

# Horry County Board of Education

## Facilities Committee



## Facilities Committee Meeting Minutes Monday, April 24, 2017

### Board Members Present:

Neil James, Facilities Committee Chairman	Shanda Allen
Janet Graham, Facilities Committee Member	
Holly Heniford, Facilities Committee Member	
Sherrie Todd, Facilities Committee Member	
Ray Winters, Facilities Committee Member	

### Staff Members Present:

Dr. Rick Maxey, Superintendent	
Mary Anderson	Kenneth Generette
Edward Boyd	Leann Hill
Teal Britton	Boone Myrick
Daryl Brown	Mark Wolfe
Joe Burch	Jim Wright
Carolyn Chestnut	
John Gardner	

### Media Present:

Christian Boschult, Sun News  
August Dittbenner, Myrtle Beach Herald  
Abbey O'Brien, WBTW  
Ryan Webb, WBTW

### Others Present:

Robbie Ferris, FFEP

*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. Winters moved to approve the agenda as presented. Ms. Heniford seconded the motion. All voted in favor of approving the agenda. Motion passed.

## **Review and Approval of Minutes**

Mrs. Graham moved to accept the minutes of March 24, 2017 as presented. Ms. Heniford seconded the motion, all voted in favor. Motion passed.

## **Discussion**

### **Construction Projects Update**

Mr. Ferris gave an overview of all the projects, noting that they are all moving along smoothly. He presented photos of the current status of each project, highlighting the progress over the past month. Mr. Ferris commented that Socastee Middle School is running behind the other projects, but progressing nicely.

Mr. Ferris reviewed the contractual substantial completion dates for each project, noting that they have not changed since presented last month. Mr. James asked if consideration had been given to the request for a technology installation schedule prior to construction completion. Mr. Ferris answered that there had been discussion and deferred to Mr. Wolfe for details. Mr. Wolfe explained that the Technology Department has been working on a plan to schedule installations as soon as possible that incorporates necessary construction factors.

Mr. Wolfe asked Mr. Ferris if he is confident in the contractual completion dates presented, noting that any change would impact the start of school. Mr. Wright added that the St. James Intermediate School is crucial to transportation for many schools such as Scholars Academy, Early College High School, etc.

Mr. Ferris answered that he is very confident in these dates, adding that Ten Oaks Middle School will be ready well before the July 6<sup>th</sup> date presented. He noted that the other schools should also be ready before the dates given, although not as significantly as Ten Oaks Middle. Mr. Ferris clarified that St. James Intermediate will be substantially completed by the July 3<sup>rd</sup> date presented. Mr. Gardner asked if the contractual substantial completion dates include rain delays. Mr. Ferris answered that yes, it does include delays due to rain.

Mr. James asked that consideration be given to grounds maintenance when the fencing around the retention ponds is installed. Mr. Wolfe said that factors such as ease of care, slope, and vegetation types are all being considered.

### **Landscaping**

#### **Sod Options for New Schools**

Mr. James reminded the Committee that this topic was briefly discussed at a recent Finance Committee meeting. Mr. Wolfe explained that he had received two options for three of the new schools; due to location Myrtle Beach Middle will not need as much sod, and it is too soon to plan for Socastee Middle. Option one is to sod the entire area; option two would reduce the amount of sod used in the area. With the allowance of \$200,000 per school from the Owner's Contingencies, and \$200,000 per school from First Floor's contingency, there is still a significant shortage for the less-expensive option two. Mr. Wolfe added that he had just received notice that the proposals did not include soil amendments which could cost an additional \$700-1,000

per acre. Mr. Wolfe estimates about 15 acres on most properties, which could result in an additional \$75,000 for soil amendments.

Mr. James asked if seeding would begin soon in order to have the grass established before school begins. Mr. Wolfe answered that seeding would begin soon, and high-traffic areas would be sodded.

Mr. Gardner clarified that the total amount for sod and seed is \$2,238,000. Mr. Wolfe answered “yes”, with the District’s portion being \$1,238,000, plus any soil amendment costs.

Mr. Wolfe added that the proposed marker walls have been replaced with a standard marker board for each classroom, resulting in a savings of about \$300,000.

#### **Ten Oaks Landscaping Buffer**

Mr. Wolfe explained that much of the buffer concern at Ten Oaks Middle will be addressed by the decision just made, and added with the landscaping materials already purchased, it should help create a buffer for the Plantation Lakes subdivision.

Mr. James asked Mr. Gardner if a motion is required to proceed. Mr. Gardner answered that because the cost is within 10% of the budget, a motion is not required. Mr. James will advise the Board of the decision to move forward with the partial sod/partial grass option.

#### **Loris Education Center**

Mr. Burch updated the Committee on the status of the Loris Education Center. As we were unable to reach a final resolution with the City of Loris on the transfer of the property, staff recommends HCS move forward with an appraisal and move forward with a public bid.

Ms. Heniford moved that staff could proceed with the start of the sale process, with the understanding that in accordance with policy, once offers are received they will be brought to the full Board for consideration. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Graham, and approved unanimously. Motion passed.

#### **North Myrtle Beach High School FEMA Grant Update**

Mr. Wolfe gave a brief overview on the status of the grant noting that the delay in funding could jeopardize the construction timeline. He explained that the work needs to be done over the summer months however, restrictions on the grant do not allow work to begin before funding is approved. He cautioned that if FEMA does not respond soon, we will have to forfeit the grant.

Ms. Heniford stated that she had been in contact with local legislators for their advice and will contact them again. Mr. Wolfe stated that a decision will need to be made at the meeting in May. Mr. James added that a special meeting could be called if necessary to ensure the construction begins as soon as possible after the last day of school.

#### **Discussion of Electronic Marquee for the Five New Schools**

As discussed at a previous meeting, Mr. Wolfe recommended that the non-digital monument signs that are in the plans for the new schools be replaced with electronic message signs. He

further explained that funding would come from the balance of uncommitted funds, although he is hesitant to commit to this at this time. He suggested waiting until closer to the completion of all projects to determine if there will be enough left in the contingency fund. Mr. Ferris confirmed that conduits have been run to all sign locations, so installation at a later date is not a problem. Mr. Wolfe also mentioned that the driveway at St. James Intermediate would be widened to three lanes, which will be funded from the contingency funds as well.

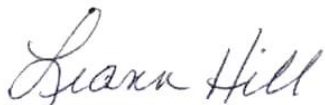
It was agreed that as of now, the signs at the new schools will simply bear the name of the school and will not have changeable copy or a digital message center.

Mrs. Todd asked about the need for the sign for the [Socastee] Middle School to be approved by the Jackson Company. Mr. Wolfe explained that the digital message sign needs to be approved by the Jackson Company because of the way the covenant was written. Mr. Burch explained that the City of Myrtle Beach will also need to approve the sign and currently there are restrictions in that area that would preclude a digital sign. He added that consideration is being given to establishing a Seahawk Overlay District in that area, but it has not been approved by City Council yet.

## **Adjourn**

Ms. Heniford moved to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Graham, all voted in favor. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,



Leann Hill  
Administrative Asst. – Support Services

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