

# HORRY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

## ***MINUTES BOARD MEETING District Office August 22, 2016***

The following were in attendance:

### **Board of Education**

Joe DeFeo, Chairman	Holly Heniford	Pam Timms
David Cox	Neil James	Sherrie Todd
Jeffrey Garland	John Poston	Ray Winters
Janet Graham	Kathy Richardson	

### **Horry County Schools' Staff**

Jeanna Allen	David Cupolo	Mark Porter
Velna Allen	Krissy Dowling	Sandy Reyes
Mary Anderson	John Gardner	Lucas Richardson
Robin Bolling	Kenny Generette	Donna Satterley
Edward Boyd	Roger Gray	April Scott
Monica Brisbon	Ben Hardee	Scott Scrivner
Daryl Brown	Teal Harding	Heather Sheehan
Dottie Brown	Lindy Hylton	Rhonda Snowden
Joe Burch	Robin Jones	Greg Sponseller
Dena Chatfield	H. T. Lee	Judy Stall
Carolyn Chestnut	Rick Maxey	Kathy Stockholm
Charles Conant	Boone Myrick	Mark Wolfe

*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 AUGUST 22, 2016, AT 6:00 P.M. – CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman DeFeo called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

#### **A. Invocation**

Mr. Winters offered the invocation.

#### **B. Presentation of Colors, Pledge of Allegiance**

The Aynor High School Army JROTC presented the colors and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **C. Approval of Agenda**

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

#### **D. Approval of Minutes – August 8, 2016**

**Board Action:** A motion was made by Mr. Winters and seconded by Ms. Timms to approve the August 8, 2016, Minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously and the Minutes were approved. The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

#### **2. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Pat Milley addressed the Board on the topic of, “Any Hope,” related to the mental health of children.

Sharon Houska previously signed up to address the Board during Public Comments. She did not come forward when called.

Steve Howell previously signed up to address the Board during Public Comments. He did not come forward when called.

#### **3. DISCUSSION**

##### **A. Facilities Committee Report**

**Construction Update** – Mr. James shared that a Facilities Committee meeting was held earlier in the day. Mr. Robbie Ferris was asked by Mr. James to provide a construction update for the full Board. He provided an in-depth report and a copy of his presentation was given to Board members. Mr. James brought attention to Change Order #8, which is for the aggregate piers, in the amount of \$936,000, and Change Order #11, which is for site work overage allowance, in the amount of almost \$1.6 million. Mr. James added that these two Change Orders need to be discussed tonight so they can be voted on at the September 12 meeting, as these items were not included in the original contract because we did not have the soil borings prior to the actual contract being awarded. Either a third party or District staff working with Mr. Ferris will verify the numbers and inform the Board prior to the September 12 meeting. Recommended color proposals for the new schools was shared. Mr. Ferris stated that based upon comments during the Facilities Committee meeting, they will take a look again at the recommended colors for Carolina Forest and St. James and try to better match the school colors. Mr. Ferris added that he will come back in a couple of weeks with other recommendations. Mr. Ferris closed by inviting the Board and staff to a Low Country Boil on Thursday, September 22, at 4:00 p.m. The function will be held at the new middle school in the Carolina Forest attendance area, and is being sponsored by First Floor Energy Positive’s insurance company. Mr. Ferris asked if anyone is interested in a tour of the site on this date to please report to the construction trailer.

**Loris Education Center, f/k/a Loris Elementary School** – Mr. James shared that discussions have been held with representatives of the City of Loris and that we have asked that they let us know by October 1 if they are interested in acquiring this property.

**Outdoor Facilities Assessment** – An outdoor facilities assessment was provided to Facilities Committee members and will be shared with all Board members as information.

**Doug Shaw Stadium Upgrades** – Mr. James stated that the City of Myrtle Beach is proceeding with stadium upgrades. At a future date, the City of Myrtle Beach would like to present to the Board their

plans for that renovation. As a co-owner of that property, they may be asking for some input and financial support.

