

HORRY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES BOARD MEETING District Office June 20, 2016

The following were in attendance:

Board of Education

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

Horry County Schools' Staff

Jeanna Allen	Edi Cox	Rick Maxey
Velna Allen	Kim Floyd	Valerie McNeill
Mary Anderson	John Gardner	Boone Myrick
Edward Boyd	Kenny Generette	Vann Pennell
Daryl Brown	Roger Gray	Beverly Pilkey
Dottie Brown	Ben Hardee	Jayson Powers
Joe Burch	Charles Hucks, Jr.	Lucas Richardson
Travis Causey	Karen Hutson	Heather Sheehan
Dena Chatfield	Ruthenia Johnson	Rhonda Snowden
Carolyn Chestnut	Robin Jones	David Stoudenmire
Mary Clark	H. T. Lee	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 JUNE 20, 2016, AT 6:00 P.M. – CALL TO ORDER

Chairman DeFeo called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

A. Invocation

Mr. Cox offered the invocation.

B. Presentation of Colors, Pledge of Allegiance

North Myrtle Beach High School's Navy JROTC presented the colors and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. Approval of Agenda

Under Business, a new Item "E. Principal Employment During Summer Months," will be added to the agenda.

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

D. Approval of Minutes – June 6, 2016

Board Action: A motion was made by Mr. Winters and seconded by Mr. James to approve the June 6, 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. RECOGNITIONS

A. Army Retired Colonel Stephen Cellucci Inducted into the Army ROTC National Hall of Fame

Colonel Stephen Cellucci, Senior Army Instructor for St. James High School, was recognized for being among the first class to be inducted into the Army ROTC National Hall of Fame recently in Fort Knox, Kentucky.

B. Introduction of Candidates Seeking Election to the Board of Education

Mr. DeFeo called for any candidates who were present and who were seeking election to the Board of Education to introduce themselves. The following persons announced themselves:

Chris Hardwick, District 9

David Cox, District 4

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Pat Milley spoke during Public Comments on the public health crisis in the schools of Horry County.

4. DISCUSSION

A. Technology Committee Report

Ms. Morreale stated that the recommended action of the Technology Committee is included in the Board packet and that Item 1 on the recommendation should be corrected by adding, “for resource classrooms,” at the end of the last sentence. She shared that the Committee believes one device for every two children will be as effective as the 1 to 1 implementation and save money to put into other areas, with any savings to be used for facilities needs in the Conway attendance area. Ms. Graham shared that the savings noted of approximately \$1.4 million to be used for facilities needs in the Conway area is appreciated, however, she estimates the needs in the Conway area to be in the neighborhood of \$2-300 million at this time. Ms. Graham asked that conversation about the facilities needs in the Conway area remain on the table. Mr. James shared that it has been the commitment of the Board to provide a device to all 3rd graders and above. To reconsider and place one device for every two students is a deviation from the original direction. Mr. James also stated that if we were going to reduce any initiatives to save money, we should have had that discussion before we approved the budget, as he would have put more emphasis on this as a priority rather than some other initiatives if we needed to prioritize, as the budget as approved fully funds the PDL initiative. Mr. Poston shared that he agrees with the points made by Mr. James and will vote against this recommendation because he does not feel this plan does enough. Charles Hucks provided an explanation of the cost savings on going with the plan

that is being recommended by the Technology Committee versus the cost of providing a device for all 3rd and 4th graders. Mr. Winters offered an explanation of the Committee's reasoning for the decision to go with a two to one deployment with the devices. Mr. Cox stated that principals have shared with him that they want as many PDLs as they can get because of the success in the higher grades. Ms. Graham shared that the Title I schools are pleased with the 1 to 1. Mr. DeFeo stated that he has requested evidence of the impact of the PDLs, and to date, that information has not been provided. Dr. Maxey shared that anytime social science research is conducted, it is very difficult to attribute a cause and effect relationship between variables because people are different and they respond to different things. We cannot state that we can substantiate with 100% accuracy that we have data that use of the devices in the elementary grades has had an impact. However, Dr. Maxey added that during the principal conferences that he is currently involved in, principals have indicated a positive effect. We are seeing improvement in literacy. Dr. Maxey added that while we cannot guarantee that the PDLs did this, he does believe that when you have the ability to personalize instruction to reach all the students in the room and not just the middle, you will see some advantages.

B. Follow-up Information Regarding Mr. Winters' Alternative Proposal for New Carolina Forest Attendance Area School

Mr. Brown shared that at a previous Board meeting, the Board asked administration to investigate offering an intermediate school option as proposed by Mr. Winters for the Carolina Forest attendance area. An analysis of an intermediate school design and a middle school design was provided.

