HORRY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

M I N U T E S
BOARD MEETING
District Office
September 28, 2015

The following persons were present:

Board of Education

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

Horry County Schools' Staff

Velna Allen	Kenneth Generette	Lane Powell
Mary Anderson	Tanya Gray	Sandy Reyes
Bobbi Antonucci	Roger Gray	Lucas Richardson
Robin Bolling	Stephanie Green	Mary Beth Roach
Emily Borrello	Ben Hardee	Angela Rush
Edward Boyd	Sandra Henson	Barbara Schlidt
Dottie Brown	Charles Hucks, Jr.	Heather Sheehan
Daryl Brown	Robin Jones	Rhonda Snowden
Paul Browning	H.T. Lee	Greg Sponseller
Joe Burch	Rick Maxey	Judy Stall
Dena Chatfield	Michael McCracken	Trevor Strawderman
Carolyn Chestnut	Valerie McNeill	Diane Thompson
Charles Conant	Boone Myrick	Tammy Trulove
Laura Farmer	Vann Pennell	John Washburn
Diane Formhals	Beverly Pilkey	Melissa Westbury
John Gardner	Susan Powell	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 SEPTEMBER 28, 2015, AT 6:00 P.M. – CALL TO ORDER

A. Invocation

Chairman DeFeo called the meeting to order. Mr. James gave the invocation. Mr. James asked for a moment of silence in honor of a Loris Middle School student who recently passed away.

B. Presentation of Colors and Pledge of Allegiance

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

C. Approval of Agenda

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

D. Approval of Minutes – September 14, 2015, and September 21, 2015
A motion was made by Mr. Winters and seconded by Ms. Timms to approve the September 14, 2015, and September 21, 2015, minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously. The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

2. RECOGNITIONS

A. Schools Scoring Above the National Average on SAT and ACT
Teal Harding and Velna Allen presented awards to the schools who scored at or above the national average on the SAT and ACT. The national average on the SAT is 1,490. The state average on the SAT is 1,442. Horry County's average on the SAT is 1,489. The schools who met or exceeded the national average on the SAT are Carolina Forest High School at 1,501; Myrtle Beach High School at 1,499; North Myrtle Beach High School at 1,601; Socastee High School at 1,525; and the Academy for Arts, Science and Technology at 1,607. North Myrtle Beach High School and the Academy for Arts, Science and Technology are in the top 10% in the state in terms of their performance on the SAT.

Horry County's composite score on the ACT is 21.1, which is a gain of .4 of one point, and surpasses the national average of 21.0 and the state average of 20.4. While Horry County Schools made gains on the ACT, both the state and national averages were unchanged. The number of students taking the ACT was the same as the prior year. The schools who met or exceeded the national average on the ACT are the Academy for Arts, Science and Technology at 23.2; Aynor High School at 21.1; Carolina Forest High School at 21.7; North Myrtle Beach High School at 21.4; St. James High School at 22.0; and Socastee High School at 22.5.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no requests to address the Board during Public Comments.

4. DISCUSSION

A. Finance Committee Meeting Report
Mr. Poston reported from the Finance Committee that Mr. Garland has been elected as Chairman of the Finance Committee for 2015-16. Also, the Finance Committee and the Facilities Committee have scheduled a joint meeting, which is set for October 6, 2015. The ambition of that meeting is to look at an update of the budget for capital improvements.

B. Board Performance Sheets
This item was discussed previously during the Board Retreat. The recommendation is to include a summary of the evaluation forms as a part of the minutes for each meeting. The Board is required to have some mechanism in place to evaluate and assess the Board's effectiveness and this tool will serve to meet that requirement. This item will be on the agenda under Business at the next Board meeting.

C. Advisory Board Member Term Limits
Current Board policy states that a community member may serve on an Advisory Board for a one-year term. The recommendation is to extend this to allow community members to serve a two-year term on the Advisory Boards. If a Board member determines that the community member should not continue to serve after the first year, then the Board member may recommend that the person be replaced. This item will be on the agenda under Business at the next Board meeting.

