HORRY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

M I N U T E S
BOARD WORK SESSION/SPECIAL-CALLED MEETING
District Office
April 3, 2017

The following persons were present:

Board of Education

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

Horry County Schools' Staff

Jeanna Allen	Teal Harding	Lucas Richardson
Velna Allen	Charles Hucks, Jr.	Angela Rush
Mary Anderson	Kelly Johnson	April Scott
Gretchen Ayers	Robin Jones	Judy Shelley
Elissa Blosser	H. T. Lee	Rhonda Snowden
Edward Boyd	Cindy Magrath	Margaret Sordian
Daryl Brown	Rick Maxey	Judy Stall
Carolyn Chestnut	Michael McCracken	Shelley Todd
Edi Cox	Valerie McNeill	Olga Toggas
John Gardner	Boone Myrick	Kristin Wilson
Ashley Gasperson	Tonya Pickett	Mark Wolfe
Kenny Generette	Jeremy Rich	

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 APRIL 3, 2017, AT 6:00 P.M. – CALL TO ORDER

Chairman DeFeo called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

A. Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance

Ms. Allen offered the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. Approval of Agenda

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

C. Approval of Minutes – March 20, 2017

Board Action: A motion was made by Ms. Timms and seconded by Mr. James to approve the March 20, 2017, Board Minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously and the Minutes were approved. The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

2. DISCUSSION

A. Finance Committee Report
Mr. Poston provided a report from the Finance Committee meeting held on March 22, 2017. There were three items of interest on the agenda. The first item was for additional funding for landscaping at the new schools. The Finance Committee recommends this and it will be moving forward to the April 24, 2017, Facilities Committee meeting. The second item is for funding for NMBMS enhancements to the play field. Further discussion of this item is on the agenda tonight for the full Board's consideration. Lastly, the Finance Committee received a budget update and the Committee recommends moving the preliminary budget forward to the full Board.

B. Myrtle Beach Primary School – Summer HVAC Renovation Project
Mark Wolfe shared that this item came before the Facilities Committee at their last meeting and is a request for approval of an increase of $400,000 for HVAC improvements to Myrtle Beach Primary School. This is coming before the Board as the request exceeds the Superintendent's limitations for approving change orders, and comes on the recommendation of the Facilities Committee.

C. Enhancements to a Play Field at North Myrtle Beach Middle School
Ms. Heniford reported that North Myrtle Beach is the only one of its size and category that does not have adequate practice fields. Of the two fields they have, one is a partial field and the other is not of size to be of play grade. Neither of the play fields is lit, and the football field has a drainage problem. She added that NMB is the only high school that has to bus students to fields for practice, the band practices in the parking lot, and B teams practice in the common areas at the high school. If the upgrade of the practice field is approved, adequate parking will also be needed. This will also give the middle school a venue for their use. Ms. Heniford is asking that this request be supported in full at a cost of $630,000, which includes a 10% contingency.

D. Budget Update
Mr. Gardner provided an update on the budget process by offering a preliminary general fund budget recap and answered questions of the Board.

E. Approval of 2017-18 Employment Contracts
Ms. Anderson stated this is a request for approval to issue the 2017-18 employment contracts to the District's certified staff and non-teaching professionals.

F. Monitoring Report: OE-9 Communicating with the Public
Mr. Boyd shared that the monitoring report has been provided, adding that we are in compliance with Board Governance.

G. National School Boards Association Conference Recap
Mr. DeFeo, Mr. Cox, and Ms. Heniford highlighted various sessions they attended during the National School Boards Association Conference.

H. Superintendent's Report
Dr. Maxey, together with Ashley Gasperson, provided highlights from the Horry County Schools Technology Fair held this past week at the Myrtle Beach Convention Center. We had almost 600 entries, with more

than 1,200 students presenting their projects. There were more than 400 students in the Rubik's Cube challenge and more than 150 students in the Robotics division. Almost 4,000 people were in attendance for the awards session.

3. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Board Action: A motion was made by Mr. Cox and seconded by Ms. Heniford to enter into Executive Session. The motion carried and the Board moved into Executive Session at 6:28 p.m. for the purpose of:

A. Discussion of Recommendation(s) to Employ Personnel; and
B. Discussion of HCS-HCPD School Resource Officer Contract.

The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

4. SPECIAL-CALLED MEETING

Board Action: A motion was made by Ms. Morreale and seconded by Mr. James to return to open session. The motion carried and the Board returned to open session at 7:26 p.m. The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

5. BUSINESS

A. Consideration of Recommendation(s) to Employ Personnel
Dr. Maxey made the following employment recommendations effective July 1, 2017, for the 2017-18 school year:

1) Principal, Horry County Education Center – Jimmy McCullough
2) Principal, Loris Middle School – Shelley Todd
3) Principal, Socastee High School – Jeremy Rich
4) Principal, St. James Middle School – Olga Toggas
5) Executive Director of Elementary Education – Mark Porter

Board Action: A motion was made by Mr. James to approve the employment recommendations made by Dr. Maxey. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hardwick and carried unanimously. The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

Those present were recognized and congratulated on their appointment.

B. Myrtle Beach Primary School – HVAC Renovation Project
Mr. James stated this was approved by the Facilities Committee and comes as a recommendation from the Committee to the full Board. As this comes upon a recommendation from a Board Committee, a motion and second are not needed.

Board Action: Upon a call for a vote on the recommendation of the Facilities Committee, the request to approve an increase of $400,000 for HVAC improvements to Myrtle Beach Primary School Phase II Renovation contract, resulting in a total project contract value of $2,953,995, was unanimously approved. The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

C. Approval of 2017-18 Employment Contracts
Ms. Allen, Mr. Cox, Mr. James, Mr. Poston, and Ms. Timms each signed a Recusal Statement indicating their desire to recuse themselves from voting on any contract for their individual family members, and are instead voting on the bulk of the contracts. The Board Chair signed approving the recusal justifications.

Board Action: A motion was made by Mr. Cox and seconded by Mr. Winters to approve the request to issue the 2017-18 Employment Contracts. 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 and seconded by Mr. Winters to approve the Consent Agenda items as follows:

A. Personnel Recommendations as Required by Law
B. Education Fund Distribution – District 4
C. Education Fund Distribution – District 5
D. Education Fund Distribution – District 9

The motion carried unanimously and the Consent Agenda item 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 Ms. Allen to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 7:31 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

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

Approved: _____

Board Performance Indicators - 5 Responses

04/03/17
Date

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

Agenda

Reports are clear, well prepared and provide adequate information for decision making.	**23 / 4.60**
The majority of agenda items focus on our core purpose.	**23 / 4.60**

Meetings

Our meetings are businesslike, results-oriented and we function like a team.	**23 / 4.60**
Our discussions are cordial and well balanced (not dominated by just a few members.)	**23 / 4.60**

Community

Board members make reasonable efforts to inform themselves about education through school visits, professional meetings and outside reading.	**22 / 4.40**
Board members meet reasonable expectations of involvement by participating in school and other public meetings as representatives of the Board.	**23 / 4.60**
Board members efficiently address issues and concerns brought to them by the public.	**23 / 4.60**

Superintendent Relationship

The Board seeks and values the input of the Superintendent as issues are discussed and decisions are made.	**23 / 4.60**

Work / Policies

Board decisions are based on thoughtful analysis of available information.	**23 / 4.60**
Board members balance the issues of their district with the needs of the entire school district.	**23 / 4.60**
The Board places emphasis on building consensus among members through open and honest communication.	**23 / 4.60**

Comments:

There were no comments.