

# HORRY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

## ***MINUTES BOARD MEETING District Office November 23, 2015***

The following persons were present:

### **Board of Education**

Joe DeFeo, Chairman	Holly Heniford	John Poston
David Cox, Vice-Chair	Neil James	Sherrie Todd
Jeffrey Garland	Kay Loftus	Ray Winters
Janet Graham	Janice Morreale	

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

Mary Anderson	Becky Hinson	Beverly Pilkey
Ashley Blankenship	Jill Jeter	Lucas Richardson
Edward Boyd	Kelly Johnson	Buffy Roberts
Daryl Brown	Dyneen Kenley	Scott Scrivener
Dottie Brown	H.T. Lee	Heather Sheehan
Jackie Bryant	Cindy Magrath	Judy Shelley
Edi Cox	Tammy Martin	Rhonda Snowden
Kim Floyd	Rick Maxey	Judy Stall
John Gardner	Valerie McNeill	Kristin Wilson
Kenny Generette	Paula Mullis	Kelley Wilttrout
Sie Gilbert	Boone Myrick	Mark Wolfe
Roger Gray		

*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 NOVEMBER 23, 2015, AT 6:00 P.M. – CALL TO ORDER**

#### **A. Invocation**

Chairman DeFeo called the meeting to order. Mr. Cox gave the invocation.

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

Socastee High School Air Force JROTC presented the colors and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

Upon the call for approval of the Minutes, Mrs. Loftus made a motion that the Board reconsider Item 3-A under Business, Capital Budget and RFP 1415-91, from the November 2, 2015, Board meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Poston. Mr. Generette advised that it was in order for Mrs. Loftus to make a motion, and with the motion having a second, the Board should entertain this motion for consideration on tonight's

agenda. Mr. Generette added that if the motion as made is approved by the Board, the agenda would be amended to add this item to tonight's agenda for discussion.

A vote was called and the vote failed with Loftus and Poston voting in favor and Cox, DeFeo, Garland, Graham, Heniford, James, Morreale, Todd, and Winters opposed.

A motion was made by Ms. Heniford and seconded by Mr. Cox to approve the agenda. The motion carried with Mrs. Loftus opposed. The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

**D. Approval of Minutes – October 26, 2015, and November 2, 2015**

A motion was made by Mr. Cox and seconded by Mrs. Todd to approve the October 26, 2015, and November 2, 2015, minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously, The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

**2. RECOGNITIONS**

**A. St. James High School – Girls Varsity Golf Team – Class AAA State Champions**

Teal Harding, together with Vann Pennell, Principal of St. James High School, and the Girls Varsity Golf Team coaches recognized the St. James High School Girls Varsity Golf Team for having recently won the Class AAA State Championship in golf.

**B. Myrtle Beach High School Girls Varsity Tennis Team – Class AAA State Champions**

Teal Harding, together with John Washburn, Principal of Myrtle Beach High School and John Cahill, Athletic Director for Myrtle Beach High School, recognized the Myrtle Beach High School Girls Varsity Tennis Team for having recently won the Class AAA State Championship in tennis.

**C. Socastee High School Air Force JROTC – Distinguished Unit Award**

Teal Harding, together with Dr. Paul Browning, Principal of Socastee High School, recognized the Air Force JROTC Unit SC821 of Socastee High School for having been selected to receive the Air Force JROTC Distinguished Unit Award.

**3. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Ms. Patricia Milley addressed the Board on the topic, "Let our children be children."

**4. DISCUSSION**

**A. Joint Facilities-Finance Committee Report**

Mr. James, Facilities Committee Chairperson, advised the Board that several items will be coming forth at the next meeting, to include: 1) assistance for project management for the new construction projects; 2) a recommendation on how to handle the tenants of Myrtle Beach Family Learning Center during construction; 3) discussion regarding the Conway area schools; and 4) a recommendation from the Facilities Committee to be voted on at the next Board meeting to modify the equipment budget to add an additional \$208,423, to provide additional student desks, chairs, and other furniture due to the increase in student population, as well as additional bulletin boards, desks, conference tables, and filing cabinets. This will also cover the cost of repairs to some furniture that is in need of repair or replacement.

Mr. Garland, the Finance Committee Chairperson, reported that Mr. Robbie Ferris of First Floor presented information on two possible financing options for the new construction projects. There will be another Finance Committee meeting on December 9, 2015, at 12:00 noon, at the Facilities complex, to discuss how to proceed. Mr. Garland anticipates there will be a motion coming forward to the full Board at their next meeting.

