

HORRY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES

BOARD MEETING

October 24, 2022

District Office

335 Four Mile Road

Conway, SC 29526

Board of Education

Ken Richardson

Neil James

W Russell Freeman

Sherrie Todd

David Cox

Howard Barnard

Helen Smith

Janet Graham

James Edwards

Shanda Allen

Ms. Winters

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 - OCTOBER 24, 2022 - 6:00 PM - CALL TO ORDER - BOARD MEETING ROOM

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

a. Invocation - Ms. Helen Smith

Ms. Helen Smith offered the invocation.

b. Presentation of Colors and Pledge of Allegiance - Aynor High School Army JROTC

Aynor High School Army JROTC offered the Presentation of Colors and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

c. Introduction of Board Members - Mr. Richardson

Mr. Richardson asked Board Members to introduce themselves and indicate the areas which they represent.

d. Approval of Agenda - Mr. Richardson

A motion was made to approve the October 24, 2022, agenda as presented.

Moved By: Mr. Freeman

Seconded By: Ms. Smith

Board Action: Carried Unanimously

e. Approval of Minutes - Mr. Richardson

1. October 10, 2022

A motion was made to approve the October 10, 2022, minutes as presented.

Moved By: Mr. Edwards

Seconded By: Ms. Allen

Board Action: Carried Unanimously

2. DISCUSSION

a. Facilities Committee Report - Mr. James

Mr. James provided a report from the Facilities Committee Meeting held earlier today. Mr. James noted the first three topics on the agenda were discussed but due to time allowance, the CHA Sports Preliminary Athletic Report was not discussed and will be brought forth at a later meeting.

Discussion items are as follows:

- City of Myrtle Beach Memorandum of Understanding (MOU): Mr. James noted this item is in reference to the maintenance of athletic facilities articulated in the MOU between HCS and the City of Myrtle Beach. HCS Facilities staff members will meet with the City of Myrtle Beach to negotiate an appropriate and equitable amount for maintenance fee sharing.
- City of Myrtle Beach Facility Request: Mr. James noted this item also involved the City of Myrtle Beach and funding for improvement of Doug Shaw Stadium. The Facilities Committee determined that HCS is currently reviewing athletic specifications. Once HCS has updated and finalized district athletic specifications, this item will be addressed.

- Facility Condition Assessment (FCA): Mr. James noted that the FCA is conducted to report on the present condition of buildings/building components and will be used to determine which buildings/building components need upgrades or replacement. Information regarding the findings will be brought before the Board in February during the Board Retreat.

The groundbreaking for the New Whittemore Park Middle School followed this meeting at 4:00 PM at the construction site on El Bethel Road.

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

Monitoring Report: OE-6 was presented for the quarter ending September 30, 2022.

c. Monitoring Report: R-8 Perceptions of Stakeholders - Ms. Myrick

Monitoring Report R-8: Perception of Stakeholders was provided. Ms. Myrick presented additional information regarding South Carolina Department of Education surveys.

d. Superintendent's Report

1. 2022 South Carolina State Report Card

Mr. Washburn shared a presentation on the state report cards, which were released from the S.C. Department of Education on October 17, 2022.

In the first release of state report cards that provide ratings following COVID-19, Horry County Schools' overall ratings on state reports cards show that 32 out of 53 district schools, or 60%, were rated excellent or good.

South Carolina schools receive descriptive overall ratings of excellent, good, average, below average, and unsatisfactory based on a 100-point scale. Schools also receive ratings on seven out of ten key report card indicators, which contain information about schools and districts regarding students' performance on state and national assessments, student growth, graduation rates, English language proficiency, and more. While school districts and primary schools receive report cards, they do not receive ratings. The 2021-2022 report cards also contain school, local, state, and federal per-pupil expenditure data as part of federal accountability requirements under Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA).

Report card information on the District and individual schools is available on the HCS website, as well as all forms of HCS social media.

