

HORRY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES BOARD MEETING District Office August 21, 2017

The following were in attendance:

Board of Education

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

Horry County Schools' Staff

Jeanna Allen	John Gardner	Richard Neal
Velna Allen	Kenny Generette	Tonya Pickett
Mary Anderson	Tanya Gray	Mark Porter
David Beaty	Ben Hardee	Angela Rush
Marc Boulay	Teal Harding	April Scott
Edward Boyd	Charles Hucks, Jr.	Heather Sheehan
Daryl Brown	Judy Hunger	Rhonda Snowden
Dena Chatfield	Michael Lee	Melissa Westbury
Edi Cox	Rick Maxey	Mark Wolfe
Jeanie Dailey	Valerie McNeill	
James Davis	Boone Myrick	

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 AUGUST 21, 2017, AT 5:30 P.M. – CALL TO ORDER

Chairman DeFeo called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

A. Invocation

Mr. James offered the invocation.

B. Presentation of Colors, Pledge of Allegiance

The Socastee High School Air Force JROTC presented the colors and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. Approval of Agenda

Board Action: A motion was made by Mr. Cox and seconded by Mr. Winters 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 – August 7, 2017

Board Action: A motion was made by Mr. Winters and seconded by Ms. Graham to approve the August 7, 2017, Minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously and the Minutes were approved. The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

2. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Board Action: A motion was made by Ms. Timms and seconded by Ms. Graham to move into executive session for discussion of negotiations related to proposed contractual arrangements. The motion carried and the Board moved into executive session at 5:35 p.m. The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

Board Action: A motion was made Mr. Cox and seconded by Mr. James to return to open session. The motion carried and the Board returned to open session at 6:31 p.m.

The Board Chair stated there would be no action taken as a result of the executive session.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Ellen Cecil King previously submitted a request to speak. She did not come forward when called.
- Dameion Fowler addressed the Board regarding the lack of diversity by Horry County Schools when hiring teachers.
- Tristen Waters previously submitted a request to speak. She did not come forward when called.

4. DISCUSSION

A. Facilities Committee Report

Old Transportation Building, a/k/a Old District Office – Mr. James shared that this building was heavily damaged during Hurricane Matthew. The District has received the insurance settlement. The Facilities Committee requested that staff gather information as to the appraised value, determine if the property can be subdivided, determine remediation costs, and determine if Horry County Schools will have a need for this property in the future. A contract has been secured for the appraisal but the appraisal has not been completed as of this time. It has been determined that the property can be subdivided, and the District does not have a future need for this property. Once the appraisal is received, the information will be brought to the full Board to determine what needs to be done with this property.

Facility Condition Index – Mr. James stated that the Facilities Committee has requested a portion of the September 11, 2017, Board Work Session for the full Board to discuss the overall facilities needs for Horry County Schools, to include both academic and athletic facilities. The Facilities Committee would like to make sure staff is given some direction and what they need to provide the Board as far as making future plans. They have been asked to look at a five-year window and what they foresee the needs to be in the next five years and that is to be based on facility needs as well as capacity expansion.

B. Status Update: New Schools and School Modification Projects Update on Construction Projects

Robbie Ferris of Firstfloor Energy Positive gave project updates on Ten Oaks Middle, St. James Intermediate, Socastee Elementary, Myrtle Beach Middle, and Socastee Middle schools.

Graham Reynolds of H. G. Reynolds Company gave an update on the renovation project at North Myrtle Beach High School.

Mark Wolfe gave an update on Midland Elementary, Myrtle Beach Primary, and North Myrtle Beach Middle schools, as well as on modular units at Aynor Elementary and the Academy for Arts, Science and Technology.

C. Superintendent's Report

1) New School Year Preparations – Dr. Maxey shared information regarding preparations for the upcoming first day of school which is scheduled for Wednesday, August 23, 2017.

5. BUSINESS

A. Advisory Board Appointments

Board Action: A motion was made by Ms. Graham to appoint/reappoint the following Advisory Board members to the Conway Area Advisory Board:

Barbara Blain Bellamy – Community Member – 2-Year Term – 1st Term Appointment
Gary Lee – 2-Year Term – 1st Term Appointment

The motion was seconded by Mr. James and carried unanimously. The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

Board Action: A motion was made by Ms. Timms to amend her previous reappointment of Kamishun Newman of June 19, 2017, from a 1-year appointment to a 2-year appointment. The motion was seconded by Ms. Morreale and carried unanimously. The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

B. Consideration to Sell Property (Loris Education Center)

Mr. James shared that this property was offered through a closed bid process. We have received a successful bid and it is the recommendation of the Facilities Committee that we proceed with the sale of the property.

Board Action: Neither a motion nor a second are required because this comes as a recommendation from the Facilities Committee. There was no discussion. Upon a vote, the recommendation was approved unanimously. The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

C. Monitoring Report: GC-6 Annual Work Plan

Board Action: A motion was made by Mr. James and seconded by Mr. Hardwick to approve the Annual Work Plan as presented. The motion carried unanimously. The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

D. Recommendation to Employ Personnel

Dr. Maxey presented a recommendation for Mr. Stephen Driscoll to serve a one-year term as the Executive Director for Secondary Schools.

Board Action: A motion was made by Mr. Cox and seconded by Mr. Winters to approve the recommendation to approve Stephen Driscoll for the position of Executive Director for Secondary Schools for a one-year term. The motion carried unanimously. The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

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

- A. Personnel Recommendations as Required by Law;**
- B. Monitoring Report: OE-2 Emergency Superintendent Succession;**
- C. Monitoring Report: OE-12 Discipline;**
- D. Monitoring Report: OE-13 Facilities;**
- E. Request for Locally-Approved Course Number; and**
- F. Education Fund Distribution – District 5**

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

7. ADJOURNMENT

Board Action: A motion was made by Ms. Timms and seconded by Mr. Hardwick to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 7:06 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

August 21, 2017

Date

Agenda

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

39 / 4.88

The majority of agenda items focus on our core purpose.

39 / 4.88

Meetings

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

39 / 4.88

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

39 / 4.88

Community

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

37 / 4.63

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

38 / 4.75

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

37 / 4.63

Superintendent Relationship

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

36 / 4.50

Work / Policies

Board decisions are based on thoughtful analysis of available information.

36 / 4.50

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

38 / 4.75

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

39 / 4.88

Comments:

There were no comments.