

HORRY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES
BOARD WORK SESSION/SPECIAL-CALLED MEETING
District Office
May 14, 2018

The following persons were present:

Board of Education

Neil James, Vice-Chairman	Chris Hardwick	Pam Timms
Shanda Allen	Holly Heniford	Sherrie Todd
David Cox	Janice Morreale	Ray Winters
Janet Graham	John Poston	

Horry County Schools' Staff

Jeanna Allen	Kenny Generette	Norman McQueen
Velna Allen	Melissa Graham	Paula Mullis
Mary Anderson	Roger Gray	Boone Myrick
Selena Baxley	Ben Hardee	Tonya Pickett
Lisa Bourcier	Sharon Harris	Mark Porter
Teal Britton	Leon Hayes	Lucas Richardson
Daryl Brown	Leann Hill	Angela Rush
Joe Burch	Judy Hunger	April Scott
Edi Cox	Lindy Hylton	Heather Sheehan
Samantha Coy	Sandra Jans	Angie Smith
Stephen Driscoll	Jill Jeter	Rhonda Snowden
Chrystal Frye	Maria Lippert	Tammy Trulove
John Gardner	Patsy Martin	Vicki Underwood
Ashley Gasperson	Rick Maxey	Kristin Wilson
Reggie Gasque	Natasha McDonald	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 MAY 14, 2018, AT 6:00 P.M. – CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chairman Neil James called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

A. Acknowledgement of the Late Joe DeFeo, Board Chairman

Mr. James read a statement on behalf of the Board of Education as follows:

“On behalf of the entire Horry County Board of Education, I would like to take a moment to acknowledge the unexpected loss of our Chairman, Mr. Joe DeFeo. Joe was first elected to the Board in 2006, and represented District 10. He later became Chairman in 2012, and served in this capacity until his untimely passing. Mr. DeFeo’s work and passion for the children of Horry County is well known, admired, and appreciated. Mr. DeFeo will be missed. For tonight’s meeting, we honor Mr. DeFeo’s years of public service and dedication to education in Horry County by draping

the chair where he sat as our colleague. At this time, I would like to open the floor for any comments from any Board members who would like to share regarding Mr. DeFeo.”

Several Board members shared comments and kind words regarding Mr. DeFeo and his service to the children of Horry County.

A moment of silence was observed in Mr. DeFeo’s honor.

B. Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance

Ms. Allen offered the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. Approval of Agenda

Board Action: A motion was made by Mr. Cox and seconded by Mr. Winters to approve the Agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

D. Approval of Minutes for April 16, 2018, and April 23, 2018

Board Action: A motion was made by Mr. Winters and seconded by Ms. Graham to approve the April 16, 2018, Board Minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Board Action: A motion was made by Ms. Timms and seconded by Ms. Graham to approve the April 23, 2018, Board Minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

E. Organizational Business

1) Interim Chair

Mr. Generette, Staff Attorney, read the following statement regarding the District’s organizational business:

“The passing of Mr. DeFeo, who served as Chairman. has created a vacancy for the Horry County Board of Education. Pursuant to the Board’s Governance Policies and Bylaws, if a vacancy occurs in the office of Chairperson, it must be filled at the next regularly scheduled general election for a full term. Until the vacancy in the office of Chairperson is filled, the Vice-Chairperson performs the duties of Chairperson. Pursuant to the special elections laws, and in consultation with the Horry County Election Commission, the filing for the Chairperson will open on Friday, May 18, at noon, and close Saturday, May 26, at noon. The primary, if needed, will be on Tuesday, July 17, with a runoff on Tuesday, July 31. The general election will occur on Tuesday, November 6, 2018. At this time, Mr. James will perform the duties of the Chairperson until the vacancy is filled.”

Mr. James shared that in accordance with Board Governance, he will accept the duties of this role and he pledged to do his best while representing the residents and constituents of District 10 and of Horry County.

2) Election of Interim Vice-Chair

Mr. James stated the need for the election of an Interim Vice-Chair. Board members will be given the opportunity to nominate a Board member to serve as Interim Vice-Chair. A motion and a second will be required. The nominee will be asked if he/she is willing to accept this nomination. If so, there will be a call for any additional nominations. If there are additional nominations, the same process will be used. If there

are no additional nominations, a vote will be called for to close the nominations. The Board will then vote to elect an Interim Vice-Chair.

Board Action: A motion was made by Ms. Heniford and seconded by Ms. Timms to nominate David Cox as Interim Vice-Chair. Mr. Cox affirmed his willingness to serve in this capacity if elected. There was a call for any additional nominations. There being none, a motion was called for to close the nominations. A motion was made by Mr. Hardwick and seconded by Ms. Heniford to close the nominations. The motion carried unanimously to close the nominations. Upon the closing of nominations, a vote was taken on the motion to approve David Cox as Interim Vice-Chair. The motion carried unanimously and Mr. Cox was approved as Interim Vice-Chair. Mr. James noted that Mr. Cox's term will officially begin at the end of this meeting.

2. RECOGNITIONS

A. Support Staff Employee of the Year

Mary Anderson shared that earlier in the afternoon, a celebration was held to recognize the District's Support Staff Employees of the Year, recognize the District's top five Support Staff Employees of the Year, and to name the District's Support Staff Employee of the Year. The top five finalists are: Patsy Martin of Aynor Elementary, Maria Lippert of Burgess Elementary, Selena Barkley of Riverside Elementary, Sarah Collins of South Conway Elementary, and Roderick White of North Myrtle Beach Middle. Mr. White was announced as Horry County Schools' Support Staff Employee of the Year during the celebration.

