

HORRY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES
BOARD WORK SESSION/SPECIAL-CALLED MEETING
District Office
September 12, 2016

The following persons were present:

Board of Education

Joe DeFeo, Chairman	Neil James	Pam Timms
David Cox, Vice-Chair	Janice Morreale	Sherrie Todd
Jeffrey Garland	John Poston	Ray Winters
Holly Heniford	Kathy Richardson	

Horry County Schools' Staff

Jeanna Allen	Kenny Generette	Lucas Richardson
Mary Anderson	Melanie Gentzler	Buffy Roberts
Gretchen Ayers	Tanya Gray	Angela Rush
Elissa Blosser	Teal Harding	Donna Satterley
Emily Borrello	Becky Hinson	April Scott
Edward Boyd	Charles Hucks, Jr.	Heather Sheehan
Daryl Brown	Lindy Hylton	Judy Shelley
Dottie Brown	Mark Koll	Rhonda Snowden
Joe Burch	H. T. Lee	Margaret Sordian
Carolyn Chestnut	Cindy Magrath	Judy Stall
Edi Cox	Rick Maxey	Melissa Westbury
Matha Fout	Lisa Melchione	Kristin Wilson
John Gardner	Boone Myrick	Mark Wolfe
Diane Gaskins	CeCe Nance	

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 SEPTEMBER 12, 2016, 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

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

B. Approval of Agenda

Mr. DeFeo noted that Item 5.E under Business, Consideration and Approval of Negotiated Agreement for Peer Review/Building Commissioning for the Five New HCS Buildings, should be removed from the agenda, as well as Item 3.A under Executive Session, Discussion of a Personnel Matter.

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

C. Approval of Minutes – August 22, 2016

Board Action: A motion was made by Mr. Winters and seconded by Mr. James to approve the August 22, 2016, 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. Facilities Committee Report

Mr. James shared that the Facilities Committee met earlier today to discuss one item, which was to define the scope of work for the NMBHS project. The cost for this project has not changed, which remains at \$21,086,340. Although the cost has not changed, the scope of the work has changed. Mr. James added that the questions he asked were, 1) did we meet all security required for entry into the building; 2) did all specifications meet code so there would be no issues with the fire marshal or OSF; 3) did we address the fire and security alarm systems so they communicate with each other; and 4) were the owner, designer, and builder in agreement with this specifications of the design. The response to all questions was affirmative. Mr. James added that a copy of the scope of work would be forwarded to all Board members and that this item will be brought to the full Board at their next meeting for a vote.

B. Monitoring Report: OE-3 Treatment of Stakeholders

Mr. Generette reviewed Monitoring Report: OE-3 Treatment of Stakeholders with the Board.

C. Report of SCSBA School Law Conference

Mr. Winters shared that he was in attendance at the School Law Conference and based upon information shared, he would like to compliment this Board for their ability to serve functionally and cooperatively and to work for the betterment of the students of Horry County.

Mr. DeFeo shared that it has been reported to him that impact fees have been approved for schools and school buildings. However, this has been added to the bill that allows County Council to put in impact fees, adding that it would be great if we could get County Council to work with us. Mr. DeFeo thinks there should be some outreach to go back to the State Legislature and say this is something the School Board should do. That is a rough position to put County Council in when they have not put impact fees in for themselves, yet they are the ones that have to approve impact fees for schools.

D. Superintendent's Report

1) SC 10-Point Grading System Update – Dr. Maxey shared that the change in the grading system is a change that was mandated by the State Board of Education for all of South Carolina and implemented through the State Department of Education. This is not a local initiative. We are complying with that State Board directive. The State Department has provided software that allows for the translation of grades from a 7-point grading scale to a 10-point grading scale. In Superintendent Spearman's memo regarding this change, it was suggested that Boards may want to review their Board policy regarding grading. Horry County Schools' Board Policy does not address grading. It is a District policy. This change is in accordance with direction from the State and prior to the implementation of the 10-point scale, a 7-point scale was used for grades 3-12. We are applying this directive in grades 3-12, as applying this in the lower grades will allow for middle school students who take high school courses to also be on the 10-point grading scale.

2) Fifteen-Day 2016-17 Student Enrollment Report – Dr. Maxey shared information regarding the number of students enrolled in Horry County Schools on the 15th day of school, which was 43,376 students.

3. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Discussion of a Personnel Matter

This item was removed from the agenda during the Approval of Agenda vote, Item 1.E, earlier in the meeting.

