

HORRY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES ***BUDGET RETREAT/BOARD WORK SESSION/SPECIAL-CALLED MEETING*** ***District Office*** ***February 6, 2017***

The following persons were present:

Board of Education

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

Horry County Schools' Staff

Jeanna Allen	Laura Farmer	Lucas Richardson
Velna Allen	John Gardner	Angela Rush
Mary Anderson	Kenny Generette	Donna Satterley
Bobbi Antonucci	Teal Harding	April Scott
Dustin Bishop	Charles Hucks, Jr.	Heather Sheehan
Emily Borrello	Lindy Hylton	Rhonda Snowden
Edward Boyd	H. T. Lee	Josh Testa
Daryl Brown	Rick Maxey	John Washburn
Dottie Brown	Dennis McCrary	Robbie Watkins
Jeff Carland	Boone Myrick	Mark Wolfe
Carolyn Chestnut	Tonya Pickett	
Edi Cox	Sandy Reyes	

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

Chairman DeFeo called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

A. Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance

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

Ms. Graham thanked everyone for the kindness expressed during the passing of her Mother.

B. Approval of Agenda

Mr. DeFeo noted that an item will be added to the agenda as a new Item 2.A., Technology Committee Report.

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

2. DISCUSSION

A. Technology Committee Report

Ms. Morreale provided a report from the Technology Committee meeting held earlier in the day. The Personalized Digital Learning (PDL) device refresh for middle schools is scheduled for the 2017-18 school year. The preferred refresh device of the majority of the stakeholders involved in selecting a device to recommend chose the Dell Chromebook. The devices will come with a protective laptop case and Complete Care for device repairs. The Technology Committee supports this recommendation.

B. Proposed General Fund Budget Increases

Dr. Maxey shared that this is part of a process and is a work in progress. We have received input from groups within the schools, principals, and district staff members, and we are bringing these items forward for consideration to get Board input as we continue through our budgeting process.

- 1) Finance – The State Legislature is still meeting on the budget and are scheduled to begin deliberations this week. As that budget moves through the House and Senate, that will impact Horry County Schools and we will reflect those additional numbers for revenue to the Board. The revenue updates, a request for utilization of fund balance, and budget requests under the Finance Division were presented by Mr. Gardner.
- 2) Instructional Support Services – Ms. Chestnut reviewed the budget request for the area of Instructional Support.
- 3) Human Resources – Ms. Anderson reviewed the budget request for the Division of Human Resources.
- 4) Support Services – The budget requests for the area of Support Services were reviewed by Mr. Brown.

Request for school bus security cameras

One of the budget requests was for bus security cameras to be purchased using funding from a budget savings of \$900,000 that was allocated for the purchase of 10 regular route buses during the 2017-18 school year. Mr. James clarified that this is not a budget savings, but is a reallocation of funds that were allocated to purchase buses to be used to purchase bus security cameras. Mr. Gardner responded to an inquiry that if the Board desired to utilize fund balance and proceed with the purchase of the bus security cameras, the Board could approve this now. Mr. DeFeo stated that if there are no objections, we could have this on the agenda for our next Board meeting to allow for the cameras to be ordered and to have them installed over the summer.

Bus Driver Shortage

The issue of a shortage of bus drivers was mentioned and what the District might do to remedy this problem. Mr. Brown will investigate the two suggestions, to wit: allowing bus drivers to work 37 hours per week and offering a program for those who do not have a CDL license wherein the District would assist them by offering a payback.

Budget Workshop Recap

Mr. Gardner provided a recap/summarization of the budget information/requests presented, a copy of which was attached with the budget documents for this meeting.

C. Monitoring Report: R-4 Social Studies

Ms. Myrick shared that the Monitoring Report has been provided and she would answer any questions. She also featured one of the strategies that we are using in our social studies classes this year.

D. Monitoring Report: OE-4 Personnel Administration

Ms. Anderson shared that the Monitoring Report has been provided and she would answer any questions.

E. Superintendent's Report

1) Dr. Maxey noted that we have two new Board members and thinks it would be beneficial for us to provide an orientation session on Finance and Human Resources in order to give a broad overview as new Board members serve on the Board. Other Board members are welcome to participate. We will work with the Board Chair to establish a schedule.

3. SPECIAL-CALLED MEETING

Board Action: A motion was made by Mr. James and seconded by Ms. Timms to enter into a Special-Called Meeting. The motion carried unanimously. The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

4. BUSINESS

A. Board Member Committee Assignments

Mr. DeFeo stated that Ms. Heniford has asked to be appointed to the Finance Committee.

Board Action: A motion was made by Mr. James and seconded by Mr. Winters to approve the appointment of Ms. Heniford to the Finance Committee. The motion carried unanimously. The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

B. Board Compensation

Board Action: A motion was made by Mr. Cox to change Board Governance GC-10, Governance Cost, Item 2, to read as follows:

Each Board member shall receive as annual compensation for his/her services the sum equal to the compensation (salary) of Horry County Council Members, except for the Board Chair, whose compensation will continue to be 20% greater than other Board members as provided by local legislation. The motion was seconded by Ms. Morreale.

Mr. Winters asked if this motion were to pass, would the Board be tied by South Carolina Code 4-9-100, which states that any type change such as this would be deferred until after a General Election occurs before it would go into effect? Mr. DeFeo shared that he had consulted with the attorneys in Columbia and had been informed that this does not tie the Board's compensation to anything except County Council's compensation.

The motion carried with a vote as follows: Heniford, Todd, Cox, Morreale, Timms, Graham, and Allen in favor; Winters, James, and Hardwick – opposed.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

Board Action: A motion was made by Mr. James and seconded by Ms. Heniford 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 6

The motion carried unanimously and the Consent Agenda items were approved as presented. The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Board Action: A motion was made by Ms. Morreale and seconded by Mr. James to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 7:11 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 - 6 Responses

2/6/17

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.

28 / 4.67

The majority of agenda items focus on our core purpose.

29 / 4.84

Meetings

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

28 / 4.67

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

28 / 4.67

Community

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

28 / 4.67

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

28 / 4.67

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

29 / 4.84

Superintendent Relationship

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

29 / 4.84

Work / Policies

Board decisions are based on thoughtful analysis of available information.

28 / 4.67

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

25 / 4.17

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

27 / 4.50

Comments:

There were no comments.