Proposed Aquifer Storage Well – Mr. Joe Burch shared that Grand Strand Water & Sewer Authority has expressed a desire to install an aquifer recovery and storage well at River Oaks Elementary School. The District agreed to this type project previously at Seaside Elementary School. The area being considered has powerline easements and we would have no other options to build or use the land otherwise, and therefore, this would not impede us down the road to sell a piece of property to Grand Strand Water and Sewer for this purpose. The well could be accessed without going across the River Oaks Elementary site. Mr. James added that the District cannot use this property because it is wetlands and we have very limited or no access to it. The Facilities Committee agrees with this request and this item will be on a future Board agenda for discussion and possible sale of the property.

Widening of 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue North in North Myrtle Beach – Mr. James shared that the City of North Myrtle Beach is widening 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue North. They are requesting our support and contributions towards installing a turn lane and with installing some required pipe work due to the widening and to help with runoff. The turn lane will be approximately \$200,000, and the pipe work will be approximately \$100,000. The designs should be complete within the next 30 days or so and the Board can review them to see what is included.

#### **B. SCSBA Board Legislative Contact**

The Board has been asked to appoint a representative to serve as the contact for legislative issues with the South Carolina School Boards Association. Should someone wish to volunteer to serve, please notify Mr. DeFeo. Otherwise, it was recommended that Mr. Winters be asked to serve in this capacity. The Board will vote on this at an upcoming meeting.

#### **C. Board Retreat**

Mr. DeFeo asked that any suggested topics for discussion at the Board Retreat be emailed to Rhonda. Dr. Maxey shared that at this time, the Board is scheduled to meet on September 12, September 19, and September 26. Should the Board desire, we could hold the Board Retreat on September 26, beginning with lunch at 12:00, then the Retreat until 5:00, followed by the Board meeting at 6:00. Two Board members shared concerns with changing the Board Retreat on September 19<sup>th</sup> to being held beginning at noon on September 26<sup>th</sup>. Due to the concerns with a change of the schedule, the meetings for September will continue as previously set, as follows: Board Work Session on September 12, Board Retreat on September 19, and Regular Board Meeting on September 26.

#### **D. Consideration of Proposed Attendance Area Adjustments for New Facilities**

Mr. Burch shared that the maps that are before the Board tonight are as the attendance area adjustments were presented and discussed with the public recently and as presented to the Board in May. The comments received were shared with the Board at the last Board meeting. This information is being shared again tonight for discussion and with Mr. Burch available to answer any questions. Mr. Winters asked if there had been any changes made from the original concept as a result of the site meetings. Mr. Burch shared that no changes had been made and the recommendations were the same. Mr. Poston requested that once the attendance areas are solidified, he would like to see a report from Transportation to review both the cost impact and time impact of the new attendance areas.

#### **E. Superintendent's Report**

1) Opening of Schools – Dr. Maxey shared information from the different sectors as it pertains to the opening of school.

2) Riley Institute – Diversity Leaders Initiative – Dr. Maxey was nominated and selected as a participant in the Riley Institute’s Diversity Leaders Initiative. This is an honor for Dr. Maxey and the District.

3) School Composting Program – Mr. Greg Sponseller gave a report on the commercial scale organics collection program that is in place in six of our schools where we collect organic materials in our cafeterias and send to the Solid Waste Authority to be turned in to compost, which is a very nutrient rich soil that we can then use at our schools. This program will be expanded to include 26 elementary schools this year, with additional middle and high school pilots planned for the spring. More information can be seen on the sustainability Web site on the Facilities page.

4) 10-Point Grading Scale – Dr. Maxey asked Ms. Myrick to provide a status report on implementation of the 10-point grading scale. The State of South Carolina has gone to a 10-point grading scale and it is to be implemented during this school year. The State has been working to determine a software application that we can use to convert from a 7-point scale to a 10-point scale. As soon as the State provides us with the needed software, we will load and implement it as required.

#### **Candidates for School Board**

Mr. DeFeo asked if anyone in the audience is running for the School Board who would like to introduce himself/herself to the audience. Mr. Ronald Bessant, School Board candidate for District 9, introduced himself.

