

HORRY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES – Board Meeting
District Office
November 11, 2013

The following persons were present:

Board Members:

David Cox
Joe DeFeo
Harvey Eisner
Jeffrey Garland

Janet Graham
Neil James
Kay Loftus
Karen McIlrath
Janice Morreale

John Poston
Pam Timms
Joseph Washington

Superintendent:

Cindy Elsberry

District Office Staff:

Velna Allen
Cindy Ambrose
Mary Anderson
Edward Boyd
Teal Britton
Daryl Brown
Dottie Brown
Joe Burch
Carolyn Chestnut
Edi Cox
Matt Dean

Wanda Fulwood
John Gardner
Kenny Generette
Roger Gray
Ben Hardee
Traci Hogan
Charles Hucks
Mollie Laut
H.T. Lee
Rick Maxey
Boone Myrick

Bert Owen
Beverly Pilkey
Lucas Richardson
Jeff Riddle
Angela Rush
Judy Stall
Addie Swinney

Principals:

Michelle Dunsford
Melissa Graham
Michelle Graham

Candace Lane
Janet Lawrence-Patten
Mark Porter

Ben Prince
Vicki Underwood

Media:

Heather Gale, Horry Independent
Vicki Grooms, Sun News

Opening – The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Jimmy Washington offered the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Board members introduced themselves.

Agenda

ACTION: Mr. Cox moved that the agenda be approved with the following revision:

- ***Delete Discussion 3.G. Reading Intervention***

The motion was seconded by Mr. James and was approved unanimously.

Minutes

ACTION: Upon motion by Mr. Washington second by Mr. James, the October 28, 2013 board work session minutes were approved as presented.

Public Comments

- Jesse Funston, Greg Byers, Brad Richardson – Topic: proposed realignment of district attendance lines
- Bobby Chandler – Topic: Race to the Top Application
- Joseph Benton, Early College High School Student – Topic: Teen pregnancy

Recognition

- Jeff Riddle was recognized for his years of service to the district.

Discussion

- Transform SC – Jim Reynolds, Chairman of New Carolina, provided a report.
- Common Core State Standards -- A report was provided by several district teachers.
- Assessment – Dr. Elsberry provided a report on the various assessments used in the district.
- Local Bidding Preference – John Gardner reported on the district's minority vendor participation and the district's procurement program.
- Monitoring Reports:
 - Operational Expectations 8—Communicating with the Board – Kenneth Generette provided a report.
- Palmetto Regional Robotics Competition – Mr. Jack Moore provided a report on the annual competition and plans for future competitions. The Palmetto Partners organization is asking for an annual ongoing commitment of \$20,000 from the school district to keep the competition in the county.
- Superintendent's Report:
 - Advanced Placement Honor Roll – Dr. Elsberry reported that the district was named to the College Board's 4th Annual AP District Honor Roll.

Committee of the Whole

- District-wide Facility Committee Recommendation

Carolina Forest Area:

- ***Action: Mrs. Loftus made a three-part motion, with each to be voted on separately. 1) reject Carolina Forest realignment; 2) All students WNW of Gardner Lacy Road be moved to Black Water Middle School beginning in the 2014-15 school year; 3) the District will come back to the board with a plan for an addition to Ocean Bay Middle School. The motion was seconded by Ms. Timms.***
- ***Action: After discussion, Mrs. Loftus rescinded Part 2 of the motion, and Ms. Timms rescinded the second for Part 2 of the motion.***
- ***Action: Mr. Garland moved to amend the motion to add the placement of a bond referendum on the 2014 ballot for new middle school capacity relief. Mr. Poston seconded the motion.***
- ***Action on amendment to motion: In favor: Garland, Poston. Opposed: Cox, DeFeo, Eisner, Graham, James, Loftus, McIlrath, Morreale, Timms, Washington. The amended motion failed 2-10.***
- ***Action: The original motion (parts 1 and 3) was approved 9-3. In favor: Cox, DeFeo, Eisner, Graham, James, Loftus, McIlrath, Timms, Washington. Opposed: Garland, Morreale, Poston.***

Note: As this was an action of the Committee of the Whole, the previous action will be brought back to the board for final approval, possibly at the December 16 board meeting.

Kingston/Loris Area:

Action: Upon motion by Mr. Eisner, second by Mr. James, the Board unanimously approved the facilities committee's recommendation.

North Myrtle Beach Area:

Action: Upon motion by Mr. Eisner, second by Cox, the Board unanimously approved the facilities committee's recommendation.

Note: Mr. Poston asked that the minutes reflect that because of the Hwy. 701 S. area realignment, Whittemore Park Middle School and Conway Middle School will be affected by tonight's action related to Kingston Elementary School.

Special Called Meeting

Consent Agenda

Action: Upon motion by Mr. Garland, second by Mr. James, the Board unanimously approved all personnel recommendations.

Executive Session

Action: At 8:12 p.m., upon motion by Mr. James, second by Mr. Garland, the Board reconvened in Executive Session for discussion regarding personnel matters.

Open Session

Action: At 10:28 p.m., upon motion by Mr. James, second by Mr. Garland, the Board reconvened in Open Session.

Adjournment

ACTION: At 10:30 p.m., upon motion by Mr. Poston, second by Mr. Cox, the meeting was adjourned.

Wanda J. Fulwood
Exec. Asst. to the Board and Superintendent

Approved: _____