

HORRY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES – Board Meeting
June 9, 2014
District Office

The following persons were present:

Board of Education

Joe DeFeo, Chairman
 David Cox
 Harvey Eisner
 Jeffrey Garland

Neil James
 Kay Loftus
 Karen McIlrath
 Janice Morreale

John Poston
 Jimmy Washington

Horry County Schools Staff

Velna Allen	Ashley Gasperson	Beverly Pilkey
Cindy Ambrose	Angela Gore	Ben Prince
Mary Anderson	Melissa Graham	Lucas Richardson
Bobbi Antonucci	Roger Gray	Angela Rush
Judy Beard	Etta Greene	Donna Satterley
Emily Bilton	Sheila Hanelron	Barbara Schlidt
Daryl Brown	Ben Hardee	Heather Sheehan
Dottie Brown	Leann Hill	Judy Stall
Carolyn Chestnut	Charles Hucks	Jackie Stanley
Edi Cox	Angela Huggins	Addie Swinney
Samantha Coy	Michael Keyser	Diane Thompson
Kristy Crick	James LaPier	Tammy Trulove
Maquitta Davis	Cara LaPier	Vicki Underwood
Matt Dean	Mollie Laut	Ruthie Warren
Dennis Devorick	HT Lee	Kelley Wilttrout
Krissy Dowling	Cindy Magrath	Danny Wysong
Erin Ellis	Tammy Martin	Stephanie Yancy
Tami Elswick	Rick Maxey	
Kim Floyd	Norman McQueen	
Penny Foye	Paula Mullis	
Sally Froelich	Maurice Murphy	
Jamie Gaddy	Boone Myrick	
John Gardner	Bert Owen	

Opening June 9, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. - Call to Order

Chairman DeFeo opened the meeting at 6:04 pm. He then recognized District 3 Board of Education candidate Ray Winters from the audience. Current Board members seeking reelection were introduced: Harvey Eisner, Karen McIlrath, Jimmy Washington, Neil James, and in absentia: Pam Timms and Janet Graham.

Chairman DeFeo asked Mr. James to give the invocation and lead the pledge of allegiance.

Moved by Mr. Poston, seconded by Mr. James, the Board unanimously approved the agenda.

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.

Moved by Mrs. Morreale and seconded by Mr. James, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the May 19, 2014 meeting.

Public Hearing - Superintendent's Comprehensive Budget for 2014-15

Mr. DeFeo opened the floor for public comments on the budget. There were none.

Public Comments

Ruthie Warren was called to speak. Ms. Warren is concerned about class rankings for base high schools.

Amy Godwin was called to speak. Ms. Godwin asked that the Board consider removing Scholars Academy and STEM program students from base school class rankings.

4. Recognitions and Presentations

There were no recognitions or presentations.

Discussion

Results 5 - Other Academic Disciplines

Attachments: Monitoring Report - Technology Applications; Monitoring Report - Fine Arts ; Monitoring Report - Physical Education ; Monitoring Report - Foreign Language ; Monitoring Report - CATE 

Dr. Elsberry presented the Results 5 – Other Academic Disciplines Monitoring Report. Mr. Poston had several notes: on the Technology Applications report he asked that consideration be given to using the District issued devices rather than purchasing specialty calculators for graphing. He suggested considering multi-purpose flat screens to replace short-throw projectors. On the Fine Arts report he asked that the Blackwater Middle School dance program be included in the report. With regard to Physical Education, he asked that the outdoor improvements made to several schools that are being utilized by PE teachers be included.

Results 6 - Personal Success and Citizenship

Attachment: Monitoring Report -R6 - Personal Success and Citizenship 

Mr. Poston stated that he would like to see demonstration of compliance with State Pledge of Allegiance requirements and proper flag protocols. In addition, he would like adherence to the required observation of 1 minute of silence noted. Dr. Elsberry thanked Mr. Poston for his comments and assured him that they would be added for the next meeting.

Mr. James asked if charter schools were required to follow the same reporting requirements. Dr. Elsberry explained that each charter school contract stipulates reporting requirements. Mr. Boyd added that the State Department of Education establishes the standards for the charter school.

Act 155 - Statewide Education Standards and Assessments

Attachment: Act 155  ; *Attachment: Act 155 FAQs* 

The Board was notified that they will begin to receive requests for diplomas as a result of this legislation. Applications will be screened prior to submission to them.

Before moving to the Superintendent's Report, Chairman DeFeo informed the Board that the date of the Retreat has been changed to June 30th in conjunction with the regular meeting.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Elsberry introduced the Board to Mr. Maurice Murphy, the new principal of the Horry County Education Center and Etta Greene, the new director of Adult Education.

Dr. Elsberry recognized Tanner Slagle, a student from Scholars Academy that was recently selected to participate in the Breakfast on Capital Hill. Mr. Slagle was unable to attend the meeting.

Executive Session for Discussion of Personnel Matters

Business

Motioned by Mr. James and seconded by Mr. Poston, the Board approved reentering regular session.

Curriculum Work 2014-15

Attachment: *Curriculum Work 2014-15* 

Attachment: *Curriculum and Assessment Work 2014-15* 

Dr. Elsberry asked Cindy Ambrose to introduce a team of teachers to explain the proposed summer curriculum work. Mrs. Ambrose noted that curriculum work has always been done during summer months however, House Bill 3919 (Act 155) revamps assessments. Mrs. Ambrose explained that testing now requires high-level thinking. To demonstrate this, a critical thinking wheel was distributed to each Board member. The team gave an overview of the creation of curriculum based assessments established by the State Board of Education. The teachers spoke of the time-saving value as well as the value of uniform resources across the district for the summer curriculum work.