3. DISCUSSION

A. 2018-19 Budget Workshop

- 1) Budgets by Location and Special Fund Utilization**
- 2) 2018-19 Superintendent's Comprehensive Budget**
- 3) Budget Presentation**

Mr. Gardner highlighted information from the Superintendent's 2018-19 Comprehensive Budget. Mr. Poston asked if the items on the, "What's New" list could be segregated into two categories of mandatory and elective items, with a total for each. Mr. Gardner will have this available for the Finance Committee meeting scheduled for Thursday of this week and will share this information with all Board members. Mr. Gardner offered that should Board members wish to meet to discuss the budget, please contact the Board Secretary to schedule a time during the week of May 14 – 18. The budget will be brought before the Board again on May 21 to request preliminary approval. The public notice will be published on May 26 and 27. The public hearing and a request for approval of the budget will be on June 11, 2018. Should an additional reading of the budget be needed, that will occur at the June 18, Board meeting.

B. Monitoring Report: OE-5 Financial Planning

Mr. Gardner highlighted information from the OE-5 Financial Planning report.

C. Monitoring Report: OE-6 Financial Administration

Mr. Gardner highlighted information from the OE-6 Financial Administration report.

D. Authorizing Expenditures from Revenues Collected from the Education Capital Improvements Sales and Use Tax

Mr. Gardner shared this is a request for Board approval to authorize the expenditure of not to exceed \$24,300,000 from sales tax revenues for the direct payment of costs for approved projects, including classroom and instructional technology and the short-term facilities plan. This item will be brought to the Board at its next meeting for consideration.

E. Burgess Elementary School Leased Modulares

Mr. Wolfe noted that Burgess Elementary is almost at 100% capacity, even with the move of the fifth grade classes last year. This is a request for approval to purchase the five modular units currently on lease at Burgess Elementary School, which will assist with projected growth in the St. James attendance area. Mr. Wolfe stated the funding source would be undesignated revenues. This item will be on the agenda for a vote at the next Board meeting.

F. Request to Name Lakewood Elementary School Gym in Honor of Terry Lee

This item is before the Board on a recommendation that the Lakewood Elementary School Gym be named in honor of Mr. Terry Lee, who is retiring after 31 years as a physical education teacher at Lakewood Elementary School. This item will come before the Board for consideration at the next Board meeting.

G. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Maxey shared that the U.S. Secretary of Education recently announced the 54th class of U.S. Presidential Scholars recognizing 161 students across the Country, of 5,200 who qualified. Three students who were named are from South Carolina, and one is from Horry County. Dylan Rush, who is a senior at the Scholars Academy, and his base school is Conway High, is the student named from Horry County. Earlier this year he was recognized for having earned a perfect score of 36 on his ACT exam. We are very proud of Dylan's accomplishments.

Additionally, the U.S. News and World Report recognizes each year high schools that are excellent across the nation. They also look at high schools that are excellent within each state. For the current year, we are in the top 35 best high schools in South Carolina, with five schools being named for this honor. We have three schools who scored silver – Carolina Forest High School, St. James High School, and Socastee High School. Two schools scored bronze – North Myrtle Beach High School and Aynor High School.

4. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Discussion of Personnel Matter(s); and

B. Discussion of a Contractual Matter for Legal Services

Board Action: A motion was made by Ms. Allen and seconded by Ms. Timms to move into Executive Session. The motion carried and the Board moved into Executive Session at 6:58 p.m.

Board Action: A motion was made by Ms. Heniford and seconded by Mr. Hardwick to adjourn the Executive Session and reconvene the Board Work Session/Special-Called meeting. The motion carried and the Board returned to open session at 8:21 p.m.

Mr. James advised that no votes were taken during Executive Session.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Personnel Recommendations as Required by Law;
- B. Monitoring Report: OE-13 Facilities Quarterly Update;
- C. Education Fund Distribution – District 1;
- D. Education Fund Distribution – District 4;
- E. Education Fund Distribution – District 6;
- F. Education Fund Distribution – District 10; and
- G. Education Fund Distribution – District 11

Board Action: A motion was made by Mr. Hardwick and seconded by Mr. Cox to approve the Consent Agenda items as presented. The motion carried and the Consent Agenda items were approved.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Board Action: A motion was made by Ms. Heniford and seconded by Ms. Graham to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

BOARD SELF-ASSESSMENT RESULTS

A summary of the responses follows.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rhonda Snowden". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Rhonda Snowden
Executive Assistant to the Superintendent and
Horry County Board of Education

Approved: _____

Board Performance Indicators - 8 Responses

5/14/18

5 = strongly agree, 4 = agree, 3 = neither agree nor disagree, 2 = disagree, 1 = strongly disagree

Date

Agenda

Reports are clear, well prepared and provide adequate information for decision making.

37.5 / 4.69

The majority of agenda items focus on our core purpose.

38 / 4.75

Meetings

Our meetings are businesslike, results-oriented and we function like a team.

38 / 4.75

Our discussions are cordial and well balanced (not dominated by just a few members.)

37.5 / 4.69

Community

Board members make reasonable efforts to inform themselves about education through school visits, professional meetings and outside reading.

39 / 4.88

Board members meet reasonable expectations of involvement by participating in school and other public meetings as representatives of the Board.

38 / 4.75

Board members efficiently address issues and concerns brought to them by the public.

39 / 4.88

Superintendent Relationship

The Board seeks and values the input of the Superintendent as issues are discussed and decisions are made.

39 / 4.88

Work / Policies

Board decisions are based on thoughtful analysis of available information.

38 / 4.75

Board members balance the issues of their district with the needs of the entire school district.

38 / 4.75

The Board places emphasis on building consensus among members through open and honest communication.

39 / 4.88

Comments:

There were no comments.