Horry County Board of Education

Facilities Committee Minutes
Monday, November 21, 2016

District Office, 335 Four Mile Road, Conway, South Carolina

Board Members Present:

Neil James, Facilities Committee Chairman
Holly Heniford, Facilities Committee Member
Sherrie Todd, Facilities Committee Member
Janice Morreale
Ray Winters

Staff Members Present:

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

Media Present:
August Dittbenner, Myrtle Beach Herald
Christian Buschult, Sun News

Others Presents:
James Rice, Mozingo Wallace Architects

Welcome

Mr. James called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. He asked that everyone introduce themselves for the record.

Acknowledge Compliance with FOIA

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 accept the agenda as presented. Mrs. Todd seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Review and Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Ms. Heniford and seconded by Mrs. Todd to accept the minutes of the October 24, 2016 meeting. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

Update

Dedication Plaque for New Schools

Mr. Burch presented a sample plaque to the Committee. He noted that a similar plaque will be installed at each of the 5 new schools. The Committee approved the rendering and asked that it be forwarded to the full Board for review. Mr. James noted that he would include this in his update to the Board.

Doug Shaw Stadium

Mr. Brown updated the Committee on the progress the staff has made with regards to the proposed renovations at Doug Shaw Stadium. Mr. Brown, Mr. Generette, and Mr. Wolfe met recently with Mr. Andrews from the City to discuss payment of fees and possible funding options for the proposed renovations.

Mr. James asked how the "district standard" is determined, specifically with regard to press boxes. Mr. Wolfe answered that there are standards listed in the Educational Specifications (Ed Specs) which detail the minimum basic requirements for athletic facilities. Mr. James asked how many of our current schools meet the Ed Specs standards? Mr. Wolfe answered that each school would have aspects of their facility that meet the standard and aspects that do not.

Mr. James asked that a list of schools with athletic facilities that conform to District standards and those that have deficiencies be brought back to a future meeting. Mr. Wolfe will work with Mr. Turner to compile a list based on the information in the Athletic Facilities Assessment document recently completed.

Mr. Gardner clarified that if the City agrees with the amount due for prior years, it will be brought back to the Board for approval.

Ms. Heniford inquired about the revenue from the commercials aired at the stadium. Mr. Brown will have a staff member research which organization benefits from the advertisements.

Discussion

Loris Education Center

Mr. Burch informed the Committee that the City of Loris voted at their November 14th meeting to accept the Loris Education Center as a donation from Horry County Schools. Mr. James noted that this was not within the deadline given to the City. After brief discussion, it was agreed to remove the item from the Board Meeting agenda to establish criteria regarding the use of the building. The Committee stipulated that the building be used for the Citizens of Loris or be returned to Horry County Schools at such time that it is no longer used for the benefit of the Citizens of Loris.

Reconsideration of Funding Source for Board-Approved 11th Avenue Widening Project in North Myrtle Beach

Mr. Wolfe reminded the Committee that when this project was approved an alternative funding source was requested. Originally, the funding was to come from the Sustainment/Modification budget. Mr. Gardner added the funding could either come from the fund balance, which he did not recommend, or the contingency fund from prior projects. Mr. Gardner suggested the Committee consider that other expenses that arise may not fit into the building modification budget.

Mr. James requested the topic be tabled until after item D – Proposed Sustainment/Upkeep Projects and Building Modifications.

Request for Consideration of Canopy Color

Mr. Rice of Mozingo Wallace Architects presented the proposed color choices for the new middle school in the Carolina Forest attendance area. He cautioned the Committee on selecting the Carolina Forest High School logo (Pantone 202c) color because dark colors tend to fade easily. He suggested #6334 or #3026. The Committee agreed to bring it to the full Board for discussion.

Proposed Sustainment/Upkeep Projects and Building Modifications

Mr. Wolfe presented the Committee with the estimated funding needs for potential projects planned for 2016-2018. He explained that there is approximately $4.2 Million remaining in the FY 2016-17 fund, which will meet the needs of the building modification projects listed for 2016-17.

Mr. Wolfe reviewed the subsequent pages which detailed building modifications proposed for 2017-18, and sustainment for 2016-17 and 2017-18.

The Committee asked about the price difference between Waccamaw Elementary and Myrtle Beach Middle renovations. Mr. Wolfe explained that Waccamaw Elementary would have an addition as opposed to the room changes that need to occur at Myrtle Beach Middle in preparation for conversion to a 3,4,5 school. It was also noted that Waccamaw Elementary had a renovation in 2008.

Mr. Wolfe also noted that included in this project list is a roofing assessment to identify potential problems. The consultant will perform sonar scan to assess the status of each roof in the District. He added that a FEMA grant has been submitted for the Myrtle Beach High School roof repairs, although the status of those grants will not be known until after the new year.

Additionally, Mr. Wolfe noted that the Committee will need to discuss the North Myrtle Beach High school project and necessary site work to decide if we should wait for the FEMA grant for funding or proceed with the work.

Mr. James also requested a full Board meeting or retreat to discuss the Modification and Sustainment budget in detail. It was agreed that both Facilities and Athletics need to be discussed prior to the Annual Budget Retreat. Mr. Gardner suggested that projections going out further than 2 years be presented for discussion.

Mr. James recommended, based on the information provided, that the funding for the 11th Avenue Widening Project remain in the Sustainment/Modification Budget as the Board approved previously. The Committee agreed to fund the project as approved previously.

Construction Contract Structure

Ms. Heniford requested a meeting with Mr. Generette to discuss construction contract structure. Mr. Generette and Ms. Heniford agreed to schedule a time to meet within the next few weeks.

Adjourn

Ms. Heniford moved to adjourn. Mrs. Todd seconded the motion, all voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Leann Hill
Administrative Asst. – Support Services

Approved: _____