

HORRY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES BOARD MEETING District Office September 25, 2017

The following were in attendance:

Board of Education

Neil James, Vice-Chair	Chris Hardwick	Sherrie Todd
Shanda Allen	Holly Heniford	Ray Winters
David Cox	John Poston	
Janet Graham	Pam Timms	

Horry County Schools' Staff

Velna Allen	Steve Driscoll	Lucas Richardson
Mary Anderson	Diane Formhals	Angela Rush
Heather Barnes	John Gardner	Donna Satterley
David Beaty	William Griffin	April Scott
Lisa Bourcier	Ben Hardee	Heather Sheehan
Edward Boyd	Charles Hucks, Jr.	Rhonda Snowden
Daryl Brown	Judy Hunger	Kelly Suarez
Joe Burch	Lindy Hylton	Tammy Trulove
Anna Carroll	H. T. Lee	John Washburn
Dena Chatfield	Rick Maxey	Sherry Whisnant
Edi Cox	Boone Myrick	Kristin Wilson
Dennis Devorick	Tonya Pickett	Mark Wolfe

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 SEPTEMBER 25, 2017, AT 5:30 P.M. – CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chairman Mr. Neil James called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m., as the Board Chair was unable to attend this meeting.

2. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Discussion of Proposed Sale/Purchase of Property

Board Action: A motion was made by Mr. Cox and seconded by Ms. Graham to move into Executive Session for discussion of proposed sale/purchase of property. The motion carried unanimously and the Board moved into Executive Session at 5:31 p.m.

3. ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION

Board Action: A motion was made by Ms. Timms and seconded by Mr. Hardwick to adjourn the Executive Session. The motion carried unanimously and the Board reconvened in Open Session at 6:30 p.m.

4. 6:30 PM – CALL TO ORDER – GENERAL SESSION

Mr. James reported that no action was taken during Executive Session.

A. Invocation

Mr. Cox offered the invocation.

B. Presentation of Colors, Pledge of Allegiance

The St. James High School Army JROTC presented the colors and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. Approval of Agenda

Mr. James reported that Business Item 9.A. will be deleted from today's agenda and considered at the next meeting.

Board Action: A motion was made by Mr. Cox and seconded by Ms. Timms to approve the agenda as modified. The motion carried unanimously.

D. Approval of Minutes – September 18, 2017

Board Action: A motion was made by Ms. Timms and seconded by Ms. Heniford to approve the September 18, 2017, Minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously and the Minutes were approved.

5. RECOGNITIONS

A. 2016-17 Boardmanship Institute

The following Board members were recognized for having reached a new level in the South Carolina School Boards Association's Boardmanship Institute:

Mr. Chris Hardwick – Level 1

Ms. Holly Heniford – Level 2

Mr. Ray Winters – Level 3

B. South Carolina Art Education Association: Outstanding High School Principal of the Year

Mr. John Washburn, Principal of Myrtle Beach High School, was recognized for having been named the South Carolina Art Education Association's Outstanding High School Principal of the Year.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Mr. Dameion Fowler addressed the Board regarding disparities in disciplinary actions in Horry County Schools.

- Ms. Helen Smith, Ms. Christine Walker, Ms. Shannon Murphy, and Mr. Richard Ward, addressed the Board regarding the exterior athletic facilities and the need for more property at Socastee High School. Each addressed a different facet of the information shared and the group was allowed a combined allotment of time totaling twenty minutes, rather than five minutes each for public comments. The Board Vice-Chair stated the Board Chair had approved this approach.

7. DISCUSSION

A. Facilities and Finance Committees Joint Meeting Report

Mr. Poston gave a report from the Facilities and Finance Committees Joint Meeting held earlier today. The funding options available to be considered when developing the 5-Year Plan were discussed. Three major options were identified, to wit: 1) pay as you go; 2) using the remaining 8% bonding capacity we have available without a referendum; and 3) a bond referendum beyond the 8% bonds. Administration was asked to put the summarized information into a slide.

Mr. James shared additional information from the Facilities discussion of the Joint Meeting, stating the first item that was discussed was the funding and the revenue stream available as they start to identify facilities for renovation. The Committee then focused on the short-term and immediate pressing need, which is Myrtle Beach Middle. Additional information is being sought before the Committee will make a recommendation to the full Board. The Committee authorized administration to provide the requested information directly to the full Board at their next meeting to expedite the matter. Discussion was then held on the criteria that should be used when identifying facilities for improvements, which should include age of the facilities, the FCI (facilities composite indices), which assesses all of the facilities, both athletically and academically on a complex, and safety and security. There are also two projects that were previously identified as a part of the building plan which were deferred that should be considered. We are continuing to grow and capacity expansion needs has to be included. Staff was asked to consider these items as they begin to put together a list of recommended projects to bring back to the Board.

