

HORRY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES BOARD MEETING District Office October 23, 2017

The following were in attendance:

Board of Education

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

Horry County Schools' Staff

Velna Allen	Teal Harding	Lucas Richardson
Mary Anderson	Becky Hinson	Angela Rush
Lisa Bourcier	Judy Hunger	April Scott
Edward Boyd	Sandra Jans	Scott Scrivner
Daryl Brown	Mark Koll	Heather Sheehan
Joe Burch	H. T. Lee	Rhonda Snowden
Stephen Driscoll	Cindy Magrath	Margaret Sordian
John Gardner	Rick Maxey	Demetrius Williams
Kenny Generette	Dennis McCrary	Kelley Wilttrout
Ryan Gerald	Norman McQueen	Mark Wolfe
Chad Hamilton	Mark Porter	

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 23, 2017, AT 6:00 P.M. – CALL TO ORDER

Chairman DeFeo called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

A. Invocation

The invocation was offered by Mr. Hardwick.

B. Presentation of Colors, Pledge of Allegiance

The 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. James and seconded by Ms. Timms to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously. The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

D. Approval of Minutes

Board Action: A motion was made by Mr. Cox and seconded by Mr. Winters to approve the October 9, 2017, Board Minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously. The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

2. RECOGNITIONS

A. National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists

Eight students who have been named National Merit Scholarship semifinalists were recognized for their achievement, to wit: Parker Wisler, Eric Zhang, Margaret Fox, Dylan Rush, Anna Jordan, Dylan Davis, Alexander Tew, and Noah Johnson.

B. ACT – Perfect Score

Dylan Rush was recognized for having earned a perfect score on the ACT.

C. College Football Playoff Foundation – “Extra Yard for Teachers Award”

Chad Hamilton, a teacher at Whittemore Park Middle School, was recognized for having been presented the Extra Yard for Teachers Award by the College Football Playoff Foundation.

D. South Carolina AAAA State Champion – 500-Meter Freestyle

Casey Mitchell, a student at St. James High School, was recognized for being named a State Champion swimmer in the AAAA Boys’ 500-meter Freestyle.

E. South Carolina AAAAA State Champion – 100-Meter Breaststroke

Taylor Steele, a student at Carolina Forest High School, was recognized for being named a State Champion swimmer in the AAAAA Girls’ 100-meter Breaststroke.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jessie Brown addressed the Board regarding the Each One Teach One Entrepreneurship Institute.

Damien Fowler addressed the Board regarding the failure of Horry County Schools’ teachers to adequately teach black students and to extend an invitation to Board members to attend the HCAEJ Forum on October 28.

Abdullah Mustafa addressed the Board requesting the Board review the policies regarding discipline and the evidence that justifies sending honor roll students to the alternative school.

Helen Smith, Christine Walker, and Richard Ward addressed the Board regarding the athletic needs and property needs of Socastee High School.

4. DISCUSSION

A. Facilities Committee Report

Mr. James shared information from the Facilities Committee meeting, stating that an update on the schools that are currently under construction would be provided by Mr. Ferris, Mr. Reynolds, and Mr.

Pike. Future plans for Socastee Elementary and the best use of the facility/property were discussed and ongoing conversations will be held.

Also discussed was District policies regarding student assignment to schools. Further discussion is planned regarding a policy change that will restrict student transfers into new schools for a full school calendar year. Also slated for further discussion is limiting transfers into schools deemed red zone schools, particularly those that have limited space for additional classrooms to be built or moved in.

Additionally, the Facilities Committee discussed code-required additional costs for current addition/renovation projects, which currently equates to \$951,000 dollars, and finding funding for the additional costs.

The Facilities Committee also discussed a request from Grand Strand Water and Sewer to locate an aquifer storage recovery well site at River Oaks Elementary School.

Lastly, consideration of the use of residual modification funds to perform additional canopy projects was discussed.

Mr. Poston thanked the Committee for their work in looking at the needs of the Socastee community related to athletic and property needs for Socastee High School and regarding red zone schools and encouraged continued work on these two topics.

Mr. James added that the 45-day report information will be available soon and the Committee plans to bring the topic of student assignment to schools for a full Board discussion at the November 13 meeting and then as a business item at the following meeting.

B. Update on Construction Projects

1) Ten Oaks Middle School/St. James Intermediate/Socastee Elementary

Mr. Ferris of Firstfloor Energy Positive shared that these schools are in session. Punch list work is being done and it is the hope that these items will be complete around mid-November.

Myrtle Beach Middle School

Mr. Ferris shared that substantial completion of Myrtle Beach Middle School will occur in mid to late November, technology will be installed by late December, and HCS' Facilities staff is working with principals to coordinate a move in date.

