

# **HORRY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**

## **MINUTES**

### **BOARD MEETING**

**January 28, 2019**

**District Office**

**335 Four Mile Road**

**Conway, SC 29526**

#### **Board of Education**

Ken Richardson, Board Chair

Chris Hardwick

David Cox

Holly Heniford

Janet Graham

Janice Morreale

Neil James

Ray Winters

Shanda Allen

Sherrie Todd

Helen Smith

John Poston

#### **Horry County Schools Staff**

Velna Allen, Mary J Anderson, Lisa Bourcier,

Daryl Brown, Joe Burch, John Cahill, Phillip

Cannon, Gaye Driggers, Sonia Ford, John

Gardner, Kenny Generette, Gemayle Green,

Ben Hardee, Leann Hill, Lee James, Sarah

Keane, Mark Koll, Candace Lane, James

LaPier, Rick Maxey, Michael McCracken,

Natasha McDonald, Zach McQuigg, Boone

Myrick, Heidi Oates, Vann Pennell, Andrea

Pridgen, Lucas Richardson, Mardelle Smith,

Carlton Terry, John Washburn, Lucia

Watson, Kelly Wilson, Kristin Wilson, Mark

Wolfe

**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.**

#### **1. OPENING AND CALL TO ORDER**

Board Chair Richardson called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM

**A. Invocation**

Ms. Smith offered the invocation.

**B. Presentation of Colors, Pledge of Allegiance - Aynor High School AJROTC**

**C. Approval of Agenda**

A motion was made to amend the agenda for the January 28, 2019, meeting. Ms. Heniford requested an amendment to the agenda to move the Executive Session to follow the Consent Agenda. Ms. Smith seconded Ms. Heniford's amendment. Mr. Hardwick moved to approve the agenda as amended. Ms. Graham seconded the motion.

**Moved By** Mr. Hardwick

**Seconded By** Ms. Graham

The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

**Board Action: Carried Unanimously**

**D. Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made to approve the minutes from January 14, 2019, as presented.

**Moved By** Mr. Winters

**Seconded By** Mr. Hardwick

The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

**Board Action: Carried Unanimously**

**2. RECOGNITIONS**

**A. Board Member Recognition for 10 Years of Service (Neil James)**

Mr. Richardson acknowledged and thanked Mr. James for his service and presented him with a certificate and a pin in recognition of his service.

**B. South Carolina Senate Resolution - Senator Greg Hembree**

Senator Greg Hembree presented Ms. Angie Randall Livingston with a South Carolina Senate Resolution recognizing her for her 30 years of service to Horry County Schools. Senator Hembree read the decree and thanked Ms. Livingston for providing her community with exceptional public service.

**C. South Carolina 2018 Outstanding Teacher in Health Science: Lucia Watson, Conway High School**

Ms. Lucia Watson was named by her peers as South Carolina 2018 Outstanding Teacher in Health Science. Mr. Lee James, Principal of Conway High School, presented the recognition along with Ms. Britton.

**D. Student Perfect Attendance**

Catrina Mines of North Myrtle Beach Middle School was recognized for perfect attendance in grades 1-5, which is 900 days of school. Mines was presented a certificate and a medallion for her accomplishment.

Zachary Robeson Ford of Myrtle Beach High School was recognized for perfect attendance in grades 1-11, which is 1,980 days of school. He was presented a framed certificate and a monetary award.

**E. High Schools/Academy Surpassing National SAT Average Composite:**

Horry County Schools Class of 2018's two-part average composite for Evidence-Based Reading and Writing and Mathematics on the SAT is 1095, which exceeded the national average composite score of 1049 by 46 points. The average composite score for South Carolina is 1064. The following schools were celebrated for exceeding the National Average.

**1. Academy for Arts, Science & Technology**

The Academy for Arts, Science, & Technology exceeded the National Average Score with a composite score of 1171.

**2. Aynor High School**

Aynor High School exceeded the National Average Score with a composite score of 1140.

**3. Carolina Forest High School**

Carolina Forest High School exceeded the National Average Score with a composite score of 1095.

