

HORRY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES

Board Meeting & Board Retreat

District Office

June 30, 2014

Board of Education

Joe DeFeo, Chairman	Janet Graham	John Poston
David Cox	Neil James	Pam Timms
Harvey Eisner	Karen McIlrath	Jimmy Washington
Jeffrey Garland	Janice Morreale	

Horry County Schools Staff

Cindy Ambrose	John Gardner	Boone Myrick
Joe Burch	Kenneth Generette	Beverly Pilkey
Dena Chatfield	Ben Hardee	Lucas Richardson
Carolyn Chestnut	Leann Hill	Angela Rush
Matt Dean	Tracy Hogan	Addie Swinney
Laura Farmer	Rick Maxey	

Chairman DeFeo called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Cox gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda

Moved by Mr. James and seconded by Mr. Poston, the Board unanimously agreed to add Public Comments to the agenda and remove 2E and 5E Community Eligibility.

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.

Public Comments

Patricia Green was called to speak regarding graduation requirements.

Approval of June 9, 2014 Minutes

Moved by Mrs. Graham, seconded by Mr. James, the Board unanimously approved the Minutes of June 9, 2014 Meeting.

Reassessment

John Gardner discussed the Horry County Reassessment of Property Taxes. Mr. James asked if Mr. Gardner predicts a reduction in millage value. Mr. Gardner explained that review of values as of December 31, 2013 is necessary, but he anticipates a \$30 million decrease. There was brief discussion on revaluation timeline and factors considered in reaching the determined value.

Operational Expectations 11 - Discipline

Dena Chatfield reviewed OE11 – Discipline and the data compiled for 2013-14 school year which included incident counts. She stated that coding of incidents will be a priority in the upcoming school year to avoid any discrepancies with code usage.

Mr. Poston expressed concern over the elementary data and enforcement consistency. He asked if action was being taken to correct discipline behaviors, eliminate the issue going forward, and ensure information is captured accurately. Mrs. Chatfield noted that she is in the process of analyzing the residual information and that should be available in August. Mr. James commended the fact that serious issues are decreasing but was concerned that the data does not appear to be consistent. Dr. Elsberry added that numbers tend to fluctuate with new administrators. She also noted that this information was received shortly before the meeting. It was agreed that more analysis is needed and the data should be presented by level, by school and indicate the percentage of change from year to year as well.

Operational Expectations 12 - Learning Environment/Treatment of Students

Mrs. Chestnut reviewed OE12 with the Board. Mr. Poston asked for a list of which counseling program was associated with each school and if there is a way to document the impact on students. Mr. James asked if positive discipline was the same as PBIS (Positive Behavioral Intervention Supports) as discussed in previous years. Mrs. Chestnut answered that they are the same. She noted that a study had been conducted that showed that discipline at PBIS schools was about the same as non-PBIS schools. Mr. James asked what the students would say about the program. Mrs. Chestnut answered that there is positive feedback from the students.

Operational Expectations 13 - Facilities

Dr. Maxey reviewed OE13 with the Board as presented. He noted that the reporting timeframe would be modified to July, April, August and October.

2014-15 Annual Work Plan

Dr. Elsberry reviewed the Annual Work Plan for the Board.

Advisory Boards

Mr. Poston gave an overview of the proposed change to eight Carolina Forest advisory board members as a result of the change in attendance areas. It was noted that this item will be a business item at the next meeting. Mr. Poston added that the Conway advisory board does not require modification as there was dual representation from Conway.

Board governance policies:

Chairman DeFeo opened the Committee of the Whole to discuss Board Governance Policies. He noted that everyone has reviewed the proposed changes and there was no need to go line by line. He clarified that Attorney Generette had reviewed the ethics portion to ensure compliance with state law. Mr. Cox made a motion to approve the proposed changes, seconded by Mr. Washington; the floor was opened for discussion.

Mr. Eisner stated that he was opposed to the proposal for each Board member to have \$7,500 available for special projects. He further stated that he supports the establishment of sub-committees within the Board and is opposed to the item regarding the vice-chairman's ineligibility to be reelected.

Chairman DeFeo clarified that the portion discussing the vice president term would be removed.

Mr. Poston would like clarification on OE 13 with regard to the Superintendent having authority to approve change orders within 5% of projected budget. Chairman DeFeo said that the Superintendent may approve change orders under 5%. Mr. Poston suggested further review of this section.

Mr. Poston asked that Mr. Dean be invited to address the Board with regard to change orders. Mr. Dean also expressed concern but noted for the Board that once a project is bid it is presented to the Board and any updates to the budget are made at that time. After a brief discussion, it was moved by Mr. Poston, seconded by Mr. James to remove from OE-13 item 2. All voted in favor to remove item 2 and refer to this as Amendment 1.