2. UPDATE - Educational Opportunity Days: October 17th-October 20th

Dr. Maxey shared that throughout the week of October 17-20, many HCS juniors, seniors, and their parents participated in information sessions featuring college representatives from multiple universities and colleges. The Ed-Ops Days are sponsored by the Carolinas Association of Collegiate Registrars & Admissions Officers (CACRAO) with assistance from Coastal Carolina University.

3. UPDATE - Program Evaluation as Recommended by Cognia

Dr. Maxey reported that HCS has assembled a leadership team to develop program evaluation measures that can be used for assessing the effectiveness of academic and operational programs in accordance with a recommendation articulated in the final Cognia accreditation report.

4. Academy for Technology and Academics (ATA) Partnership with Habitat for Humanity and Horry County-Georgetown Homebuilders' Association

Dr. Maxey reported that representatives of Horry County Schools, Habitat for Humanity of Horry County, and the Horry Georgetown Home Builders Association gathered at the Academy for Technology and Academics (ATA) to “raise the walls” of a new home that is being built by students in the ATA Building Construction program for Green Sea native April Collier and her five children. This partnership allows students in the Building Construction program to gain valuable job experience in home construction while also giving them an opportunity to make contributions to the community. A brief video was shared from the event.

5. State Swim Champions:

1. Seth Riley, Myrtle Beach Boys Swim - Class AAAA, 200-yard Individual Medley

2. Joe Guthinger, St. James Boys Swim - Class AAAAA, 200-yard Freestyle

Dr. Maxey recognized and congratulated Seth Riley from Myrtle Beach High School and Joe Guthinger from St. James High School, who both took home a state title this weekend. Riley is the AAAA state champion for Boys 200 Yard IM (Individual Medley) with a time of 1:58.61, and Guthinger is the AAAAA state champion in Boys 200 Yard Freestyle with a time of 1:45.34.

6. "Tools for Back to School Campaign" - Publix Donation for School Supplies

Dr. Maxey shared Horry County Schools is pleased to announce the receipt of a donation of \$24,159.04 from Publix generated by its "Tools for Back to School" campaign. The funds from this effort will assist with purchase of school supplies for students and teachers in the schools located in the communities served by local Publix grocery stores. Dr. Maxey thanked Publix for their support of education and Horry County Schools.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

The following individual signed up to address the Board during the Public Comments portion of the meeting and did not come forward when called: Wesley Finkley. The following individual did come forward when called: Pat Milley.

4. EXECUTIVE SESSION

a. Discuss Personnel Matters

A motion was made to move into Executive Session at 6:47 PM.

Moved By: Mr. Edwards

Seconded By: Mr. James

Board Action: Carried Unanimously

5. BUSINESS

A motion was made to move into the Business Portion of the meeting at 8:22 PM. It should be noted that no votes were taken, and no decisions were made during the Executive Session.

Moved By: Ms. Allen

Seconded By: Mr. Edwards

Board Action: Carried Unanimously

a. Consider Approval of Proposed District Policy Revision: Library/Media Center Materials Selection and Reconsideration - Ms. Myrick

After much discussion regarding amending the composition of the District-Level Library Media Material Review Committee, a motion was made to table this item until the November 7, 2022, Board Work Session. This item will be brought before the Board as a business item during that meeting.

Moved By: Mr. Barnard

Seconded By: Mr. Freeman

Board Action: Carried Unanimously

b. Consider Recommendation Regarding An HCS Virtual Program - Ms. Myrick

The proposal for a Full-time HCS Virtual Program was presented to the Curriculum Committee on September 26, 2022. The Curriculum Committee agreed with the administration's recommendation not to proceed with the development of a Full-time HCS Virtual Program and to move forward with that recommendation to the Board on October 10, 2022.

A motion was made not to proceed with the creation of a Full-time HCS Virtual Program.

