

HORRY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES BOARD MEETING District Office August 24, 2015

The following persons were present:

Board of Education

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

Horry County Schools' Staff

Jeanna Allen	Buddy George	Kerry Rabon
Mary Anderson	Roger Gray	Sandy Reyes
Edward Boyd	Joan Grimmett	Lucas Richardson
Daryl Brown	Traci Hogan	Paris Robbins
Dottie Brown	Robert Homer	Angela Rush
Joe Burch	Charles Hucks, Jr.	Donna Satterley
Dena Chatfield	Angela Huggins	Jenn Scott
Carolyn Chestnut	Kim Johnson	Heather Sheehan
Edi Cox	Robin Jones	Rhonda Snowden
David Cupolo	Renee Kearney	Judy Stall
Krissy Dowling	Rick Maxey	David Stoudenmire
Gaye Driggers	Natasha McDonald	Vicki Underwood
Laura Farmer	Joy McKinney	John Washburn
John Gardner	Valerie McNeill	Kristin Wilson
Diane Gaskins	Norman McQueen	Mark Wolfe
Ashley Gasperson	Boone Myrick	
Kenneth Generette	Beverly Pilkey	

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 24, 2015, AT 6:00 P.M. – CALL TO ORDER

A. Invocation

Chairman DeFeo called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Poston gave the invocation.

B. Presentation of Colors, Pledge of Allegiance

Carolina Forest High School Navy JROTC presented the colors and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. Approval of Agenda

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

D. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. James to approve the August 10, 2015, minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Timms and carried unanimously. The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

2. RECOGNITIONS

A. SCSBA Boardmanship Institute

Mr. DeFeo recognized Ms. Holly Heniford and Mr. Ray Winters for having achieved Level 1 of the SCSBA Boardmanship Institute during the FY2014-15. Both were presented with a certificate of recognition for their accomplishment.

B. Food Service Employees

Laura Farmer recognized school nutrition professionals for having furthered their education and earned certification through the School Nutrition Association. Those recognized were Mary Hyman, the child nutrition manager at Carolina Forest High School; Renee Kearney, the child nutrition assistant manager at Carolina Forest High School; Kerry Rabon, the child nutrition assistant manager at River Oaks Elementary School; and Diane Beaudry, the child nutrition assistant manager at Myrtle Beach Elementary School.

Three HCS' employees currently serve on the Executive Board for the School Nutrition Association of South Carolina which are Jennifer Scott, child nutrition manager at Ocean Drive Elementary; Laura Todd, child nutrition manager at Homewood Elementary School; and Laura Farmer, the District's School Food Services Director. This year, Kimberly Johnson, District Food Service Field Trainer, will serve as the 2015-16 State President of the South Carolina School Nutrition Association.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

League of Women Voters – A presentation was made on behalf of the League of Women Voters, noting that September 22, 2015, is National Voter Registration Day.

Keith Williams – Mr. Williams passed around photographs and spoke regarding the dangers of the traffic situation around Carolina Forest High School. Mr. Williams stated that in his professional opinion, this intersection requires stoplights and crosswalks.

4. DISCUSSION

A. New State Teacher Evaluation Model – Mary Anderson and Boone Myrick

Mary Anderson shared that there is a change for the teacher evaluation model for the coming year. The State Department of Education submitted a waiver, which was not approved. Therefore, changes came to us in July. At that time, we began training our staff members so that we could implement the changes. For the upcoming school year, the performance dimension, which we typically think of as observation, will count 80% of a teacher's evaluation. The other 20% will come from student learning objectives, which is a plan to measure student growth. Last year, 100% of the teacher evaluation came from observations.

B. Proclamation for Constitution Week – September 17-23, 2015 – Kenneth Generette

Constitution Week is September 17 – 23, 2015. The Daughters of the American Revolution have asked that Horry County Schools issue a Constitution Week Proclamation.

C. Local Board-Approved Courses – Boone Myrick

The State Board of Education allows local school districts to approve elective courses for credit. There are certain requirements that must be met to create those courses. Dr. Maxey shared that it was recently brought to his attention that we have not been submitting these courses to the Board for approval. Dr. Maxey stated that henceforth, all local Board approved courses will come before the Board. Two courses are being presented to the Board for consideration at this time. Boone Myrick shared the process that the District follows. The schools look at the needs of their students and determine courses they would like to offer, which often are outside of the State approved courses. If the course is not an approved course, the schools must complete an application and obtain the principal's approval, as well as the appropriate level executive director. Courses are then brought to the Board for consideration/approval.

D. Bridgewater Academy Contract Amendment Request – Heather Sheehan

Heather Sheehan, as the liaison for charter schools, presented a request by Bridgewater Academy to amend their charter to allow their class size to be increased from a ratio of 17:1 to a ratio of 19:1.

E. Monitoring Report: OE-2 Emergency Superintendent Succession

Rick Maxey shared that according to Board Governance Policy OE-2, the Superintendent shall designate at least one other executive staff member, with Board approval, who is familiar with the Board's governance process and issues of current concern, and is capable of assuming superintendent responsibilities on an emergency basis. Dr. Maxey recommends to the Board that Edward Boyd be named to serve as the designee in this role.