Moved by Mr. Poston, seconded by Mr. Eisner, the Board further agreed to remove number 4 on GC-10 which references the \$7,500 educational stipend. Mrs. Graham expressed concern with the removal of this stipend, noting that the funds would truly benefit her district. Mr. Eisner reminded the Board the total of this stipend would be over \$80,000 which he felt could be used to address district-wide needs. The board voted against removing this item at this time.

Mr. Eisner noted for the Board that the establishment of sub-committees would be for informational purposes. Chairman DeFeo agreed that the committees would gather information for presentation to the Board. He further stated that this would assist the Board and address issues more expeditiously.

Mrs. Graham asked for clarification in OE 8 the term "significant" and requested clarification. It was suggested that this question be reviewed by the finance committee and not be removed at this time.

Dr. Elsberry reviewed R 6 and the suggested changes to the assessed values; Mr. James asked that punctuality be added to the list. Mrs. McIlrath moved and seconded by Mr. Poston, all voted in favor of the proposed changes to R6.

Dr. Elsberry reviewed R 8 for the Board clarifying the measurement tool used. Mr. Eisner suggested the Human Resources Committee review how to gauge perception and bring suggestions back to the whole Board.

There was brief discussion on the term limit imposed on vice chairman position. It was clarified that this would be removed.

Committee of the Whole vote - all in favor of motion to approve document with amendment 1.

Chairman DeFeo asked if the Board auditor referenced in item 7 under Board Responsibilities could be acquired through an RFP for the 2015/16 year in the September. Mr. Gardner answered that a September/October time frame would work well.

Executive Session

Moved by Mrs. Morreale, seconded by Mr. James, the Board agreed to enter Executive Session at 7:40 pm for Discussion of Personnel Matters and Negotiations with Regard to the Possible Purchase of Property.

Moved by Ms. Timms, seconded by Mr. Garland, the Board reentered regular session at 8:52 pm.

Short-Term Facility Plan

Mrs. Morreale expressed her concern to the Board regarding the recently approved Short Term Facility Plan. Mrs. Morreale motioned that the \$2 million previously designated for District Office improvements be removed. The motion was seconded by Janet Graham, the motion passed with Mr. Eisner in opposition.

Mrs. Morreale then motioned that \$2 million be added to Sustainment in the Short-Term Facility Plan. The motion was seconded by Mrs. McIlrath, all voted in favor.

Results 5 - Other Academic Disciplines

Dr. Elsberry noted revisions discussed at the previous meeting were made. Mr. Poston commended Dr. Elsberry on an excellent job and moved to approve the five Monitoring Reports being presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Eisner and all voted in favor. (Monitoring Report R 5 - Physical Education; R 5 – CATE; R 5 - Foreign Language; R 5 - Technology Applications - Revised; R 5 - Fine Arts – Revised; R 6 - Personal Success and Citizenship)

Advisory Boards

Chairman DeFeo opened the floor for Advisory Board appointments noting that each new appointee should receive a copy of the policy governing Advisory Boards.

Mr. Garland motioned to appoint Dana Lewis, Diane Bagnol and Shannon Holbrook to the Aynor Advisory Board. Mr. Cox seconded the motion, all voted in favor.

Mr. Cox motioned to re-appoint Renee Prince and James Edwards to the Loris Advisory Board. The motion was seconded by Mr. Washington, all voted in favor.

Mr. Poston motioned to re-appoint Lorraine Mallon, and appoint Melissa Bornfreund to the Carolina Forest Advisory Board. The motion was seconded by Mrs. McIlrath, all voted in favor.

Mr. James motioned to re-appoint Dow Enzor, and Randy Milligan to the Green Sea Floyds Advisory Board. The motion was seconded by Mr. Poston, all voted in favor.

Mrs. Morreale motioned to reappoint Angel Mack, Rodney Brown, and Kari Collins to the St. James Advisory Board. The motion was seconded by Ms. Timms, all voted in favor. Mrs. Morreale noted that

whereas Mrs. Collins' initial appointment was to complete a vacated term, when she is in her 4th term she will have served for only 7 years and would be eligible for reappointment at that time.

Mrs. McIlrath moved to appoint Donald Shanks to the Community Seat for 1 year and Spencer Clark to a Parent Seat for the Myrtle Beach Advisory Board. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Graham, all voted in favor.

Revised 2014-15 Board of Education Meeting Dates

Chairman DeFeo discussed the change in the calendar to include a tentative Work Session on April 13th and a Board Meeting on April 27th, and removal of the April 6th meeting. A motion was made by Mr. James to accept the revision to the 2014-15 Board of Education Meeting Dates. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cox, all voted in favor.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Washington moved to approve the consent agenda (personnel recommendations). Ms. Timms seconded the motion, all voted in favor.

Adjournment (Activated at 01:38:05)

Mr. Poston moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:01 pm. The motion was seconded by Ms. Timms, all voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Leann Hill
Executive Assistant to the Superintendent and Board of
Education