

HORRY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES ***BOARD WORK SESSION/SPECIAL-CALLED MEETING*** ***District Office*** ***March 5, 2018***

The following persons were present:

Board of Education

Joe DeFeo, 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	Ashley Gasperson	Boone Myrick
Velna Allen	Kenny Generette	Mark Porter
Mary Anderson	Kristie Hamilton	Lucas Richardson
David Beaty	Judy Hunger	April Scott
Edward Boyd	Lindy Hylton	Scott Scrivner
Teal Britton	Lonnie Kaye	Rhonda Snowden
Daryl Brown	Cindy Magrath	Margaret Sordian
Joe Burch	Tammy Martin	David Stoudenmire
James Davis	Rick Maxey	Tammy Trulove
Stephen Driscoll	Michael McCracken	Kelly Wilson
John Gardner	Paula Mullis	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 MARCH 5, 2018, AT 6:00 P.M. – CALL TO ORDER

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

A. Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Cox offered the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. Approval of Agenda

Ms. Timms requested an item be added to the Agenda under Business for discussion of the property of the existing Socastee Middle School. Mr. DeFeo stated this item will be added under Business as Item 5.C. – Socastee Middle School – Resolution of Property.

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

C. Approval of Minutes

Board Action: A motion was made by Ms. Graham and seconded by Mr. Winters to approve the February 19, 2018, Minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously. The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

2. DISCUSSION

A. Human Resources Committee Report

Mr. Cox gave a report from the Human Resources Committee meeting held earlier today. Items discussed included an update on the salary study, alternative certification, the job fair that was held on February 24th, and bus driver pay. Further discussion of bus driver pay has been postponed until the salary study is complete.

B. Technology Committee Report

Ms. Morreale gave a report from the Technology Committee meeting held earlier today. The Committee received information on the refresh device review process and how the devices were selected. The Technology Committee recommends the Dell Latitude laptop for the high schools beginning next year.

C. Monitoring Report: OE-1 Global Operational Expectations

Dr. Maxey highlighted this report and offered to address any questions.

D. Monitoring Report: R-5 Other Academic Disciplines

Ms. Myrick shared there are five monitoring reports, which are technology applications, fine arts, physical education, foreign language, and career and technology education, and offered to address any questions.

E. Reschedule June 4, 2018, Board Meeting – High School Graduations

This item is before the Board for consideration to reschedule the Board meeting originally scheduled for June 4, due to graduation ceremonies being scheduled for this same date. It was suggested this meeting be rescheduled for June 11, 2018. This item will be under Business at our next Board meeting.

F. Five-Year Plan

Mr. Wolfe offered to answer any questions of Board members and offered if any Board member(s) would like to discuss the plan one-on-one, he will be glad to schedule a time for Board members to meet with him and his staff. Ms. Heniford voiced a desire to look at the plan one-on-one. Mr. Wolfe asked that Ms. Heniford notify Dr. Maxey of times she is available and Mr. Wolfe will work with his staff to accommodate the request. Mr. Gardner gave a brief report of funding options for the Five-Year Plan. Information will be provided in greater detail at the next meeting.

G. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Maxey shared highlights and statistics from the 9th Annual Technology Fair that was held last week. Our Technology Fair has continued to grow every year. On Friday and over the weekend, the First Robotics Palmetto Regional competition was held at the Convention Center, with 64 teams competing from across the country. All eleven of our secondary programs participated.

1) Four-Year-Old Early Childhood Curriculum Materials – Just as the District has to adopt curriculum materials for the upper grades, we have to do so from a State Department of Education approved list of materials for our four-year-olds. The District is using EIA funds that are earmarked specifically for purchasing these curriculum materials from the approved list to update our childhood curriculum materials.

2) Update: Reconfiguration of Myrtle Beach Elementary-level Schools – Dr. Maxey shared that administration has had an opportunity to meet with our stakeholders in the Myrtle Beach area specifically related to the elementary schools, having reached out to them to advise that although we could move in during the middle of the year, we recommend postponing the move. As a result, Myrtle Beach Primary, Myrtle Beach Elementary, and Myrtle Beach Intermediate Schools will all remain in the current grade configuration for the 2018-19 school year and the new Myrtle Beach Elementary School will open for staff and students in August 2019.

3) Aynor High School Student – “We Dine Together” – Aynor High School Sophomore, Mallorie Brown, is heading up implementation of the program, “We Dine Together,” at Aynor High School. Her goal for this program is to make a more inclusive environment in our schools, with the hope that this program can be implemented in all of the middle and high schools in Horry County, as well as hoping for a spin-off of this program in the elementary schools. The program encourages inclusiveness and hopes to ensure no student is forced to dine alone.

3. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. Discussion of Proposed Sale/Purchase of Property
- B. Discussion of School Security

Board Action: A motion was made by Mr. Hardwick and seconded by Ms. Timms to move into Executive Session for discussion of the items as noted above. The motion was approved unanimously and the Board moved into Executive Session at 6:34 p.m. The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

4. ADJOURN BOARD WORK SESSION/CONVENE SPECIAL-CALLED MEETING

Board Action: A motion was made by Mr. Cox and seconded by Ms. Heniford to enter into Business Session. The motion was approved and the Board entered into Business Session at 8:31 p.m. The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

5. BUSINESS

A. Consideration of Recommendation to Employ Personnel

Dr. Maxey shared two personnel recommendations for Board consideration. The first recommendation is for Ms. Kelly Wilson to serve as the principal of the Academy for the Arts, Science & Technology beginning with the 2018-19 school year.

Board Action: A motion was made by Mr. Hardwick and seconded by Mr. Winters to approve the recommendation of Dr. Maxey to name Ms. Kelly Wilson as the principal of the Academy for the Arts, Science & Technology beginning 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 to name Ms. Kristie Hamilton as the principal of Myrtle Beach Intermediate School beginning with the 2018-19 school year, adding that due to the reconfiguration, she will be the principal of Myrtle Beach Intermediate School for one year and following the transition with the reconfiguration, to be the principal of Myrtle Beach Elementary School.

Board Action: A motion was made by Ms. Todd to approve the recommendation of Dr. Maxey to name Ms. Kristie Hamilton as principal of Myrtle Beach Intermediate School beginning with the 2018-19 school year, and following the reconfiguration, as principal of Myrtle Beach Elementary School. The motion was seconded by Ms. Heniford and carried unanimously. The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

Ms. Wilson and Ms. Hamilton were recognized and congratulated on their respective appointment.

B. Request to Name Socastee Elementary School Gym in Honor of Mr. Wall

Board Action: A motion was made by Ms. Timms to approve naming the gym at Socastee Elementary School in honor of Mr. Robert Batie Wall. The motion was seconded by Ms. Todd and carried unanimously. The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

Ms. Timms shared that the dedication ceremony has been scheduled for April 27, 2018.

C. Socastee Middle School – Resolution of the Property

This item was added to the Agenda under Item 1.B. Approval of the Agenda earlier in the meeting.

Ms. Timms shared that the Socastee community is anxious to know the use of the current Socastee Middle School property once the property is vacated.

Board Action: A motion was made by Ms. Timms to make the current Socastee Middle School property that of Socastee High School once the current Socastee Middle School property is vacated. The motion was seconded by Mr. Winters and carried unanimously. The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

Ms. Timms shared there has been discussion about the road that separates the two properties, which is River Road, because a portion of River Road is State owned and a portion of River Road is County owned. Ms. Timms asked that Dr. Maxey work with staff to have a recommendation by the end of the year, whether it be to go to the County or the State, or whatever might be recommended. Ms. Heniford suggested Ms. Timms contact Tony Cox, who is the local Highway Commissioner, adding that he may be of assistance with this matter. Ms. Timms shared that she has put together a group to discuss future plans for the building. Mr. Wolfe suggested that his staff be allowed to meet with the group to discuss specifics about the building should all or a portion of the building be left for future use. A Board school visit to Socastee Middle School is scheduled for March 7, and Ms. Timms invited all Board members to participate.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Personnel Recommendations as Required by Law;

B. Monitoring Report: R-4 Social Studies;

C. Monitoring Report: OE-4 Personnel Administration; and

D. Monitoring Report: OE-6 Financial Administration – Quarterly Report

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

7. ADJOURNMENT

Board Action: A motion was made by Mr. Cox and seconded by Ms. Timms to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 8:41 p.m. The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

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 cursive and fluid.

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

Approved: _____

Board Performance Indicators - 6 Responses

03/05/18

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.

30 / 5.00

The majority of agenda items focus on our core purpose.

30 / 5.00

Meetings

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

29 / 4.84

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

30 / 5.00

Community

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

29 / 4.84

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

29 / 4.84

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

28 / 4.67

Superintendent Relationship

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

30 / 5.00

Work / Policies

Board decisions are based on thoughtful analysis of available information.

29 / 4.84

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

27 / 4.50

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

29 / 4.84

Comments:

There were no comments.