#### **4. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Board Action:** A motion was made by Mr. Cox and seconded by Mr. James to move into Executive Session for:

##### **A. Receipt of Legal Advice Related to Potential Litigation**

The motion carried and the Board moved into Executive Session at 7:03 p.m. The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

**Board Action:** A motion was made by Mr. James and seconded by Mr. Winters to return from Executive Session and enter into Business Session. The motion carried. The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

#### **5. BUSINESS**

##### **A. Consideration for Entering Negotiations for Peer Review/Building Commissioning Consulting Services for the Five New HCS Buildings**

**Board Action:** A motion was made by Mr. James to authorize HCS staff to enter into fee negotiations with the two highest ranked firms for peer review/building commissioning consulting services, being KLG Jones, LLC, for the four new middle/intermediate schools, and Hanson Professional Services, Inc., for the

new elementary school. The motion was seconded by Mr. Winters and carried unanimously. The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

#### **B. Advisory Board Appointments**

**Board Action:** Mr. Garland made a recommendation to reappoint Dayna Lewis, Diane Bagnal, and Shannon Holbert to the Aynor Area Advisory Board. The recommendation was seconded by Mr. James and carried unanimously. The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

**Board Action:** Mr. Garland made a recommendation to remove Scott Goff from the Aynor Area Advisory Board due to non-attendance and to appoint Charlene Kirby to fill his unexpired term. The recommendation was seconded by Mr. James and carried unanimously. The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

**Board Action:** Mr. Poston made a recommendation to appoint Melanie Wellons to fill the unexpired term of Robert Ellis, who is unable to continue to serve, and to reappoint Melissa Bornfreund, Lorraine Mallon, and Danielle Davis to the Carolina Forest Area Advisory Board. The recommendation was seconded by Ms. Graham and carried unanimously. The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

**Board Action:** Ms. Graham made a recommendation to reappoint Alicia Todd, Angel Rabon, Sheila McCullough, Lisa Todd, Bernita Platt, and Shawndra Williams to the Conway Area Advisory Board, along with reappointing Dr. James Cokley to serve 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.

Recommendations will be brought forward to replace Ryan Foults, whose children are being placed in a private Christian school, and Erin Cribb, who is now an employee of Horry County Schools.

**Board Action:** Ms. Timms made a recommendation to reappoint Renee Mencken and Charles Chappelle to the Socastee Area Advisory Board. The recommendation was seconded by Mr. Garland and carried unanimously. The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

**Board Action:** Ms. Heniford made a recommendation to appoint Julie Bell to the North Myrtle Beach Area Advisory Board, who will be replacing Sona McIntyre, who has served four terms. The recommendation was seconded by Ms. Todd and carried unanimously. The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

#### **6. CONSENT AGENDA**

**Board Action:** A motion was made by Mr. Poston to approve the Consent Agenda items as follows:

- A. Personnel Recommendations as Required by Law;**
- B. Home School Applications;**
- C. Monitoring Report: GC-6 Annual Work Plan;**
- D. Monitoring Report: OE-13 Facilities Quarterly Report;**
- E. Monitoring Report: OE-2 Emergency Succession;**
- F. Education Fund Distribution – District 5; and**
- G. Education Fund Distribution – District 6**

The motion was seconded by Ms. Graham 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 Ms. Timms and seconded by Mr. Cox to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 7:34 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 - 9 Responses

*5 = strongly agree, 4 = agree, 3 = neither agree nor disagree, 2 = disagree, 1 = strongly disagree*

**August 22, 2016**

*Date*

### Agenda

Reports are clear, well prepared and provide adequate information for decision making.

**42 / 4.67**

The majority of agenda items focus on our core purpose.

**39 / 4.34**

### Meetings

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

**41 / 4.56**

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

**40 / 4.45**

### Community

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

**40 / 4.45**

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

**40 / 4.45**

(8 Responses)

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.

**42 / 4.67**

### Work / Policies

Board decisions are based on thoughtful analysis of available information.

**40 / 4.45**

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

**37 / 4.12**

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

**38 / 4.23**

### Comments:

There were no comments.