Socastee Middle School

Mr. Ferris shared that substantial completion of Socastee Middle School will be around mid-February.

2) North Myrtle Beach High School

Mr. Graham Reynolds of H. G. Reynolds gave an update on and shared slides of the construction project at North Myrtle Beach High School.

3) Midland Elementary School

Mr. Joe Pike of PMH Associates gave an update on and shared slides of the construction project at Midland Elementary School.

C. Monitoring Report: OE-6 Financial Administration

Mr. Gardner highlighted the financial report for the quarter ended September 30, 2017, which was included with the Board agenda.

5. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. Principal-for-a-Day

Dr. Maxey shared information from the recent Principal-for-a-Day event held in Horry County Schools. This is an opportunity for people from the community in different walks of life to shadow our principals. Mr. DeFeo challenged Board members to participate in the Principal-for-a-Day event next year.

Dr. Maxey reminded everyone of the upcoming community open houses scheduled for the new schools, to wit: Tuesday, October 24, 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. – Socastee Elementary School; Thursday, October 26, 5:00 – 6:30 p.m. – St. James Intermediate School; and Monday, October 30, 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. – Ten Oaks Middle School.

6. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Board Action: A motion was made by Mr. James and seconded by Mr. Hardwick to move into executive session for, A. Receipt of Legal Advice Regarding Proposed Amendments to Redevelopment and Financing Plan of the Myrtle Beach Air Force Base Redevelopment Authority; and B. Discussion of Proposed Sale/Purchase of Properties. The motion carried and the Board moved into executive session at 7:19 p.m. The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

7. BUSINESS

Board Action: A motion was made by Mr. Cox and seconded by Ms. Morreale to enter into Business session. The motion carried and the Board entered into Business session at 8:18 p.m. The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

A. North Myrtle Beach High/Middle School Soccer Field

Board Action: A motion was made by Mr. James and seconded by Ms. Heniford to approve the additional funding needed to allow the work previously approved by the Board for a soccer field for North Myrtle Beach High/Middle Schools in the amount of \$330,556. The motion carried as follows: Heniford, Todd, Winters, Cox, Morreale, James, Timms, Poston, Hardwick, and Allen – in favor; Graham – opposed. The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

B. Renovation of Current Myrtle Beach Middle School

Board Action: A motion was made by Ms. Todd to approve all renovations proposed for the conversion/renovation of the current Myrtle Beach Middle School, with the exception of the following: (1) \$1,350,000 to replace plumbing fixtures; and (2) lowering of the ceilings. The motion was seconded by Mr. Winters and carried as follows: Heniford, Todd, Winters, Cox, Morreale, Timms, Poston, Hardwick, and Allen – in favor; James and Graham – opposed. The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

C. Advisory Board Appointments

Board Action: Mr. Poston made a recommendation that Ms. Angela Jordan be appointed to serve as the Community Member on the Carolina Forest Area Advisory Board for a two-year term. The recommendation was seconded by Mr. Winters and carried unanimously. The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

8. CONSENT AGENDA

Board Action: A motion was made by Mr. Hardwick to approve the Consent Agenda items as follows:

- A. Personnel Recommendations as Required by Law;**
- B. Monitoring Report: OE-3 Treatment of Stakeholders;**
- C. Monitoring Report: OE-10 Instructional Programs;**
- D. Monitoring Report: OE-13 Facilities Quarterly Report;**
- E. Monitoring Report: R-7 College and Career Readiness;**
- F. Monitoring Report: R-8 Perception of Stakeholders;**
- G. Education Fund Distribution – District 2;**
- H. Education Fund Distribution – District 7**
- I. Education Fund Distribution – District 9; and**
- J. Education Fund Distribution – District 10**

The motion was seconded by Mr. Winters and the Consent Agenda items were approved unanimously as presented. The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Board Action: A motion was made by Mr. James and seconded by Ms. Timms to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 8:26 p.m. The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

BOARD SELF-ASSESSMENT RESULTS

A summary of the responses follows.

Respectfully submitted,



Rhonda Snowden
Executive Assistant to the Superintendent and
Horry County Schools' Board of Education

APPROVED: _____

Board Performance Indicators - 8 Responses

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

10/23/17

Date

Agenda

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

38 / 4.75

The majority of agenda items focus on our core purpose.

37 / 4.63

Meetings

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

38 / 4.75

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

38 / 4.75

Community

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

36 / 4.50

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

36 / 4.50

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

38 / 4.75

Superintendent Relationship

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

38 / 4.75

Work / Policies

Board decisions are based on thoughtful analysis of available information.

38 / 4.75

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

33 / 4.13

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

37 / 4.63

Comments:

Well-functioning Board for our great District as a whole!