B. Discussion of Contract Negotiations for Peer Review/Building Commissioning Consulting Services for the Five New HCS Buildings

Board Action: A motion was made by Mr. Cox and seconded by Mr. James to move into Executive Session for Discussion of Contract Negotiations for Peer Review/Building Commissioning Consulting Services for the Five New HCS Buildings. The motion carried and the Board moved into Executive Session at 6:12 p.m. The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

4. ADJOURN BOARD WORK SESSION AND CONVENE SPECIAL-CALLED MEETING

Board Action: A motion was made by Mr. James and seconded by Mr. Cox to return from Executive session and to enter into Business session. The motion carried and the Board moved into Business session at 7:13 p.m. The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

5. BUSINESS

A. SCSBA Board Legislative Contact

Mr. DeFeo shared that Mr. Winters has been recommended to serve as the SCSBA Board Legislative Contact. Mr. Cox made a motion to nominate Mr. Winters to serve in this role. Ms. Morreale seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

B. Advisory Board Appointments

Board Action:

Conway Advisory Board

On behalf of Ms. Graham, Mr. Garland recommended the appointment of Keith Collins and Jamie Cook to the Conway Advisory Board. The recommendation was seconded by Mr. James and carried unanimously. The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

Green Sea Floyds Advisory Board

Mr. James made a recommendation to appoint Jason Morgan and Michael Calder to the Green Sea Floyds Advisory Board. The recommendation was seconded by Mr. Cox and carried unanimously. The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

Socastee Advisory Board

Ms. Timms made a recommendation to appoint Roger Clyde to the Socastee Advisory Board. The recommendation was seconded by Mr. Garland and carried unanimously. The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

Loris Advisory Board

Mr. Cox made a recommendation to appoint Jeremy Todd to fill the unexpired term of Sammy Stalvey, Christian Anderson to fill the position left vacant by James Edwards who has served four terms, the reappointment of Renee Prince and Ezizze Davis Foxworth, and to appoint James Edwards as the Community Member. The recommendation was seconded by Mr. James and carried unanimously. The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

St. James Advisory Board

Ms. Morreale made a recommendation to reappoint Kari Collins and Angel Mack to the St. James Advisory Board, as well as to reappoint Dr. Mark Mitchell as the Community Member. The recommendation was seconded by Ms. Timms and carried unanimously. The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

North Myrtle Beach Advisory Board

Ms. Heniford made a recommendation to appoint Juliet Casper to serve as the Community Member, as she has served four terms on the Advisory Board. The recommendation was seconded by Ms. Morreale and carried unanimously. The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

C. Consideration of Proposed Attendance Area Adjustments for New Facilities

Mr. Burch shared that this information has been shared with the Board on two prior occasions and is being presented to the Board for a vote tonight. Mr. Cox stated that although this is rhetorical, and for the media's sake, he would like to confirm that this had been brought before the public several times in every area that is affected. Mr. Burch stated that a series of public workshops were held for the public.

Board Action: A motion was made by Mr. James to approve the attendance area adjustments as recommended. The motion was seconded by Mr. Garland and carried unanimously. The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

D. Appointment of Committee Members for New School Naming Committees

Mr. Burch shared that out of the five new schools, we have three for which we need to choose names, mascots, and colors, being the St. James area intermediate school, Carolina Forest area middle school, and the Socastee area middle school. The naming committees include as the core, the Advisory Board, one representative from every School Improvement Council in the attendance area, and four at-large community members, which could be business representatives, school representatives, etc. Ms. Morreale presented her list of members to serve on the Naming Committee for the new intermediate school in the St. James area. The recommendation was seconded by Mr. Cox and carried unanimously. The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item. The recommendations as presented and approved by the Board are available for review.

E. Consideration and Approval of Negotiated Agreement for Peer Review/Building Commissioning for the Five New HCS Buildings

This item was removed from the agenda during the Approval of Agenda vote, Item 1.E, earlier in the meeting.

6. 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. Act 155 Diploma Requests

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

7. ADJOURNMENT

Board Action: A motion was made by Mr. Cox and seconded by Mr. James to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 7:22 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 script is cursive and fluid.

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

Approved: _____

Board Performance Indicators - 8 Responses

9/12/16

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.

36 / 4.50

The majority of agenda items focus on our core purpose.

35 / 4.38

Meetings

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

33 / 4.13

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

33 / 4.13

Community

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

35 / 4.38

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

36 / 4.50

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

37 / 4.63

Superintendent Relationship

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

38 / 4.75

Work / Policies

Board decisions are based on thoughtful analysis of available information.

37 / 4.63

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

35 / 4.38

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

35 / 4.38

Comments:

There were no comments.