

Horry County Board of Education

Facilities Committee



Facilities Committee Meeting Minutes Monday, December 12, 2016

Board Members Present:

Joe DeFeo, Acting Facilities Committee Chairman
Janet Graham, Facilities Committee Member
Holly Heniford, Facilities Committee Member
Sherrie Todd, Facilities Committee Member

Kathy Richardson
Janice Morreale
Ray Winters

Staff Members Present:

Dr. Rick Maxey, Superintendent
Edward Boyd
Daryl Brown
Carolyn Chestnut
John Gardner

Leann Hill
Boone Myrick
April Scott
Mark Wolfe

Media Present:

August Dittbenner, Myrtle Beach Herald
Christian Buschult, Sun News
Abbey O'Brien, WBTW
Liz Cooper, WPDE
George Umbenhauer, WMBF

Others Present:

Robbie Ferris, First Floor Energy Positive

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

Ms. Heniford moved to add Athletic Facilities Educational Specifications Assessment as item F. Mrs. Graham seconded the motion. All voted in favor of accepting the agenda with the addition. Motion passed.

Review and Approval of Minutes

Mrs. Todd moved to accept the revised minutes of October 24, 2016 as presented and the minutes of November 21, 2016 as presented. Ms. Heniford seconded the motion, all voted in favor. Motion passed.

Discussion

New Construction Update

Mr. Ferris presented an update on the progress of the five construction sites.

Mrs. Todd asked for clarification on the slide that indicated there was a delay with approvals on the Myrtle Beach Middle site and the Carolina Forest site. Mr. Ferris answered that he was just noting which locations are still awaiting approvals. He further clarified that approvals are needed as a part of the code-compliance process but they are a normal part of the process and not indicative of problems.

Mr. Brown asked if crews were being moved from between sites as needed. Mr. Ferris said yes, each project is optimizing staff to keep the progress moving.

Ms. Heniford asked if there is a delay with the Socastee Middle School. Mr. Ferris answered that construction is actually 4 months ahead of schedule, however; the start of construction was later than the other schools due to land acquisition delays. Mr. Wolfe added that the next agenda item will address options for Socastee area.

Mr. Gardner asked what the general conditions impacts will be on the District. Mr. Ferris did not have an answer at this time. Mr. Wolfe added that there were some general condition costs on Socastee area middle school property that were approved as part of the change order for stone columns and unsuitable soils.

Chairman DeFeo noted that he hopes that the burden put on the Facilities Department of opening five schools at the same time will be lightened somewhat by Socastee Middle School opening at a different time.

Temporary Reuse of the Current Socastee Elementary School

Mr. Wolfe informed the Committee that a plan has been developed to address the issue of the middle school in the Socastee attendance area not being completed for the first day of school in August. With the help of Learning Services, the principal, and transportation, a plan was designed to implement a smooth transition for the students and staff coming from Forestbrook Middle and implementation of new attendance lines. The suggested plan is to realign the schools with the start of the 2017-18 school year, having the students that will attend the new Socastee area middle school be temporarily housed in the old Socastee Elementary School. Ms. Myrick added that this plan will help with a smooth transition and will eliminate the need to disrupt two schools for a mid-year opening of the middle school. It will also reduce potential costs to the district by not having to provide temporary classrooms and support space at FBMS for only a few months. There will be some costs attributed to the temporary move such as moving supplies and labor, and changing out of portions of the furniture in SES to accommodate larger students. These costs are expected to be minimal as compared to housing all students and faculty at FBMS.

The Committee noted support of the plan and asked Mr. Wolfe to update the full Board.

Myrtle Beach Attendance Area (CD-5) Reconfiguration

Dr. Maxey explained to the Committee the proposal to reconfigure the Myrtle Beach Attendance Area: Child development and kindergarten will be in the current primary school; first and second grades will be in the current elementary school; third, fourth, and fifth grades will be in the new Intermediate school (the current MBMS); and grades six through eight will be in the middle school. He added that there are logistical advantages to having grades three through five together. In addition, the current intermediate school would become the new Myrtle Beach Family Learning Center which houses our adult education programs.

Mr. Wolfe added that Learning Services will be determining staffing needs. He requested approval to contact an architect, from the pool of architects recently obtained, to determine the exact scope of work and a preliminary budget. Mrs. Graham moved to approve staff to proceed with the staff recommendation to evaluate the reconfiguration of the Myrtle Beach attendance area. Ms. Heniford seconded the motion; all voted in favor. Motion passed.

Mr. Gardner asked if the funding would come from the sustainment budget. Mr. Wolfe answered that it would come from the Building Modifications budget.

Mrs. Todd asked if the portables currently used at the Myrtle Beach Primary School would be used in the reconfiguration. Mr. Wolfe answered that those portables were leased and would not be needed under the new plan. All students at that school can be housed inside the main facility after the reconfiguration.

Loris Education Center Update

Mr. Wolfe discussed with the Committee the need to clarify the stipulations to be placed on the sale of the Loris Education Center to the City of Loris. After brief discussion, the Committee asked the staff attorney to bring back options for clauses for the donation to ensure that the District has first right of refusal should the City decide to dispose of the property in the future, or any other options for similar clauses.

Doug Shaw Stadium Recommendation

Dr. Maxey noted that the District has an excellent working relationship with the City of Myrtle Beach, which allows open and honest conversations with them regarding the joint use agreement for Doug Shaw Stadium. At a meeting with representatives from the City, Dr. Maxey explained that the Stadium currently meets Horry County School standards for athletic facilities. He added that it is not recommended that the District provide additional funding for the renovations at this time. He added that Mr. Wolfe will meet with Mr. Andrews of the City of Myrtle Beach regularly to stay apprised of the renovations and he will bring updates back to the Committee.

Athletic Facilities Educational Specifications Assessment

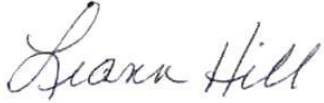
Mr. Wolfe presented the Committee with an update on the status of the Athletic Facilities Educational Specifications Assessment as requested in a previous meeting. Ms. Heniford asked about restroom facilities and if an assessment has been done on those specifically. Mr. Wolfe noted that those are usually assessed based on code requirements rather than Educational Specification requirements. Ms. Heniford asked that a condition assessment be completed on

athletic facility restrooms. Mr. Wolfe noted that because of additional seating being added at Doug Shaw Stadium, the restrooms would be required to be re-evaluated by the City's architect to assure they meet current code requirements.

Adjourn

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

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Leann Hill".

Leann Hill
Administrative Asst. – Support Services

Approved: _____