**4. Conway High School**

Conway High School exceeded the National Average Score with a composite score of 1059.

**5. Green Sea Floyds High School**

Green Sea Floyds High School exceeded the National Average Score with a composite score of 1080.

**6. Myrtle Beach High School**

Myrtle Beach High School exceeded the National Average Score with a composite score of 1062.

**7. North Myrtle Beach High School**

North Myrtle Beach High School exceeded the National Average Score with a composite score of 1148.

**8. Socastee High School**

Socastee High School exceeded the National Average Score with a composite score of 1103.

**9. St. James High School**

St. James High School exceeded the National Average Score with a composite score of 1082.

**F. Tonka Hemingway, Conway High School - ALL-USA South Carolina Football Team sponsored by USA Today High School Sports**

Tonka Hemingway was chosen by USA Today High School Sports for the ALL-USA South Carolina Football Team. Tonka Hemingway is a defensive lineman who previously graduated from Conway High School. He was called forward and presented with a certificate.

**G. Evan Jumper, Myrtle Beach High School, ALL-USA South Carolina Football Team sponsored by USA Today High School Sports**

Evan Jumper was chosen by USA Today High School Sports for the ALL-USA South Carolina Football Team. Evan is an offensive lineman who attends Myrtle Beach High School. Evan's father was presented with a certificate in Evan's absence.

**H. Green Sea Floyds High School Football Team - Class A State Champions**

Dr. Pridgen, GSFHS Principal, and Mr. Donnie Keifer, GSFHS Head Football Coach, were invited forward to celebrate the Green Sea Floyds High School Football Team. On December 7, 2018, five championship games were played, and Horry County took home two of those championships. Green Sea Floyds High School played Lamar High School at Benedict College and won the Class A State Championship by a score of 26-20. Players and coaches were recognized and celebrated for their accomplishment.

**I. Myrtle Beach High School Football Team - Class AAAA State Champions**

Mr. Zach McQuigg, MBHS Principal, and Mr. Mickey Wilson, MBHS Head Football Coach, were invited forward to celebrate the Myrtle Beach High School Football Team. On December 7, 2018, five championship games were played, and Horry County took home two of those championships. Myrtle Beach High School played Greer High School and won the Class AAAA State Championship 37-21. Players and coaches were recognized and celebrated for this accomplishment.

### **3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Jennifer Jackson spoke on the topic of ABA Therapists in schools.

Braxton Van Ness previously submitted a request to speak during Public Comments; however, he did not come forward when his name was called.

June Johnson spoke during Public Comments on the topic of the condition of St. James Elementary School.

Julie Sluss previously submitted a request to speak during Public Comments. She did not come forward when her name was called. However, Ms. Kristen spoke on her behalf in regards to the Tanger Outlet Kids Grant Program.

Bobby Chandler spoke on the topic of Board Governance.

### **4. DISCUSSION**

#### **A. Facilities Committee Report - Mr. James**

Mr. James gave a report from the Facilities Committee Meeting which was held prior to the Board Meeting. Mr. James reviewed two handouts that were reviewed during the Facilities Committee meeting. The first handout was a listing of annual sustainment projects and included building modification projects. The second handout was a listing of project options through 2024. Upon review of the sustainment projects, Mr. James noted that there were three new projects that were added based upon recommendations by the Facilities Department. The sustainment projects added were exterior window replacements at Loris High, site drainage repairs, as well as boundary fence and pavement repairs, at Socastee High, and greenhouse and sustainment work at all high schools. The Facilities Committee voted to approve adding these projects to the sustainment projects for the year 2018-2019. Mr. James remarked that there were a few projects that carried over into the 2019-2020 school year. Mr. James noted there was one building modification project added at Aynor Middle for a parent drop-off loop with construction beginning in 2020. Mr. James noted the sub-total of all proposed sustainment projects is \$6,225,000. Mr. James stated the total of funds in the Sustainment Projects Fund is \$6,263,525. Mr. James remarked that there is a balance of \$38,525 remaining after sustainment project completions. Mr. James stated that the balance of funds available in the Building Modification Fund is \$9,382,334, with the total of proposed building modification projects being \$5,250,000. Mr. James stated this would leave a balance of \$4,132,334 after the building modification project completions. Ms. Morreale asked if it was possible to use some of the balance remaining on the Building Modification Fund to move to other projects the District was working on. Mr. James stated that was possible depending on Board action.