C. Monitoring Report: OE-11 – Discipline

The OE-11 monitoring report was provided. Mr. Poston asked that while we are in the season of appointing Advisory Board members that Board members try to find Advisory Board members who can serve the dual role of Advisory Board member and Appeal Board member because this is such an important part of our process. Mr. DeFeo stated that we may need to look at offering pay for participation in the appeal hearings as a way to encourage more participation. Ms. Timms suggested the Board hold more discussion on this topic when Board meetings resume in August. Mr. DeFeo added that we might hold discussion on this topic during a retreat.

Mr. Poston asked for information on which of the Advisory Board members have gone through the training and are participating. Mr. Brown affirmed that this information could be gathered.

Mr. James shared that he applauds the principals and administration for the job that they do given what they deal with.

D. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Maxey shared that he originally intended to bring forth a recommendation for the principals of two schools, i.e., Myrtle Beach Primary and Conway High. Due to the agenda item that was added, that will address Dr. Maxey's concern.

5. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Board Action: A motion was made by Mr. James and seconded by Ms. Graham to move into Executive Session to discuss Personnel Recommendations. The motion carried and the Board moved into Executive Session at 7:27 p.m.

Board Action: A motion was made by Mr. Winters and seconded by Ms. Timms to return to open session. The motion carried and the Board returned to open session at 7:52 p.m.

6. BUSINESS

A. Personnel Recommendations

Dr. Maxey made a recommendation to the Board that effective July 1, Mr. Jayson Powers be named as the principal of the Academy for Technology and Academics.

Board Action: A motion was made by Mr. James to approve the Superintendent's recommendation. The motion was seconded by Ms. Todd and carried unanimously. The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

B. PDL in Grades 3 – 4

Board Action: A motion was made by Ms. Morreale to provide iPads (64g) to students in grades 3 and 4 beginning with the 2016-17 school year with a distribution model of one (1) iPad for every two (2) students. The iPad purchase would not include Apple Care. Also, each school with grades 3 and 4 would receive an additional 15 iPads per resource classroom, as well as diverting savings from the capital funds for PDL that result from a 2:1 model rather than 1:1 in grades 3-4 to facility repair needs at Conway schools. Mr. Winters noted that with the addition of the clarification that the 15 iPads are per resource classroom, he seconds the Motion.

The motion carried as follows: Heniford, Todd, Winters, Morreale, Cox, and Timms – in favor; Richardson, Graham, Poston, James, and Garland – opposed. The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

C. Alternative Proposal for New Carolina Forest Attendance Area School

Board Action: A motion was made by Mr. Winters that with regard to the new Carolina Forest attendance area school, that Ocean Bay Middle School be converted to a grade 5-6 model, and the new Carolina Forest middle school be a grade 7-8 model. However, should the motion fail, then both schools will be configured as originally planned as grade 6-8 schools. The motion was seconded by Ms. Todd. The motion failed as follows: Todd, Winters, and Morreale – in favor; Heniford, Richardson, Cox, Timms, Graham, Poston, James, and Garland – opposed.

D. Board Committee Assignments

Mr. DeFeo recommends assigning new Board member, Kathy Richardson, to the Technology Committee and the Human Resources Committee.

Board Action: A motion was made by Mr. James and seconded by Ms. Timms to assign Ms. Richardson to the Technology Committee and the Human Resources Committee. The motion carried unanimously. The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

E. Principal Employment During Summer Months

Board Action: A motion was made by Ms. Graham to approve granting permission to the Superintendent to issue employment contracts to qualified candidates for principal positions at Conway High School and Myrtle Beach Primary School. The Board agrees to ratify employment contracts issued pursuant to this grant of authority at the Board meeting on August 8, 2016. The motion was seconded by Ms. Timms and carried unanimously. The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

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

- A. Personnel Recommendations as Required by Law;**
- B. Monitoring Report: R-6 Personnel Success and Citizenship; and**
- C. Monitoring Report: OE-12 Learning Environment/Treatment of Students**

The motion was seconded by Ms. Morreale and the Consent Agenda items were approved as presented. The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Board Action: A motion was made by Ms. Timms and seconded by Ms. Morreale to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 7:59 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,



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

Approved: _____

Board Performance Indicators - 10 Responses

June 20, 2016

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.

43 / 4.3

The majority of agenda items focus on our core purpose.

45 / 4.5

Meetings

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

44 / 4.4

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

45 / 4.5

Community

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

43 / 4.3

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

43 / 4.3

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

47 / 4.7

Superintendent Relationship

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

44 / 4.4

Work / Policies

Board decisions are based on thoughtful analysis of available information.

41 / 4.1

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

42 / 4.2

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

43 / 4.3

Comments:

There were no comments.