Moved By: Mr. Freeman

Seconded By: Ms. Todd

For (9): Mr. James, Mr. Freeman, Ms. Todd, Mr. Cox, Mr. Barnard, Ms. Smith, Ms. Graham, Ms. Allen, Mr. Richardson, and Ms. Winters

Against (1): Mr. Edwards

Board Action: Carried (10 to 1)

c. Consider Proposed Board Governance Revisions - Mr. Generette

- 1. "Board Committees," page 11**
- 2. "Facilities," page 44**
- 3. Obsolete Pages, page 54-56**
- 4. "By-Laws, Membership, page 58**

A motion was made to approve the Proposed Board Governance Revisions as presented. Ms. Shanda Allen stepped out of the meeting and was not present for the vote.

Moved By: Ms. Graham

Seconded By: Mr. Freeman

For (9): Mr. James, Mr. Freeman, Ms. Todd, Mr. Cox, Mr. Barnard, Ms. Smith, Ms. Graham, Mr. Edwards, Mr. Richardson, and Ms. Winters

Board Action: Carried (10 to 0)

d. Consider Funding for MBHS HVAC Replacement - Mr. Burch

A motion was made to approve a budget of \$15,000,000 for replacement and upgrades to the MBHS HVAC system utilizing the various funding sources indicated. It should be noted that Mr. Barnard requested the word "earmarked" be changed to "designated" when referring to fund recommendations. Mr. James amended his motion to include this request. Ms. Allen was not present for the vote.

Moved By: Mr. James

Seconded By: Mr. Barnard

For (9): Mr. James, Mr. Freeman, Ms. Todd, Mr. Cox, Mr. Barnard, Ms. Smith, Ms. Graham, Mr. Edwards, Mr. Richardson, and Ms. Winters

Board Action: Carried (10 to 0)

e. Consider South Carolina Department of Natural Resources Property Acquisition Request - Mr. Burch

A motion was made to approve the submittal of a letter of support for the proposed property acquisitions by SCDNR. It should be noted Ms. Allen was not present during the vote.

Moved By: Mr. James

Seconded By: Ms. Graham

For (9): Mr. James, Mr. Freeman, Ms. Todd, Mr. Cox, Mr. Barnard, Ms. Smith, Ms. Graham, Mr. Edwards, Mr. Richardson, and Ms. Winters

Board Action: Carried (10 to 0)

f. Appointment of Advisory Board Members - Board Members

Ms. Graham made a motion to appoint Ms. Angela Dunn to the Conway Advisory Board for a 1-Year Term. Ms. Allen was not present during the vote.

Moved By: Ms. Graham

Seconded By: Mr. Barnard

For (9): Mr. James, Mr. Freeman, Ms. Todd, Mr. Cox, Mr. Barnard, Ms. Smith, Ms. Graham, Mr. Edwards, Mr. Richardson, and Ms. Winters

Board Action: Carried (10 to 0)

6. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Personnel Recommendations**
- b. Monitoring Report: OE-10 Instructional Program**
- c. Monitoring Report: OE-13 Facilities Quarterly Report**
- d. Education Fund Allocation - District 2**
- e. Education Fund Allocation - District 4**
- f. Education Fund Allocation - District 8**
- g. Education Fund Allocation - District 9**
- h. Education Fund Allocation - District 11**

A motion was made to approve the Consent Agenda items as presented. Ms. Allen was not present for the vote.

Moved By: Mr. Freeman

Seconded By: Ms. Todd

For (9): Mr. James, Mr. Freeman, Ms. Todd, Mr. Cox, Mr. Barnard, Ms. Smith, Ms. Graham, Mr. Edwards, and Ms. Winters

Board Action: Carried (9 to 0)

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made to adjourn at 8:50 PM. It should be noted Ms. Allen did not return to the meeting and was not present during adjournment.

Moved By: Ms. Graham

Seconded By: Mr. Edwards

For (9): Mr. James, Mr. Freeman, Ms. Todd, Mr. Cox, Mr. Barnard, Ms. Smith, Ms. Graham, Mr. Edwards, and Ms. Winters

Board Action: Carried (9 to 0)

Respectfully submitted,



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