

Horry County Board of Education

Facilities Committee



Facilities Committee Meeting Minutes Monday, January 22, 2024

Board Members Present:

Neil James, Facilities Committee Chairman
Pam Dawson, Facilities Committee Member
James Edwards, Facilities Committee Member
Janet Graham, Facilities Committee Member

David Cox, Board Chairman
Shanda Allen
Howard Barnard
Debbie Edmonds
Wendy Hodges
David Koch
Melanie Wellons
Tracy Winters

Staff Members Present:

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

Kenneth Generette
Leann Hill
Lee James
Boone Myrick
April Scott

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

Review and Approval of Minutes

Mrs. Graham moved to accept the meeting minutes of December 11, 2023, as presented. Mr. Edwards seconded the motion; all voted in favor. Motion passed.

Discussion

Mr. Burch presented a video update on the following projects:

- Carolina Forest High Signalization

The new intersection improvements and traffic signal on Gardner Lacy Rd at Carolina Forest High are now complete and operational. The new signal and turn lanes are providing a safer, more organized means of access at the high school entrance.

- **Whittemore Park Middle**

The new Whittemore Park Middle School continues to meet major construction milestones as work on the interior progresses with ceiling finishes, cabinetry, and flooring. Canopies and sidewalks are in place and paving has begun on the parking lots and drives. Initial landscaping work is also underway. Intersection improvements at El Bethel Road are being paved and striped and should be wrapping up soon with the installation of the traffic signal.

- **Regional Bus Lot at Fantasy Harbour**

Drainage installation at the Regional Bus Lot site is complete and the site is now at subgrade. Extremely wet conditions in the past month have delayed installation of base material. Installation is still expected to begin this month with concrete pouring beginning shortly after.

Green Sea Floyds High School Family and Consumer Science Classroom Funding

Mr. James introduced the item noting that the Curriculum Committee recommended the Facilities Committee consider the addition of Family and Consumer Science be added to the course offering at Green Sea Floyds High School. Mr. James stated that a vacant science lab would be converted to a consumer science classroom. Mr. Burch noted that the conversion of the classroom would still allow for use as a science room in the future should this class no longer be needed.

Mr. Burch presented a cost of approximately \$150,000 from the 2023-24 Capital Improvement Fund. The cost of equipment is not included as they will be purchased through CTE funds.

The Committee asked how many students are expected to enroll in this course and if it is offered at all high schools. Ms. Scott, Executive Director of Secondary Schools, answered that they anticipate 3 full classes. She added that an interest inventory is done every three years to determine student interest in course offerings. At this time, Green Sea Floyds High School was the only location interested in Family and Consumer Science and teacher certification is also a consideration. Mrs. Dawson asked if there were any special technology requirements needed in the classroom. Mr. Burch answered that none have been identified at this time but he will be sure to confirm the requirements.

Mr. James asked if there is an evaluation process for new programs. Mrs. Scott answered that new programs are monitored and phased out if interest diminishes, typically at least 15 students are required to continue a program.

Mr. Edwards moved to approve funding the classroom conversion to accommodate a Family and Consumer Science class at Green Sea Floyds High School. Mrs. Dawson seconded the motion; all voted in favor. Motion passed.

Request from Powerhouse Church for Sewer Easement at Riverside Elementary School

Mr. Burch presented a request from Powerhouse Church for a small sewer easement to Grand Strand Water and Sewer at their property adjacent to Riverside Elementary School. The easement would allow

the church to use the existing pump station at that location. Any upgrades or improvements to the pump station would be covered by the church and/or Grand Strand Water and Sewer.

Mr. James asked if similar requests have been granted in the past. Mr. Burch answered yes, although they are usually done at the beginning of construction. Mrs. Graham asked about consequences if the church built structures other than a church. Mr. Burch answered that his conversations with the pastor indicate that a church will be built on the site, although the easement may be able to contain restrictions to address construction limitations. The Committee requested that Mr. Burch bring the easement to a future meeting for review prior to finalization, along with the site drawings for the structure.

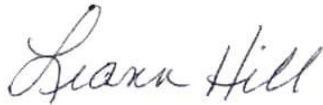
Mr. Koch asked about a prior land transaction at that site. Mr. Burch answered that a narrow piece of land had been sold back to the church several years ago.

Prior to adjournment, Mr. Brown distributed a list of projects by attendance area to each board member as requested at a prior meeting.

Adjourn

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

Respectfully submitted,



Leann Hill
Administrative Asst. – Support Services

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