

HORRY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES BOARD MEETING District Office April 23, 2018

The following persons were present:

Board of Education

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

Horry County Schools' Staff

Velna Allen	Gaye Driggers	Tonya Pickett
Pam Allsbrook	Stephen Driscoll	Mark Porter
Mary Anderson	Kim Floyd	Lucas Richardson
Gretchen Ayers	Martha Fout	Buffy Roberts
Robin Bolling	Kenny Generette	Angela Rush
Emily Borrello	Ryan Gerald	April Scott
Lisa Bourcier	Tanya Gray	Scott Scrivner
Edward Boyd	Ben Hardee	Heather Sheehan
Teal Britton	Kelly Johnson	Rhonda Snowden
Daryl Brown	H.T. Lee	Tracy Suggs
Joe Burch	Cindy Magrath	John Washburn
Alicia Calhoun	Rick Maxey	Melissa Wesbury
Dena Chatfield	Michael McCracken	Kelley Wilttrout
Edi Cox	Boone Myrick	Mark Wolfe
Jeanie Dailey	CeCelia Nance	Jim Wright

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 APRIL 23, 2018, AT 6:00 P.M. – CALL TO ORDER

Chairman DeFeo called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

A. Invocation

Mr. James offered the invocation.

B. Presentation of Colors/Pledge of Allegiance

The Conway High School Navy JROTC presented the Colors 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. The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

2. RECOGNITIONS

A. All-State Band Members

Raleigh McMillian of Myrtle Beach High School, Ethan Bautz of St. James High School, and Ryan Prisco of Ten Oaks Middle School were recognized for having qualified for All-State Band.

B. Finance Division – Comprehensive Annual Financial Report

The Finance Division of Horry County Schools was recognized for having received the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting and the Award for Financial Reporting Achievement.

C. Blake Cannon – CFHS Student

The student was unable to attend the meeting.

D. Kroggy Woodard – Spring 2018 Road-E-O Competition

Kroggy Woodard, Driver Trainer for our Transportation Department was recognized for having won first place and was named the State Champion in the Spring 2018 Road-E-O Competition.

E. Katelyn DuBose, MBHS Student – 2018 SC Press Association Award

Katelyn DuBose, a Myrtle Beach High School student, was recognized for having won first place in the South Carolina Press Association's photography contest.

F. Hannah Thomas and James Feaser – SC Association of School Librarians Award

Hannah Thomas and James Feaser, Aynor High students, were recognized for having won first place in the South Carolina Association of School Librarians book award trailer contest.

G. Michael McCracken – SC Association of School Librarians Award

Mr. Michael McCracken, principal of Aynor High School, was recognized for having been named the Administrator of the Year by the South Carolina Association of School Librarians.

H. Deborah Murrell, South Carolina School Health Licensed Practical Nurse of the Year Award

Ms. Murrell was recognized for being named South Carolina's School Health Licensed Practical Nurse of the Year by the South Carolina Department of Education and South Carolina DHEC.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No one signed up to address the Board during Public Comments.

4. DISCUSSION

A. Facilities Committee Report

Mr. James gave a report from the Facilities Committee meeting held earlier today. An update was given for the ongoing projects, and all punchlist items should be complete by August at the five new schools.

The Committee discussed other topics, including the Five-Year Capital Plan. The Committee will be making a recommendation during the Committee of the Whole that the Board make a priority of three items, namely, a new alternative school, renovations and additions to Aynor Middle School, and building of a transportation/records/science kit center.

B. Budget Update

Mr. Gardner shared there was no action last week in the Legislature, and therefore, he has no update on the budget at this time.

C. Monitoring Report: OE-13

Mr. Wolfe highlighted information from the monitoring report and offered to answer any questions.

D. Committee of the Whole: Five-Year Capital Plan

Mr. DeFeo opened up the Committee of the Whole and called for the recommendation of the Facilities Committee. Mr. DeFeo noted that the Committee of the Whole will be voting on a recommendation to the full Board.

1) Facility Construction Needs

Mr. James shared that the Facilities Committee reviewed the two projects that were delayed from the most recent building plan, which included an addition and renovation at Aynor Middle School and replacement of the alternative school. Mr. James noted that after combining the cost of the Aynor Middle renovation and the replacement cost for the alternative school, the Facilities Committee recommends adding a third project, which is to build a transportation/records/science kit center. Mr. James added that the cost for the three projects fall within the realm of what the District can afford using the “Pay as You Go” option. The Facilities Committee recommends these three projects to the Committee of the Whole for discussion. Mr. DeFeo stated that this comes to the Committee of the Whole from the Facilities Committee, and therefore, the recommendation serves as the motion. Following discussion, Mr. DeFeo called for a vote. Mr. James asked to clarify the recommendation of the Facilities Committee to the Committee of the Whole, which shall serve as a motion, that the next three projects should be renovation and expansion of Aynor Middle School, rebuild of the Horry County Education Center, and a new building for the transportation/records/science kit center. Mr. Poston asked if this motion is approved, will this serve to direct the Facilities Department to start this process. Mr. DeFeo stated, “This is a vote to say we are going in this direction and the next step is to get information on the procurement processes (design-bid-build, design-build, and IPD).”

