

# HORRY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

## **MINUTES** **BOARD WORK SESSION/SPECIAL-CALLED MEETING** **District Office** **June 5, 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**

Jeanna Allen	Roger Gray	Lucas Richardson
Velna Allen	Ben Hardee	Angela Rush
Mary Anderson	Teal Harding	April Scott
Edward Boyd	Charles Hucks, Jr.	Heather Sheehan
Daryl Brown	H. T. Lee	Rhonda Snowden
Carolyn Chestnut	Rick Maxey	Judy Stall
Edi Cox	Boone Myrick	Kristin Wilson
Kenny Generette	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 JUNE 5, 2017, AT 6:00 P.M. – CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman DeFeo called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

#### **A. Invocation/ Pledge of Allegiance**

Mr. James offered the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **B. Approval of Agenda**

Mr. DeFeo stated that it had been requested that the Board remove Item 3.H, "Funding of Band Travel", under Discussion from the agenda.

***Board Action:*** A motion was made by Mr. James and seconded by Mr. Cox to approve the agenda as amended. The motion carried unanimously. The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

#### **C. Approval of Minutes**

***Board Action:*** A motion was made by Mr. Cox and seconded by Ms. Morreale to approve the May 22, 2017, Board Minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously. The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

## **2. RECOGNITIONS**

### **A. 2017 National Mentee of the Year – 100 Black Men of America, Inc.**

Mr. Darren Stanley, a recent graduate of Conway High School, has been named the 2017 National Mentee of the Year by 100 Black Men of America, Inc.

## **3. DISCUSSION**

### **A. Construction Update**

Mr. Robbie Ferris shared information on the progress of the five new construction projects as well as an update on the substantial completion dates. It was noted that the completion dates have been moved back 1 – 1 ½ weeks. Mr. Ferris stated it is primarily due to the weather. Mr. Wolfe stated that these dates have not been confirmed by his staff as of yet, but if the dates are approved, then the schedule provided by Mr. Ferris would be accurate. Mr. Wolfe added that this schedule is a very tight timeframe and his staff is concerned that the end date does not change but the other dates move closer to the end date. Mr. Wolfe stated his staff is committed to getting the buildings ready to get the students back in school and will do their best to make that happen on time.

### **B. Update on Contract Negotiations: Horry County Police Department School Resource Officers**

Mr. Generette shared that pursuant to a request by the Board, he has engaged in dialogue with the County regarding school resource officers. The request from the County is for the School Board to assume costs for the resource officers in the amount of approximately \$1.6 million, which is approximately \$500,000 less than the previous figure that was discussed. It was confirmed that there is an item currently in the budget for school resource officers in the amount of \$801,603. The additional costs for the County, City of Conway, City of Myrtle Beach, City of Loris, and the Town of Aynor, is a cost of \$1,145,608.50, should the Board agree to this proposal, which is based on a 70/30 split.

### **C. Consider Approval of Contracts by Superintendent During the Summer**

Ms. Anderson shared that this is a request for the Board to grant permission to the Superintendent to issue employment contracts to qualified candidates over the summer during which time the Board does not typically meet in order to facilitate the hiring process.

### **D. Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) Compliance Certification**

Charles Hucks shared that having this item on the agenda is to meet a Federal requirement that the District hold at least one public meeting each year to address the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) proposal in order for the District to receive E-rate funding.

### **E. Monitoring Report: OE-12 Learning Environment/Treatment of Students**

Ms. Chestnut shared that the OE-12 Monitoring Report has been provided and she would be glad to address any questions.

### **F. Monitoring Report: R-6 Personal Success and Citizenship**

Ms. Myrick shared that the R-6 Monitoring Report has been provided and she would be glad to respond to any questions.

### **G. Advisory Board Appointments/Membership**

It was confirmed that a Community Member on the Advisory Boards may serve no more than one two-year term or a one-year term that can be renewed for a second one-year term.

#### **H. Funding of Band Travel**

This item was removed from the Agenda by the Board during the Approval of the Agenda vote earlier in the meeting.

#### **I. 2017-18 Board Meeting Schedule**

A draft Board meeting schedule for 2017-18 was provided.

#### **J. Superintendent's Report**

1) SDE Efficiency Study – Status Report – Dr. Maxey shared that the administration has met with the team of Alvarez and Marsal for the second phase of an efficiency study conducted on behalf of the State Department of Education. The efficiency study is an outgrowth from the Abbeville/Supreme Court decision regarding the equitable funding of schools in South Carolina. A report of the findings will be posted on the State Department of Education's website in mid-June.

2) Graduation Ceremonies – The District completed its graduation ceremonies and senior celebrations last week. Dr. Maxey thanked Board members for their participation in the events as we recognized the efforts of our graduates.

3) Recognition – Dr. Maxey recognized Mrs. Carolyn Chestnut for her many years of service to Horry County Schools. She has been an educator for 48 years, having served as a teacher, principal, Chief Officer for Human Resources and Chief Officer for Instructional Support Services. She has a wealth of experience and knowledge and Dr. Maxey noted that he has enjoyed working with her, as have so many of her colleagues, adding that she will be missed. Mrs. Chestnut was given a standing ovation.