Mrs. Ambrose noted for the Board that the science standards are going to be revised for next year with evolution removed.

Mrs. Ambrose explained to the Board the impact of not funding this line item. Mr. Poston asked for assurance that should assessments change again next year, the work completed this year will still be utilized. Mrs. Ambrose explained the value of preparing teachers for what assessments students will face.

Mrs. McIlrath inquired about how long the District has been doing summer curriculum work. Mrs. Ambrose explained that although the District has been doing this for the past 8 – 9 years, there has never been a year with so many changes handed down from the State Board of Education.

Mr. James explained his change in opinion on this issue by telling a story of a recent conversation with a teacher who struggled with new assessments. Mrs. Ambrose explained that this is assessment work embedded in curriculum. Mr. James expressed hope that teachers will not feel the stress they may have felt this year with impending Common Core State Standards.

Mr. Eisner noted the value of this tool for teachers. Mr. Poston recognized the importance of continually reviewing curriculum.

Mr. DeFeo asked the number of teachers that would participate over the summer and the process by which those teachers were chosen. Mrs. Ambrose explained that last year about 350 teachers chosen by principals were a part of the process.

Dr. Elsberry assured the Board that work done in the past still provides value to the teachers as the standards become more rigorous each year.

There was brief discussion on funding sources for professional development and the impact on special funds. Mr. Gardner explained that the funds requested for this line item are a part of the \$7.2 million detailed on page 55 of the budget.

Moved by Mr. Eisner, seconded by Mr. James, the Board approved \$351,680 for curriculum and assessment development. Mr. DeFeo voted against the motion.

2014-15 Superintendent's Comprehensive Budget - John Gardner

Attachment: [Agenda Action Form - Approval of the 2014-15 Budget](#)

Mr. Gardner explained that the Board may take action on the proposed 2014-15 budget as the public hearing has concluded. Chairman DeFeo explained to the Board that this budget will include the \$351,680 for curriculum work as just approved but does not include the \$1.7 million in pay increases for employees at the top of the step scale. Moved by Mr. James, seconded by Mr. Poston, the Board unanimously approved the Superintendent's recommended 2014-15 budget as proposed.

Short-Term Facility Plan

Attachment: [Mr. Garland's Proposed Motion](#)

Mr. Garland made a motion to revise the short-term facility plan previously approved on September 30, 2013 as follows:

1.	NMB Middle Addition with a budget of	\$6,600,000
2.	Midland Elementary Addition with a budget of	\$11,000,000
3.	Construction of new facility - Horry County Education Center with a budget of	\$4,600,000
4.	Construction of new facility - St James Middle/Intermediate with a budget of	\$25,600,000
5.	Construction of new facility – Carolina Forest Middle School with a budget of	\$29,000,000
6.	Construction of new facility for the replacement of Socastee Elementary School with a budget of	\$26,000,000
7.	Construction of new facility for the replacement of MB Intermediate with a budget of	\$29,000,000
8.	Aynor Middle Addition with a budget of	\$2,800,000
9.	District Office expansion with a budget of	\$2,000,000
10.	Construction of new facility – Socastee Middle School with a budget of	\$29,000,000
11.	NMB High Renovation with a budget of	\$10,000,000
12.	Building modifications & renovations budget of	\$57,000,000
13.	Sustainment with a budget of	\$70,000,000
14.	Emergency Maintenance of	\$10,000,000
15.	Property Acquisitions of	\$4,000,000
16.	Capital Facility Administration with a budget of	\$20,000,000
17.	Misc. Equipment with a budget of	\$5,000,000
18.	Technology / PDL with a budget of	\$86,000,000
	Total:	\$427,600,000

In addition, this plan will have annual review from the Board of Education and SHW Group will provide at least one plan that is within budget for each project.

Mr. Poston recused himself from the vote.

There was brief discussion on the recent building proposals that were over budget. Mr. Garland stipulated that while several plans could be reviewed, at least one must be within the budget approved in this motion. Mr. Eisner asked for clarification on funding. Mr. Garland explained that the options could be reviewed at any time.

There was clarification that the reference to Myrtle Beach Intermediate school includes the option that the school may be demolished and a middle school built in its place.

Mrs. Morreale expressed concern over the District Office expansion. Mr. Garland reminded the Board that if the capacity of the schools continues to grow then the administration will increase as well. He also reiterated that the plan will be reviewed annually.

The board voted unanimously to approve the revision to the Short-Term Facility Plan, with Mr. Poston being recused.

[Permission to Issue Contracts During Summer Months](#)

[Attachment: Agenda Action Form - Permission to Issue Contracts During Summer Months](#) 

Dr. Elsberry explained to the Board that this is an annual practice that allows the staff to continue to fill positions during the Board's hiatus. The Board will be given the opportunity to vote on the contracts in August. Motioned by Mrs. McIlrath, seconded by Mr. James, the Board unanimously approved permission to issue contracts during summer months.

[Consent Agenda](#)

Motioned by Mr. Garland, seconded by Mr. James the Board unanimously approved the consent agenda.

[Adjournment](#)

Moved by Mr. Poston, seconded by Ms. Morreale, the Board voted to adjourn at 8:49pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Leann Hill

**Executive Assistant to the Superintendent and Board
of Education**

Approved: