls basketball, volleyball, track, baseball, and boys and girls tennis

Awards: SC State Championships at MBHS - 12 State Championships in:
• Girls Tennis - 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1997, 1998
• Boys Tennis - 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019
• State Runner-Up Girls Tennis - 2006
29 Girls Tennis Region Titles
4 Boys Tennis Region Titles

Recognitions:

- SC Tennis Coach of the Year, 1992
- United State Tennis Association Tennis Family of the Year - 1994
- Coastal Carolina Business Journal, Doer's Profile, "Rivers Lynch, Athletic Director/Community Activist Myrtle Beach High School" -2001
- South Carolina Athletic Coaches Association - Hall of Fame - 2007
- State of South Carolina House of Representatives Commendation and Honor - 2007
- High School Sports Report All-State Tennis Class AAA Boys Coach of the Year - 2007
- City of Myrtle Beach Proclamation, Rivers Lynch, MBHS - 2007
- High School Sports Report Lifetime Achievement Award - 2009
- South Carolina Athletic Coaches Association Hall of Fame - 2009
- National Tennis Coach of the Year - 2009
- Myrtle Beach High School Athletic Hall of Fame - 2019
- United State Tennis Association, South Carolina College or High School Coach's Award, renamed the "Rivers Lynch Coach of the Year Award" - 2019
- South Carolina Athletic Coaches Association, Boys Tennis Coach of the Year - 2019
- Martin Luther King, Drum-Major Awards, Posthumous Award for Student Excellence in Academics and Athletics – 2020
- Grand Strand Magazine, Coach Rivers Lynch, "A Lasting Legacy" – December/January, 2020

Mr. Edwards asked if the Advisory Board approved this change. Mrs. Todd confirmed that the Advisory Board and School Improvement Council were in agreement with this change.

The Committee supported the recommendation to rename the Myrtle Beach High School Tennis Center to the "Rivers Foster Lynch Tennis Center", pending full Board approval.

Whittemore Park Middle School Update

Mr. Burch introduced the representatives from HG Reynolds and Pike, McFarland, Hall Associates to present the update on the new Whittemore Park Middle School construction project.

Mr. Joe Pike shared with the Committee the conceptual designs for the 146,000 square foot building with a capacity of 1,050 students, along with 6 possible alternate classrooms to bring it to 1,200. The structure will have a total of 42 classrooms (plus additional 6 with the possible alternates), a 1,200-seat gymnasium, a 400-seat auditorium, and a 400-seat dining area. The parent drop-off/pick-up loop is 3,500 linear feet with the capacity to stack cars on the campus and prevent backup onto El Bethel Road. The bus loop will accommodate 24 buses, and the parking lot will have 152 spaces.

Mr. Pike briefly reviewed the schedule, noting that the scheduled move-in will be the summer of 2024. Mr. Cook added that 5 months are needed for the coastal zone certification, after public notice requirements. The initial schedule had a 10-week estimate, which has been impacted by staffing issues and current project load increases. He added that supply chain delays are also anticipated to impact the schedule, although the early package decisions will help lock in pricing and materials.

Mrs. Todd asked about congestion issues if the buses and cars will all be coming together on the same road. Mr. Burch explained that one road in was determined necessary by the South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) along with a light on El Bethel Road, and the buses would use a separate lane than the cars entering campus, with a traffic circle facilitating an easy flow of traffic. The

Committee briefly discussed the need to make parents aware of the new traffic pattern. Mrs. Allen asked if the traffic light would also function after school hours. Mr. Pike answered that yes, it would run 24-hours although the timing may be set differently during school hours and will be a fully signalized intersection in all directions. Mrs. Graham asked about the crosswalk indicated on the plans across El Bethel Road. Mr. Burch answered that it is unlikely there will be large numbers of students walking to campus but including the design now will address any future needs. Mrs. Allen asked if SCDOT handles establishing school zones on adjacent roads. Mr. Pike answered that establishing school zones will be part of the permitting and approval process through SCDOT.

Mr. Burch concluded that HG Reynolds is working on the construction and site package which will be brought to a future meeting for discussion. He hopes to have the packages ready ahead of schedule to mitigate any supply chain issues or pricing increases.

New Elementary School Design

Mr. Brown explained to the Committee that staff has started the process for designing new elementary schools that are needed to alleviate current and projected overcrowding. Mr. Burch presented the Committee with the following information regarding the design, potential sites, and possible timelines:

Purpose

- Elementary overcrowding in Carolina Forest area
- Modular Classroom use reaching maximum
- Need for two, PK-5 Elementary Schools or similar
- Consider design capacity of 800 - 1,200 students
- Consider one building and site adapt multiple times
 - Basic Requirements
 - Two story school designed initially for 1,200 students with all core facilities (including site)
 - Design would include option for smaller school of 800 - 900 students, but still maintaining all core facilities so expansion of classrooms could be done later if desired
- Currently owned HCS Site information:
 - 20-acre site on Carolina Forest Boulevard
 - 35-acre site in the River Oaks Area

School Design Site Development (1 building, 2 site adapts)

- RFQ for Architect Selection:
 - Approval to solicit for A/E services – April 2022
 - Issue RFQ – May 2022 (30 days)
 - Short-list and interview firms – June 2022 (60 days)
 - Approvals to award – August 2022 (30 days)
 - Notice of Intent to Award and Issuance of contract - September 2022 (30 days)
- HCS & Architect Schematic Design and Approvals – October (90 days)
- Full Design and required Permitting– January 2023 (12 months)
- Ready for potential bidding – 2024
- Estimated cost for full design and permitting services: \$4-5 million
- Funding Source: 2021-2024 Building Program Site Planning Budget

Mr. Barnard expressed concern regarding the importance of considering all attendance areas when discussing project lists, although he understands the capacity issues facing Carolina Forest. Mr. Burch

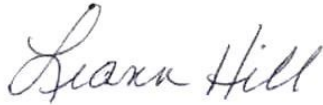
acknowledged Mr. Barnard's concern and stated that these particular properties are being considered because they had previously been acquired for this purpose. Mrs. Todd added that she would like to see schools be designed for 1,200 – 1,500 students. Mr. Brown agreed and said that staff has discussed ensuring designs will accommodate a minimum of 1,200 students.

Mrs. Smith mentioned the possible need to create an additional attendance area to ease the burden on the current systems. Mr. Brown responded that the Facility Condition assessment currently underway will help to evaluate the needs of each area. The report should be available in early fall. Mr. Burch added that the transition to a regional bus lot will free up some space at three high schools for expansion.

Adjourn

Mrs. Todd moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Edwards; all voted in favor. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,



Leann Hill
Administrative Asst. – Support Services

Approved: _____