Mr. James then moved to the Project Options through Year 2024 list. Mr. James reminded the Board that at the December 3, 2018, Board Retreat, the Board collectively established priority projects by categories. Mr. James reminded the Board that they are currently operating under the Pay-As-You-Go model. Mr. James remarked that upon a vote of Business item 6.C., this may be finalized as a Board-mandated funding mechanism going forward.

Mr. James noted the Facilities Committee added one additional item on the Project Options List. That item added is the purchase of property to be set-aside for a new elementary school in the Carolina Forest attendance area with a clause to purchase by the end of 2019. Mr. James remarked the available funding for these projects is \$40,339,300. Mr. James remarked there was flexibility with these funds.

**B. Monitoring Report: OE-6 Financial Administration - Quarterly Report - Mr. Gardner**

Monitoring Report OE-6 was presented. Mr. Gardner noted that tax collections were down from last year in December.

**C. Superintendent's Report**

**1. Job Fair - Conway High School, February 2, 2019**

Dr. Maxey noted the accomplishments in academics and athletics that were shared earlier in the Board Meeting. Dr. Maxey shared that he was very proud of what our Horry County Schools students and teachers are doing.

Dr. Maxey spoke of the upcoming Job Fair. Dr. Maxey noted that current trends showed a downturn in students entering college to pursue education. Dr. Maxey extended an invitation for all Board Members to attend the Job Fair on February 2nd, from 9:30AM until 2:45PM, at Conway High School. As of today, 459 people were registered to attend. Dr. Maxey stated twenty-three different states were represented by those 459 applicants.

**2. School Board Appreciation Month**

Dr. Maxey recognized the Board Members for their service and expressed his appreciation for all they do for our students and employees. Several schools sent tokens of appreciation that were presented to the Board prior to the meeting.

**5. BUSINESS**

**A. Days Missed Due to Hurricane Florence**

**1. Student Absences - Mr. Brown**

Mr. Brown stated a request for a waiver for the missed instructional days due to Hurricane Florence and the subsequent flooding was previously submitted to the Board at the Board's last meeting. Mr. Brown requested that the Board grant the waiver for three days: September 11-13, 2018, and requested that the Board seek a waiver from the State Board of Education for an additional three days, September 14, 17, and 18, 2018.

**Moved By:** Mr. James

**Seconded:** By Ms. Allen

The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

**Board Action: Carried Unanimously**

**2. Employee Absences - Mr. Richardson**

Board Chair Richardson recommended the Board forgive employee absences due to Hurricane Florence for all scheduled workdays that the employees were absent from school as a result of the storm and its aftermath. Mr. James confirmed the employee days missed were the same as the student days missed. Board Chair Richardson agreed.

**Moved By:** Mr. Winters

**Seconded By:** Ms. Allen

The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

**Board Action: Carried Unanimously**

**B. Transfer/Sale of Property - Mr. Brown**

Mr. Poston recused himself from discussion and vote on this item. Mr. Brown asked the Board to move to approve the Right of Way dedication on Stafford Drive of 1.86 acres to Horry County Government for use in road improvements to Carolina Forest Boulevard.

**Moved By:** Mr. Winters

**Seconded By:** Ms. Allen

The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

**Board Action: Carried Unanimously**

**C. 5-Year Capital Plan Funding Recommendation from the Finance Committee - Mr. Poston**

Mr. Poston noted this was a follow up on the recommendation that the Finance Committee put together in November 2017. Mr. Poston stated the Finance Committee looked at several options for funding the 5-year plan. This agenda item is to utilize the Pay-As-You-Go option to fund the 5-year plan.

