

HORRY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES – Board Meeting

District Office

August 26, 2013

The following persons were present:

Board Members:

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

Superintendent:

Cindy Elsberry

District Office Staff:

Velna Allen	Wanda Fulwood	Lucas Richardson
Mary Anderson	John Gardner	Jeff Riddle
Edward Boyd	Kenny Generette	Buffy Roberts
Teal Britton	Buddy George	Angela Rush
Daryl Brown	Roger Gray	Barbara Schlidt
Dottie Brown	Traci Hogan	Heather Sheehan
Carolyn Chestnut	Charles Hucks	Judy Stall
Edi Cox	Mollie Laut	Addie Swinney
Matt Dean	Rick Maxey	Olga Toggas
Laura Farmer	Boone Myrick	Tammy Trulove
Martha Fout	Beverly Pilkey	

Principals:

Robin Jones	Vann Pennell	Diane Thompson
Janet Lawrence-Patten	Ben Prince	

Media:

Heather Gale, Horry Independent

Others:

Vivian Chestnut	Alys Lawson	Jeanne Timbes
Bill Graham	Rep. Mike Ryhals	

Opening – The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. St. James High School's Army JROTC presented the flag and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. John Poston offered the invocation. Board members introduced themselves.

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ACTION: Upon motion by Mr. David Cox, second by Mrs. Kay Loftus, the agenda was approved as presented.

Recognitions – The following individuals were recognized:

- Jeffrey Garland, SCSBA Boardmanship Institute Level 2
- Janet Graham, SCSBA Boardmanship Institute Level 2

- Janice Morreale, SCSBA Boardmanship Institute Level 2
- Karen McIlrath, SCSBA Boardmanship Institute Level 3

Public Comments – The following individuals addressed the Board:

- Mary Daly, Susan Chambers, Linda Wunder, and Presley Leopard – Support of National Honor Society at Academy for Arts, Science and Technology

Discussion

- School Law Conference Report – Mr. Jeffrey Garland provided a report on the SCSBA School Law Conference.
- RTT-D Grant – Dr. Elsberry reported on the district's plan to apply for the second round of applications for the Race to the Top Grant. If approved, the district would expect approximately \$2.4 million over a three-year period.
- Advisory Board Policy Revision – Mr. DeFeo provided a reminder of the revisions approved at the last meeting. This item will be added to the next board meeting business agenda, with clarification of #7.
- Comprehensive Facility Plan/Committee – Mr. Harvey Eisner reported on this committee's work. It was the subcommittee's recommendation to disband the subcommittee at this time and work with the board as a committee of the whole.
- Facility Usage Fee – Mr. DeFeo and Mr. Neil James provided a report on a recent meeting held with district staff, board members, and representatives from the City of Myrtle Beach regarding facility usage fees. Dr. Elsberry will follow up with local municipalities to discuss the fee schedule.
- Superintendent's Report
 - Dr. Rick Maxey provided a report on the school start.
 - Dr. Elsberry reported that at this time there are 18.5 unfilled teaching positions.
 - Dr. Elsberry provided a report on the district's ACT scores.
 - Dr. Elsberry reported that a neighbor of North Myrtle Beach Primary School recently notified the district of the actions of a teacher at the school. Late in the afternoon, while working at the school, she noticed smoke in the back yard of the residence. The teacher went to the home to check on the residents. The smoke was from the grill, and was not a hazard, but the neighbor was very impressed that the teacher went out of her way to check on him.
 - Dr. Elsberry recognized the work of an individual who has substituted for the past 38 years at Daisy Elementary School.

Business

- District Logo
ACTION: After two rounds of voting, the board chose a new logo for the district. The blue logo with a wave and without a star was chosen by majority vote.
- Funding Request from City of Conway
ACTION: Upon motion by Mr. Garland, second by Ms. Timms, the Board approved providing \$58,000 from the district's undesignated reserve fund to assist the City of Conway and the South Carolina Department of Transportation for the construction of sidewalks along Snowhill Drive and Sherwood Drive from Sixteenth Avenue to Magrath Avenue and on Magrath Avenue from Lakeland Drive to Snowhill Drive. The motion was approved 11-1, with Mr. Poston voting in opposition.

Executive Session

ACTION: At 7:00 p.m., upon motion by Mr. Cox, second by Garland, the Board reconvened in Executive Session for the discussion of personnel and contractual matters.

Open Session

ACTION: At 8:05 p.m., upon motion by Mr. Washington, second by Mr. James, the Board reconvened in Open Session.

Consent Agenda

ACTION: Upon motion by Mr. James, second by Mr. Garland, the Board unanimously approved the following Consent Agenda items:

- ***Operational Expectations 2: Emergency Superintendent Succession***
- ***Monitoring Reports:***
 - ***Governance Culture 6: Annual Work Plan***
 - ***Governance Culture 10: Governance Cost***
 - ***Operational Expectations 11: Discipline***
 - ***Operational Expectations 12: Learning Environment/Treatment of Students***
 - ***Results 6: Personal Success and Citizenship***
- ***Personnel Recommendations as Required by Law***
- ***Homeschooling Requests***

Adjournment

ACTION: At 8:07 p.m., upon motion by Mr. Cox, second by Mr. Garland, the meeting was adjourned.

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

Approved: _____