**B. Monitoring Report: OE-8 Communicating with the Board**

Kenny Generette reported on Monitoring Report: OE-8 Communicating with the Board. Mr. Poston stated that he thinks the Superintendent is doing a good job of giving external information to the Board from those who have input into the District. Mr. Poston added that he thinks it would be interesting to him and perhaps the Board, if they could get a summary report from each of the Superintendent's Cabinets. This would allow the Board to have that input as they make decisions.

**C. Monitoring Report: R-1 Literacy**

Boone Myrick and Edward Boyd reported on Monitoring Report: R-1 Literacy.

**D. General Fund – Fund Balance**

John Gardner reported to the Board on the District's ending fund balance as of June 30, 2015. The document will be ready to submit to the State Department on December 1. Our auditor will present the 2015 audit to the full Board in January 2016.

**E. Purchase of .06 Acre Adjacent to North Myrtle Beach Middle School**

Daryl Brown shared that the administration recommends the Board approve the purchase of .06 acre from Santee Cooper at a cost of \$1,600. This will allow the relocation of the fire lane at North Myrtle Beach Middle School.

**F. Superintendent's Report**

1) National Blue Ribbon School Awards Ceremony – Dr. Maxey shared that he appreciates the Board adjusting their meeting schedule in order that he could travel to Washington, D.C. on November 9 to participate with three of our schools that were recognized as National Blue Ribbon School winners. He added that he firmly believes that our greatest resource is our people, and that we have great schools in our County. The three schools recognized were Forestbrook Middle School, Lakewood Elementary School, and Myrtle Beach Intermediate School.

**6. BUSINESS**

A motion was made by Mr. James and seconded by Mr. Garland to enter into Business Session. The motion carried unanimously. The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

**A. Approve Design-Build Contracts**

Mr. Keith Powell, attorney with Childs and Halligan, stated that on November 2, 2015, the Board authorized the award of the five design-build projects to First Floor Energy Positive. The District's procurement code provides for a protest period. The notice of intent is posted on the District's webpage and no protests have been received. The protest period has ended and the Board may proceed with approving the contracts and authorizing the Board Chair to execute the contracts. A motion was then made by Mr. Cox as follows: The protest period has expired for the awards of five design-build construction contracts to First Floor Energy Positive, LLC, as directed by this Board on November 2, 2015. Therefore, I move that the Board Chair is

authorized to sign these five contracts immediately. The motion was seconded by Ms. Morreale and carried as follows: Cox, Garland, Graham, Heniford, Loftus, Morreale, Todd, and Winters – in favor; James and Poston – opposed. The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

**B. Purchase of .06 Acre Adjacent to North Myrtle Beach Middle School**

Mr. James recused himself from any discussion or vote on this matter because he is an employee of Santee Cooper, and Santee Cooper is the seller in this matter.

Ms. Heniford made a motion to approve the purchase of .06 acre adjacent to North Myrtle Beach Middle School from Santee Cooper at a cost of \$1,600. The motion was seconded by Mr. Winters and carried. The Board Chair and Board Member James did not cast a vote on this item.

**C. Advisory Board Appointment(s)**

Mrs. Todd made a motion to reappoint Ms. Tewana Denney for a 2-year term on the Myrtle Beach Advisory Board. The motion was seconded by Mr. Winters and carried unanimously. The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

**6. CONSENT AGENDA**

A motion was made by Ms. Heniford and seconded by Ms. Morreale to approve the Consent Agenda items which include:

Personnel Recommendations  
Monitoring Report: OE-6 Financial Administration  
Education Fund Distributions for Districts 3, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, and 11.

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

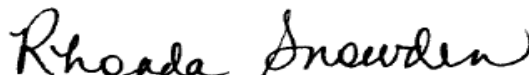
**7. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Mr. Cox and seconded by Ms. Morreale to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned. 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

11/23/2015

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.

44 / 4.4

The majority of agenda items focus on our core purpose.

43 / 4.3

### Meetings

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

40 / 4.0

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

42 / 4.2

### Community

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

41 / 4.1

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

(9 responses)  
35 / 3.9

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

(9 responses)  
38 / 4.2

### 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.

41 / 4.1

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

(3 responses)  
10 / 3.3

### Comments:

Great meeting