

HORRY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES – Board Work Session/Special Called Meeting
District Office

August 12, 2013

The following persons were present:

Board Members:	David Cox Joe DeFeo Jeffrey Garland	Janet Graham Neil James Kay Loftus Karen McIlrath	Janice Morreale John Poston Pam Timms Jimmy Washington
Superintendent	Cindy Elsberry		
District Office Staff:	Velna Allen Cindy Ambrose Mary Anderson Edward Boyd Teal Britton Daryl Brown Dottie Brown Carolyn Chestnut Edi Cox Ben Coy Matt Dean	Laura Farmer Wanda Fulwood John Gardner Kenny Generette Roger Gray Ben Hardee Traci Hogan Charles Hucks Mollie Laut HT Lee Boone Myrick	Bert Owen Beverly Pilkey Lucas Richardson Jeff Riddle Angela Rush Barbara Schlidt Addie Swinney Tammy Trulove
Principals:	Dennis Devorick Robin Jones	James LaPier Norman McQueen	Ben Prince
Media	Heather Gale, Horry Independent Vicki Grooms, Sun News		

Meeting Notification: As required by SC Law §30-4-80, all local news media were informed of the date, time, and purpose of this meeting, and copies of the agenda were posted at the district office. Agenda copies were also distributed to all schools for posting.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m. Mr. Jimmy Washington offered the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA/MINUTES

ACTION: Upon motion by Mr. James, second by Mr. Garland, the Board unanimously approved the agenda as presented.

ACTION: Upon motion by Mr. Cox, second by Ms. Timms, the Board unanimously approved the following Board minutes: 04/10/13, 05/13/13, 05/20/13, 06/10/13, and 06/24/13.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

DISCUSSION

Monitoring Reports – The Board reviewed the following monitoring reports:

- Governance Culture 6: Annual Work Plan
- Quarterly Review of Operational Expectations 13: Facilities
- Operational Expectations 2: Emergency Superintendent Succession
- Comprehensive Facility Plan

National Honor Societies – Board members discussed the possibility and feasibility of providing National Honor Society chapters at the Academy for Arts, Science and Technology and at the Scholars Academy. Norman McQueen, Principal at the Scholars Academy, and Morgan Sellers, National Honor Society Sponsor at the Scholars Academy, presented a report on the history of the chapter at the Scholars Academy. In 2009 the administration began receiving complaints and requests from students and parents about the lack of a chapter at the Scholars Academy. Board members

discussed requirements, qualifications, etc., and the comparisons of guidelines at each high school. Velna Allen provided a report on why the guidelines vary. In some areas, there are more (or less) opportunities for community service, more college prep courses, etc. Mrs. Loftus suggested tabling the discussion until more information is received on the topic. Mrs. McIlrath expressed a desire to work on addressing uniformity among the schools. The matter will be discussed further at a future meeting.

Facility Usage Fees – Mr. DeFeo stated that there had been a misuse of the district's facility usage fee guidelines, as some schools had been renting athletic facilities without going through the district office; therefore, in an effort to create uniformity throughout the district, the district's guidelines were being enforced. After announcing that the guidelines were going to be enforced, calls began coming in complaining about the fees. A meeting has been scheduled for district staff, board members, and City of Myrtle Beach representatives to discuss. Dr. Elsberry emphasized that the fees that were published were not increases and had been in place all along. In some cases, the district may continue issuing waivers or discounts, but the requests have to be made through the district office.

Superintendent's Report

- Personnel Update – Mr. Riddle reported that as of this date, there are 30 teacher vacancies, mostly at high schools (18 at high schools, 5 at middle schools, and 7 at elementary schools). He stated that some positions, such as special education, Spanish, English, were difficult to fill and this year the district has had an unusually high number of resignations. The district is in the process of securing substitutes where there are vacancies.
- HCS Mobile App – Mr. Ben Coy provided a report and demonstration on the district's new mobile app, which will provide access to students' information. This will be a way to connect parents with their children's schools—receiving updates, providing real-time news, event notifications, push notifications, alerts, etc.
- Model Schools Conference Discussion – A report was provided by Mrs. Morreale and Mrs. Renee Atkinson.
- This is How Learning Will Look in the Future – Dr. Elsberry provided a report on "The Future of Learning."
- Personalized Digital Learning Initiative (PDL) – Dr. Elsberry provided an update on this initiative.

BUSINESS

ACTION: At 7:33 p.m., upon motion by Mrs. McIlrath, second by Mr. Washington, the Board concluded the discussion portion of the meeting and the business meeting was called to order.

Digital Instructional Materials Request
No action was taken on this item.

CONSENT AGENDA

ACTION: Upon motion by Mr. James, second by Mrs. Morreale, the Board unanimously approved the following Consent Agenda item:
7.A. Personnel Recommendations Required by Law

ADJOURNMENT

ACTION: At 7:37 p.m., upon motion by Mr. Cox, second by Mrs. McIlrath, the meeting was adjourned.

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

Approved: _____