This item was forwarded by the Finance Committee. No motion required.

For (10): Mr. Poston, Mr. Hardwick, Mr. Cox, Ms. Heniford, Ms. Graham, Mr. James, Mr. Winters, Ms. Allen, Ms. Todd, and Ms. Smith

Against (1): Ms. Morreale

The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

**Board Action: Carried (10 to 1)**

**D. HCEC Architect RFQ - High Performance/Energy Positive - Mr. Brown**

Mr. James made a motion to cancel the current RFPs.

**Moved By** Mr. James

**Seconded By** Ms. Smith

The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

**Board Action: Carried Unanimously**

Mr. James moved to proceed with the HCEC without the High Performance or Energy Positive features and to not incorporate the Adult Education into this facility.

**Moved By:** Mr. James

**Seconded By:** Ms. Smith

The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

**Board Action: Carried Unanimously**

**E. Demolition of Structures Located on the Recently Acquired Property at North Myrtle Beach High School - Mr. Richardson**

Ms. Heniford made a motion to table discussion until further questions about budget and layout are discussed. Mr. Hardwick seconded that motion.

**Moved By** Ms. Heniford

**Seconded By** Mr. Hardwick



For (3): Mr. Hardwick, Mr. Cox, and Ms. Heniford

Against (8): Mr. Poston, Ms. Graham, Ms. Morreale, Mr. James, Mr. Winters, Ms. Allen, Ms. Todd, and Ms. Smith

The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

**Board Action: Failed (3 to 8)**

Mr. Poston made a motion to proceed with authorizing the Facilities Department to proceed with the abatement and demolition of the former commercial building and to add stone-surfaced parking as is feasible in the building's location.

**Moved By** Mr Poston

**Seconded By** Mr. James

For (8): Mr. Poston, Ms. Graham, Ms. Morreale, Mr. James, Mr. Winters, Ms. Allen, Ms. Todd, and Ms. Smith

Against (3): Mr. Hardwick, Mr. Cox, and Ms. Heniford

The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

**Board Action: Carried (8 to 3)**

**F. Board Committee Assignments - Mr. Richardson**

Board Chair Richardson noted that Mr. Cox was on the Technology Committee. Board Chair Richardson stated these committee assignments were until the end of the 2018-2019 school year. Board Chair Richardson would like to reach out and make sure people are on the right committees by allowing members to choose their committee. No questions were brought forward by the Board.

**6. CONSENT AGENDA**

A motion was made by Mr. Winters and seconded by Ms. Graham to approve the Consent Agenda items as presented.

**Moved By:** Mr. Winters

**Seconded By:** Ms. Graham

The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

**Board Action: Carried Unanimously**

- A. **Personnel Recommendations As Required by Law**
- B. **Monitoring Report: R-3 Science**
- C. **Monitoring Report: OE-13 Facilities**
- D. **Monitoring Report: OE-6 Financial Administration - Report from External Auditor**
- E. **ACT 155**
- F. **Education Fund Distribution - District 7**

**7. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mr. Poston recused himself from discussion during the Executive Session.

A motion was made to move into Executive Session at 7:49PM.

The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

**Moved By:** Mr. Winters

**Seconded By:** Mr. James

**Board Action: Carried Unanimously**

A motion was made to return to open session at 8:21PM.

The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

It was noted that Mr. Poston and Ms. Graham did not return after Executive Session.

**Moved By:** Mr. Winters

**Seconded By:** Mr. Hardwick

**Board Action: Carried Unanimously**

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made to adjourn the January 28, 2019, Board Meeting.

**Moved By:** Mr. Hardwick

**Seconded By:** Ms. Morreale

The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

**Board Action: Carried Unanimously**

**Upcoming Meetings:**

- A. Budget Retreat/Board Work Session/Special-Called Meeting, February 4, 2019, 6:00 PM, District Office**
- B. Facilities Committee Meeting, February 18, 2019, 4:00 PM, Conference Room C-300**
- C. Board Meeting, February 18, 2019, 6:00 PM, Board Room**

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