F. Superintendent's Report

1) Update on Opening of Schools

The first day of school was Thursday, August 20. For several years, we have sent District administrators to all school locations to visit and to determine if there are any issues with the opening of school, whether with buildings, buses, textbooks, etc. At the end of the first day, all of the administrators meet to debrief and discuss any issues that were observed. We are happy to report there were a few minor problems, but overall, the opening of school was very successful.

Dr. Maxey noted that the operating schedule has changed this year for Horry County Education Center. They now operate from 9:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. for students.

One other schedule change is that Daisy Elementary School began operating on a regular school calendar versus the year-round schedule.

Operations Issues – Loop Roads – Daryl Brown reported on loop roads. Three have been installed, which are at Daisy Elementary, Seaside Elementary, and St. James High School.

We have one modular classroom at Aynor High, three at Burgess Elementary, and eight modular units at Myrtle Beach Primary. The only ones in service at this time are at Myrtle Beach Primary. Mark Wolfe reported that with the new process of leasing the modular units, we have experienced a few minor difficulties with required inspections. We are working with the manufacturer to get those issues corrected, which we expect to have completed this week.

Human Resources Update – Mary Anderson reported that we now have 23.5 vacancies if the personnel recommendations presented to the Board tonight are approved. Two of the vacancies are special education, one media specialist, and one guidance counselor vacancy.

2) 2015-16 One-to-one Rollout

Charles Hucks provided a handout and gave an update on PDL distribution for this year.

3) S.C. Curriculum Standards

Boone Myrick provided an overview of South Carolina curriculum standards. The official title for the South Carolina state standards is South Carolina College and Career Readiness Standards. There are some differences from previous standards, which Ms. Myrick highlighted. The State provides the curriculum standards, however, our teachers develop the curriculum documents.

5. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Contractual Matter Related to the Purchase of Property

A motion was made by Mr. James and seconded by Mr. Garland to move into Executive Session to discuss a contractual matter related to the purchase of property. The motion carried and the Board moved into Executive Session at 6:46 p.m. The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

Return from Executive Session

A motion was made by Mr. James and seconded by Mr. Garland for the Board to return from Executive Session. The motion carried and the Board returned to open session. The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

6. BUSINESS

A. Proclamation for Constitution Week

A motion was made by Mr. Garland and seconded by Mr. Winters for the Board of Education to execute a Proclamation to proclaim the week of September 17 through 23, 2015, as Constitution Week. The motion carried unanimously. The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

B. Local Board-Approved Courses

A motion was made by Mr. James and seconded by Mr. Garland to approve two local Board-approved courses, Foundations in Algebra Seminar, and Broadcast Journalism II, both of which will carry 1.0 units of credit. The motion carried unanimously. The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

C. Bridgewater Academy Contract Amendment Request

Mr. DeFeo noted that Mr. Winters will recuse himself from this vote. A motion was made by Mr. James to approve the amendment request to their charter to increase their class size from a 17:1 ratio to a 19:1 ratio. The motion was seconded by Mr. Garland. The motion carried with all in favor. Mr. Winters and the Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

D. Advisory Board Appointments

North Myrtle Beach Advisory Board – Ms. Heniford made a motion to appoint Pam Schorr and Timothy Vereen to the North Myrtle Beach Advisory Board, to each serve a two-year term. The motion was seconded by Mr. James and carried unanimously. The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

Myrtle Beach Advisory Board – Mrs. Todd made a motion to re-appoint Spencer Clark to the Myrtle Beach Advisory Board for a two-year term. The motion was seconded by Mr. Winters and carried unanimously. The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

St. James Advisory Board – Ms. Morreale made a motion to appoint Jamie Hammonds and Joe Sandefur to the St. James Advisory Board, both for two-year terms, and who will replace Rodney Brown and Dr. Mark Mitchell. Dr. Mark Mitchell is recommended to serve as the Community Member for a one-year term. The motion was seconded by Mr. Garland and carried unanimously. The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

Socastee Advisory Board – Ms. Timms made a motion to re-appoint Dana Smith, Kami Newman, and Tanya Barron, each for two-year terms, to the Socastee Advisory Board. The motion was seconded by Mr. Poston and carried unanimously. The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

Green Sea Floyds Advisory Board – Mr. James stated that Randy Milligan has asked to step down from his position with the Green Sea Floyds Advisory Board, as his children have graduated. His term was scheduled to expire in 2016. Mr. James made a motion to appoint Cole Graham to fill the remainder of Mr. Milligan's unexpired term. The motion was seconded by Mr. Garland and carried unanimously.

Aynor Advisory Board – Mr. Garland made a motion to re-appoint Doyle Nobles and Scott Goff, each for a two-year term, to the Aynor Advisory Board. Sean Huff has completed three terms and asked not to be re-appointed. The motion was seconded by Mr. James and carried unanimously. The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

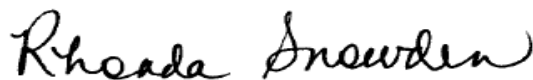
7. CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Ms. Heniford and seconded by Mr. Winters to approve the consent agenda items, which include, A) Personnel Recommendations as Required by Law; and B) Act 155 Diploma Requests. The motion carried unanimously. The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

8. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. James to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Timms and carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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

Approved: _____