Following the discussion, a non-binding vote was taken on the recommendation of the Facilities Committee to the Committee of the Whole as follows: Allen, Cox, Graham, Hardwick, James, Morreale, Poston, Timms, and Winters – in favor; Heniford had stepped away momentarily and was not present when the vote was taken. The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

2) Funding Options

Mr. DeFeo noted we do not have any new information and do not know at this time if there will be any surplus funds available from operations. Mr. Hardwick and Mr. Poston shared they are opposed to utilizing the District’s 8% debt capacity. Mr. Poston added that he would like to see information on the options should the Board consider moving to 12.5 or 13% versus the current 15% in our reserve funds.

There being no further comments, Mr. DeFeo closed the Committee of the Whole.

E. Superintendent's Report

1) Textbook Adoptions

The State Department of Education anticipates that allocations will be available to fully fund adoption of the recommended textbooks to support identified areas of Street Law, Forensic Science, Advanced Grammar and Composition, Journalism, and Speech. The materials for this adoption went through the State public review process prior to consideration and through the District's adoption process.

2) Energy Reduction Milestone Achievement Award

South Carolina requires by law that school districts achieve a 20% reduction in energy consumption by 2020. This energy reduction had to occur by July 2020, for buildings that were already in use July 1, 2008. Horry County Schools has been recognized for working to reduce energy usage in our schools that were in operation in 2008, and we have had three successive years where we had a reduction of 20% from the baseline. We are proud of our Facilities Department in this regard and this is the result of a multitude of steps that have been taken to reduce energy usage.

5. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Discussion of Personnel Recommendation(s)

B. Discussion of School Property

Board Action: A motion was made by Mr. James and seconded by Mr. Hardwick to move into Executive Session for discussion of personnel recommendations and discussion of school property. The motion carried and the Board moved into Executive Session at 6:43 p.m.

Board Action: A motion was made by Mr. James and seconded by Ms. Heniford to return to open session. The motion carried and the Board returned to open session at 7:34 p.m.

6. BUSINESS

A. Consideration of Recommendation(s) to Employ Personnel

Dr. Maxey made a recommendation to the Board to hire Mr. Richard Crumley to serve as the principal of Loris High School effective with the 2018-19 school year.

Board Action: A motion was made by Mr. James and seconded by Mr. Hardwick to approve the recommendation to hire Mr. Richard Crumley to serve as the principal of Loris High School effective with the 2018-19 school year. The motion carried unanimously. The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

Dr. Maxey made a recommendation that April Scott be transferred from the Executive Director of Middle Schools position to the Executive Director for Secondary Schools position effective with the 2018-19 school year.

Board Action: A motion was made by Mr. Winters and seconded by Mr. James to approve the recommendation to transfer April Scott from the Executive Director of Middle Schools position to the Executive Director of Secondary Schools position effective with the 2018-19 school year. The motion carried unanimously. The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item. Ms. Scott was recognized and congratulated on her appointment.

B. Consideration of Approval of 2018-19 Employment Contracts

Board members recused themselves from the vote on approval of employment contracts for their relatives as follows:

Shanda Allen – Pamela Dyson, Dixie Cox, and Adrien Hardwick
David Cox – Jonathon Lee James
Neil James – Mary Anderson
John Poston – Robin H. Poston
Pam Timms – Sarah T. Baiden

Board Action: A motion was made by Mr. James to approve the employment contracts, with the exceptions as noted on the recusals. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hardwick and carried unanimously. The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

C. Consideration of Change Orders for Modulares – AES and CFES

Board Action: A motion was made by Mr. James to approve the change orders for the modular classrooms installed last summer at CFES and AES. Board approval is required because the change orders exceed the OE-13 change order threshold of 5% for the Superintendent's approval. The change order amount for AES is \$63,829.90, or 11.9%. The change order amount for CFES is \$49,011.30, or 9.8%. The motion was seconded by Ms. Timms and carried unanimously. The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Personnel Recommendations as Required by Law;**
- B. Monitoring Report: OE-9 Communicating with the Public;**
- C. Education Fund Distribution – District 7; and**
- D. Education Fund Distribution – District 9**

Board Action: A motion was made by Mr. Cox and seconded by Mr. Hardwick to approve the Consent Agenda items as presented. The motion carried unanimously. The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Board Action: A motion was made by Mr. James and seconded by Ms. Graham to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 7:38 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 script is fluid and cursive, with the first letter of each name being capitalized and prominent.

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

Approved: _____

Board Performance Indicators - 7 Responses

04/23/18

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.

32 / 4.58

The majority of agenda items focus on our core purpose.

31 / 4.43

Meetings

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

33 / 4.72

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

30 / 4.29

Community

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

29 / 4.15

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

32 / 4.58

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

33 / 4.72

Superintendent Relationship

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

31 / 4.43

Work / Policies

Board decisions are based on thoughtful analysis of available information.

33 / 4.72

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

29 / 4.15

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

33 / 4.72

Comments:

There were no comments.