#### **4. ADJOURN BOARD WORK SESSION AND CONVENE SPECIAL-CALLED MEETING**

**Board Action:** A motion was made by Mr. James and seconded by Mr. Winters to adjourn the Board Work Session and convene a Special-Called Meeting. The motion carried unanimously. The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

#### **5. BUSINESS**

##### **A. 2017-18 Horry County Police Department School Resource Officer Contract**

**Board Action:** A motion was made by Ms. Heniford to table this contract and to give the Superintendent the direction to renegotiate this agreement and to seek out other law enforcement departments and/or private companies to be able to fill these positions. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cox. During discussion, it was clarified that the intent of the motion is that should the Superintendent reach an acceptable negotiation with the County, then it is not necessary to pursue other alternatives. It was also clarified that the intent of the motion is to have the District begin any needed processes to expedite this matter, such as the preparation of an RFP, in the event that an agreement is not reached with the County. The motion carried unanimously. The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

##### **B. Consider Approval of Contracts by Superintendent During the Summer**

**Board Action:** A motion was made by Mr. Hardwick and seconded by Mr. Cox to approve granting permission to the Superintendent to issue employment contracts to qualified candidates from June 6, 2017, until August 14, 2017. The Board agrees to ratify employment contracts issued pursuant to this grant of authority at the Board meeting on August 14, 2017. The motion carried unanimously. The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

### **C. 2017-18 Board Meeting Schedule**

**Board Action:** A motion was made by Mr. James and seconded by Mr. Winters to approve the 2017-18 Board Meeting schedule as presented. The motion carried unanimously. The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

### **D. Advisory Board Appointments/Membership**

**Board Action:** A motion was made by Mr. Poston to approve the following Advisory Board appointments/reappointments to the Carolina Forest Area Advisory Board:

Jamia Richardson – 2-Year Term – 1<sup>st</sup> Term Appointment  
Melanie Wellons – 2-Year Term – 2<sup>nd</sup> Term Appointment  
Kelly Handley – 2-Year Term – 2<sup>nd</sup> Term Appointment  
Christopher Hanna – 2-Year Term – 2<sup>nd</sup> Term Appointment  
Tim McGinnis – 2-Year Term – 1<sup>st</sup> Term Appointment – To fill the additional  
Advisory Board position discussed by the Board on May 22, 2017

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

**Board Action:** A motion was made by Ms. Allen to approve the following Advisory Board appointments/reappointments to the Aynor Area Advisory Board:

Doyle Nobles – 1-Year Term – 4<sup>th</sup> Term Appointment  
Charlene Kirby – 1-Year Term – 2<sup>nd</sup> Term Appointment  
Catherine Johnson – 1 Year Term – 1<sup>st</sup> Term Appointment

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

### **E. Consideration for Professional Design Services for Renovations/Upgrades to the Socastee High School Auditorium**

**Board Action:** A motion was made by Mr. James and seconded by Mr. Hardwick to approve administration's recommendation to allow Horry County Schools to enter into negotiations for the award of professional design services for renovations/upgrades to the Socastee High School Auditorium, which is based upon the committee's evaluations and rankings of Miller Design Services, PA, as the highest ranked firm, and that upon successful negotiations, the results will be brought back to the Board

for final approval to enter into contract. The motion carried unanimously. The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

#### **6. ADJOURN SPECIAL-CALLED MEETING AND CONVENE PUBLIC HEARING**

**Board Action:** A motion was made by Mr. Winters and seconded by Ms. Heniford to adjourn the Special-Called Meeting and to convene a Public Hearing. The motion carried unanimously and the Special-Called Meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m. The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

#### **7. PUBLIC HEARING ON 2017-18 SUPERINTENDENT’S COMPREHENSIVE BUDGET**

##### **A. Public Comments on 2017-18 Superintendent’s Comprehensive Budget**

Mr. DeFeo asked if there were any comments on the budget and there were none.

#### **8. ADJOURN PUBLIC HEARING AND RECONVENE SPECIAL-CALLED MEETING**

**Board Action:** A motion was made by Mr. Cox and seconded by Ms. Heniford to adjourn the Public Hearing and to reconvene the Special-Called Meeting. The motion carried unanimously and the Public Hearing was adjourned at 6:40 p.m. The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

#### **9. BUSINESS**

##### **A. Consideration of 2017-18 Superintendent’s Comprehensive Budget**

**Board Action:** A motion was made by Mr. Poston and seconded by Mr. Hardwick for the Board of Education to adopt the 2017-18 Superintendent’s comprehensive budget as presented. The motion carried unanimously. The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

#### **10. CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Funding Flexibility;**
- B. Personnel Recommendations as Required by Law;**
- C. Education Fund Distribution – District 4 and District 5; and**
- D. Act 155 Diploma Request(s)**

**Board Action:** A motion was made by Mr. James to approve the Consent Agenda items as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hardwick and the Consent Agenda items were approved unanimously as presented. The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

#### **11. ADJOURNMENT**

**Board Action:** A motion was made by Mr. Cox and seconded by Mr. James to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 6:42 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rhonda Snowden". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

## Board Performance Indicators - 8 Responses

6/5/17

*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.

37 / 4.63

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.

37 / 4.63

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

37 / 4.63

### Community

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

34 / 4.25

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

35 / 4.38

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

36 / 4.50

### Superintendent Relationship

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

37 / 4.63

### Work / Policies

Board decisions are based on thoughtful analysis of available information.

37 / 4.63

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

36 / 4.50

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

34 / 4.25

### Comments:

There were no comments.