D. Superintendent's Report

1) District/School Sustainability Efforts
A recent news story which was aired by WPDE TV-15 about composting efforts at River Oaks Elementary School was shared. Greg Sponseller, who has worked with the schools to help create initiatives such as the composting program, provided information with the Board regarding District sustainability efforts. We have pilot composting programs at River Oaks Elementary, Burgess Elementary, and Ocean Bay Middle Schools. This program takes recycling to the next level. As of September 25th, Horry County Schools has diverted 18 tons of organic waste from the landfill. Currently the District collects more than 3 tons of compostable material per week. Mr. Poston commented that the Horry County Solid Waste Authority has been a tremendous partner with Horry County Schools through the Talking Trash program and now through this program. Mr. Poston added from this Board to their Board we want to publicly say thank you for being a partner with Horry County Schools on recycling efforts.

2) Additional Item
Dr. Maxey encouraged everyone to pay special attention to the media tomorrow at 10:00 a.m. The United States Department of Education is going to make an announcement regarding the National Blue Ribbon School program. We have three schools who are competing.

5. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Discussion of Proposed Purchase of Property
A motion was made by Mr. James and seconded by Ms. Heniford to enter into executive session to discuss proposed purchase of property. The motion carried unanimously and the Board entered into executive session at 6:22 p.m. The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

A motion was made by Mr. Poston and seconded by Mrs. Loftus to return to open session. The motion carried unanimously and the Board returned to open session at 7:00 p.m. The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

6. BUSINESS

A. Funding for Socastee High School Track
Mr. James shared that this was discussed at the Board's last meeting, and is an effort to bring Socastee High School's track up to a metric track and make it comparable to the other tracks in the County. This is a recommendation from the Facilities Committee and that serves as a motion and second. There was no further discussion and the motion carried unanimously. The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

B. Integrated Project Delivery Method for North Myrtle Beach High School Renovation
This is a recommendation from the Facilities Committee and that serves as a motion and second. There was no discussion and the motion carried unanimously. The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

C. Facilities Building Repairs
This item is to repair the roof on the Facilities building. The roof has failed and making repairs to the roof at this point causes more damage. This comes as a recommendation from the Facilities Committee and that

serves as a motion and second. The motion carried unanimously. The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

D. Incorporation of Technical Specification Guidelines into Education Specifications
This is a recommendation from the Facilities Committee and that serves as a motion and second. There was no discussion and the motion carried unanimously. The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

E. Advisory Board Appointments
Green Sea Floyds Advisory Board – Mr. James recommended that Kevin Lovett and Sunshine Blevins be reappointed, each for a two-year term. The recommendation was seconded by Mr. Garland and carried unanimously. The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

Carolina Forest Advisory Board – Mr. Poston shared that a Carolina Forest Advisory Board member resigned and he recommends appointing Danielle Davis to serve the remaining one year of Jennie Iagulli's two-year term. The recommendation was seconded by Ms. Timms and carried unanimously. The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

St. James Advisory Board – Ms. Morreale recommended that Nicole Beyersdorf be reappointed for another two-year term. The recommendation was seconded by Mr. Cox and carried unanimously. The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

North Myrtle Beach Advisory Board – Ms. Heniford recommended that Cheryl Nicholl be reappointed to serve a two-year term. The recommendation was seconded by Mrs. Todd and carried unanimously. The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

Myrtle Beach Advisory Board – Mrs. Todd recommended the reappointment of Penny Vlandis and Corrado Berloffa, each for an additional two-year term. The recommendation was seconded by Mr. James and carried unanimously. The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Personnel Recommendations as Required by law

B. Act 155 Diploma Requests

C. Monitoring Report: OE-3 Treatment of Stakeholders

A motion was made by Mr. James and seconded by Ms. Heniford to approve the Consent Agenda items which include: (A) Personnel Recommendations as Required by Law; (B) Act 155 Diploma Requests; and (C) Monitoring Report: OE-3 Treatment of Stakeholders. The motion carried unanimously. The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

8. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Ms. Heniford and seconded by Mr. Cox 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,

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Approved: _____