

# Horry County Board of Education

## Facilities Committee



## Facilities Committee Meeting Minutes Monday, March 20, 2017

### Board Members Present:

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

Joe DeFeo  
Shanda Allen  
David Cox  
Chris Hardwick  
Janice Morreale  
Pam Timms

### Staff Members Present:

Dr. Rick Maxey, Superintendent  
Velna Allen  
Mary Anderson  
Joe Burch  
Edward Boyd  
Daryl Brown  
Dottie Brown  
Carolyn Chestnut  
Roger Dixon  
John Gardner

Kenneth Generette  
Leann Hill  
Charles Hucks  
H.T. Lee  
Dennis McCrary  
Boone Myrick  
Trevor Turner

### Media Present:

Christian Boschult, Sun News  
August Dittbenner, Myrtle Beach Herald  
Abbey O'Brien, WBTW  
Josh Roberson, WMBF

### 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. Mrs. Todd seconded the motion. All voted in favor of approving the agenda. Motion passed.

## **Review and Approval of Minutes**

Mrs. Todd moved to accept the minutes of February 20, 2017 as presented. Mrs. Graham seconded the motion, all voted in favor. Motion passed.

## **Discussion**

### **Construction Projects Update**

Mr. Ferris presented the Committee with an update on each construction site. He noted that nothing had changed relating to the schedule for each project since the last meeting, adding that each project is progressing smoothly.

Mr. James asked if the power line visible in the photo of Socastee Elementary School is a temporary construction power line. Mr. Ferris answered that yes, it will only be there for a short time during construction.

Mrs. Graham asked if there is drywall on the classroom walls, rather than just concrete. Mr. Ferris explained that there will be a mixture of both throughout the school. He explained that many of the corridors have collaboration areas.

Mr. James clarified the completion scheduled as presented at the last meeting. Mr. Ferris confirmed that Ten Oaks Middle, St. James Intermediate, and Socastee Elementary will be ready the first week in July, Myrtle Beach Middle will be ready at the end of October, and Socastee Middle will be ready at the end of January.

### **FFEP Landscape Request**

Mr. Wolfe distributed to the Committee the landscaping sub-bids for 4 of the 5 new schools which he had recently received. He noted that Socastee middle is not included because it has not been bid yet. He explained that staff have been reviewing the proposals and there are some figures that need clarification. Mr. Wolfe informed the Committee that additional funds will be needed above the \$200,000 allowance that FFEP has established. He explained that the increase is needed to adequately landscape the schools. He estimates the increase to be about \$1 mil. for all 5 schools.

Mr. James asked if the item could be presented at the Finance Committee meeting on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. Mr. Wolfe said that he will have the information ready for the Finance Committee meeting.

Ms. Heniford inquired about the timing of the budget increase and questioned if seeding could replace sod to save on expenses. Mr. Wolfe explained that it was determined that the initial allotment of \$200,000 would not be adequate in August. There was brief discussion regarding the scope of work and the importance of avoiding a delay in the issuance of the certificate of occupancy.

Mr. James recommended the item be added to the Finance Committee agenda for the 22<sup>nd</sup> so that the issue can be addressed as quickly as possible.

### **Enhancement to Play Field at North Myrtle Beach Middle School**

Ms. Heniford distributed information regarding the fields at North Myrtle Beach Middle School. She explained that the proposal to improve the fields would take advantage of funds already allocated and capitalize on work already underway. She further explained that the installation of a field to be used for soccer and lacrosse would greatly assist the high school field situation.

Mr. James asked about the other athletic facilities that are currently unusable elsewhere in the District. Mr. Wolfe answered that the Athletic Facilities Assessment is being reviewed to determine a priority list. Mr. James stressed the timeliness of these issues. Mr. Gardner added that all needs should be identified, then prioritized so that a funding source could be determined. He noted that the Board could use fund balance for this purpose.

It was agreed to move this forward to determine a funding source and allow the full Board to vote on the issue.

### **Preparations for Occupancy of New Schools**

Mr. Brown updated the Committee on the preparations currently underway to ensure a smooth transition into the new schools. Mr. Hucks detailed the technology items that need to be installed prior to the occupancy of the schools. Mr. Wolfe added that coordination with all departments has begun. Mr. James asked if technology items were being installed concurrently at all schools. Mr. Hucks answered that yes, crews have been scheduled for installations at each school simultaneously. Ms. Morreale asked if teachers moving from one school to another will have access to a "holding area" for items they have packed. Mr. Wolfe answered that the custodial staff will be instructed to move items to a designated area for a moving company to relocate to the new school(s).

### **Electronic Marquee for New Schools**

Mr. Wolfe explained that the message board portions of the monumental sign provided by First Floor Energy Positive for the new schools are not digital. He asked that the Committee consider upgrading the signs to digital to keep in line with other schools and avoid the expense of upgrading later. After brief discussion it was agreed to discuss this in more detail at the next Facilities Committee Meeting.

### **Modular Needs**

Mr. Wolfe presented information regarding the purchase of modular classrooms for the 2017-18 school year. He recommended purchasing 16 units at an average cost of about \$112,000 per unit, including site work and ancillary costs. As recommended by the executive directors, these would be used at Aynor Elementary (4), Carolina Forest Elementary (4), Aynor High (1), Myrtle Beach High (2), St. James High (4), and AAST (1).

Ms. Morreale asked if the one at Burgess Elementary could be moved to another site. Mr. Wolfe explained that those modulars are leased and will be returned. Mr. Winters asked if the portables from Ocean Bay Middle could be reused. Mr. Wolfe explained that the older, wooden units could not be relocated because they do not meet current code. Mrs. Allen asked if the modular at Midland could be relocated to Aynor High School. Mr. Wolfe answered that because of the construction at Midland Elementary they are still in use, but anticipates that those six will be used when they are available. He does not feel that they will be available in time for the start of the school year. The issue of using a portable for band/orchestra was discussed. Mrs. Todd also expressed concern for the Myrtle Beach area and projected growth.

Mr. James asked about the solicitation. Mr. Wolfe answered that the bid date is March 30<sup>th</sup>. He estimates that the budget will cover the costs, noting that it will be close.

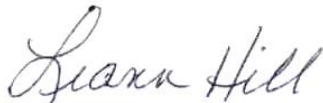
### **Updates**

- A. Mr. Brown gave a brief update on the Sports Tourism Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). He explained that as requested, other contract terms were researched to determine if calendar year dates would be problematic. Noting that contract dates vary greatly through the District, he added that more sporting events overlap from June to July than December to January. Mr. Brown suggested the MOU be on a calendar year basis. The Committee agreed with the suggestion and reminded staff to share the pricing across the District.
- B. Mr. Wolfe updated the committee on the Bids for Improvements to Blue Jacket Road at Aynor High School. He noted that formal approval is not needed because it is within the budget that was previously approved. The work will be completed during the summer months. Mr. James added that because the road is owned by the District it is our responsibility to maintain it.

### **Adjourn**

Mr. Winter moved to adjourn, seconded by Mrs. Graham, all voted in favor. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,



Leann Hill  
Administrative Asst. – Support Services

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