B. Logo and Color Change for Carolina Forest Elementary School

Mr. Poston shared that Board Governance OE-13 requires that a change to school mascots or school colors should come before this Board, after having received a recommendation from the School's School Improvement Council (SIC) and the Attendance Area Advisory Board. Carolina Forest Elementary would like to change their mascot to the Panther Cubs and change their school colors to crimson, white, black, and silver, to match those of Carolina Forest High School. The Carolina Forest Elementary School Improvement Council and the Carolina Forest Area Advisory Board support this request. Ms. Melanie Wellons, Chairperson of the Carolina Forest Area Advisory Board, Ms. Heather Barnes, Chairperson of the Carolina Forest Elementary SIC, and Mr. Dennis Devorick, principal of Carolina Forest Elementary, were present and shared the support of their respective board/school of this request. During discussion, support of the request was shared by Ms. Todd in that she feels it will help to bring unity to the community. Although he expressed that he is not opposed to the request, Mr. Winters shared that he does have a concern with using taxpayer funds to make the change in mascot and school colors, adding that should the school PTO fund the change, he would support this request. Mr. Poston added that cost information is available due to recent changes in mascots for North Myrtle Beach Middle and Waccamaw Elementary Schools. Mr. Winters stated he would appreciate having this information. This request will be brought before the Board for a vote at their next meeting.

8. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. Hurricane Preparedness

Dr. Maxey shared information regarding the District's process when preparing for inclement weather, and specifically, hurricanes, and the opening of evacuation shelters, which occurs only upon an evacuation order being issued by the Governor.

B. South Carolina High School League – 2018 Realignment/Reclassification

Velna Allen provided information on realignments and reclassifications that are being considered to be put into place for 2018 by the South Carolina High School League. A chart of the proposed changes that will impact schools in Horry County was provided.

C. Educational Opportunities (Ed-Op) Events

Velna Allen highlighted the District's Educational Opportunities (Ed-Op) Events that were held in September, where the District hosted a three-day event, and each of our high schools hosted their own event. Ed-Op is sponsored by the Carolinas Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers. Sixty-seven college admissions counselors and military recruiters participated. The events were opened to all of our seniors, and many schools opened the event to most or all of their juniors. Photos of the various events were shared.

9. BUSINESS

Board Action: A motion was made by Mr. Winters to enter into a Business Session. The motion was seconded by Ms. Todd and carried unanimously.

A. South Carolina School Boards Association Voting Delegates

This item was deleted from the agenda by a vote of the Board under Item 4.C. Approval of Agenda.

B. Advisory Board Appointments

Board Action: A motion was made by Ms. Timms at the request of Ms. Morreale, who was unable to attend this meeting, to appoint/reappoint the following Advisory Board member(s) to the St. James Area Advisory Board:

Nicole Beyersdorf – 2-Year Term – 3rd Term Appointment

The motion was seconded by Mr. Winters and was approved unanimously.

Board Action: A motion was made by Ms. Timms to appoint/reappoint the following Advisory Board member(s) to the Socastee Area Advisory Board:

Ursula Grant – 2-Year Term – 1st Term Appointment

The motion was seconded by Ms. Graham and was approved unanimously.

10. CONSENT AGENDA

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

- A. Personnel Recommendations as Required by Law;
- B. Monitoring Report: OE-3 Treatment of Stakeholders;
- C. Education Fund Distribution – District 2;
- D. Education Fund Distribution – District 4;
- E. Education Fund Distribution – District 6; and
- F. Education Fund Distribution – District 9

The motion was seconded by Mr. Hardwick and the Consent Agenda items were approved unanimously as presented.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Board Action: A motion was made by Mr. Cox and seconded by Ms. Graham to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

BOARD SELF-ASSESSMENT RESULTS

A summary of the responses follows.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rhonda Snowden". The script is cursive and fluid.

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

Approved: _____

Board Performance Indicators - 6 Responses

09/25/17

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

Date

Agenda

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

29 / 4.84

The majority of agenda items focus on our core purpose.

29 / 4.84

Meetings

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

29 / 4.84

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

28 / 4.67

Community

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

28 / 4.67

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

28 / 4.67

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

30 / 5.00

Superintendent Relationship

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

29 / 4.84

Work / Policies

Board decisions are based on thoughtful analysis of available information.

29 / 4.84

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

25 / 4.17

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

29 / 4.84

Comments:

There were no comments.