

Horry County Board of Education

Facilities Committee



Facilities Committee Meeting Minutes Monday, February 19, 2018

Board Members Present:

Neil James, Facilities Committee Chairman
Janet Graham, Facilities Committee Member
Holly Heniford, Facilities Committee Member
Pam Timms, Facilities Committee Member
Sherrie Todd, Facilities Committee Member
Ray Winters, Facilities Committee Member

Joe DeFeo
Shanda Allen
Chris Hardwick
Janice Morreale

Staff Members Present:

Dr. Rick Maxey, Superintendent
Velna Allen
Mary Anderson
Bobbi Antonucci
Lisa Bourcier
Edward Boyd
Daryl Brown
Joe Burch

Kenneth Generette
John Gardner
Leann Hill
Dennis McCrary
Boone Myrick
Mark Koll
Greg Sponseller

Media Present:

Abbey O'Brien, WBTW
Katie Powell, Horry Independent
Audrey Biesk, WMBF
Ashley Gooden, WPDE

Others Present:

Robbie Ferris, FFEP
Erin Haney, Brandon Agency (FFEP)
Joe Pike, Pike McFarland Hall Associates
Graham Reynolds, H.G. Reynolds
Jeffrey Reynolds, H.G. Reynolds

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.

Review and Approval of Agenda

Ms. Heniford moved to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Winters seconded the motion. All voted in favor of approving the agenda. Motion passed.

Review and Approval of Minutes

Mrs. Graham moved to accept the minutes of January 22, 2018, as presented. Mr. Winters seconded the motion; all voted in favor. Motion passed.

Construction Projects Update

Mr. Ferris updated the Committee on the ongoing punch lists for Ten Oaks Middle School, St. James Intermediate School, and Socastee Elementary School, noting that they are in the process of completing a second punch list. The initial punch list items have been completed and the items on the second punch list will be completed over spring break.

Regarding ongoing construction, Mr. Ferris noted that most of the overhead inspection has been completed at Socastee Middle School. The final overhead inspection has been scheduled for March 20, 2018. Ms. Heniford asked about the extra solar panels pictured in his presentation, and if they were planned or an addition. Mr. Ferris explained that since Socastee Middle School has less roof space for the panels, and the energy modeling pointed to the need for additional panels, they were added in a fenced area.

Mr. Pike presented a brief update of the Midland Elementary School renovation. He noted that the project is nearing completion with the final Office of School Facilities (OSF) inspection completed and staff began to occupy the space last week.

Mr. Reynolds updated the Committee on the renovation of North Myrtle Beach High School. The student parking lot is now in use, and the sound system and seating is being completed in the auditorium. Ms. Heniford asked about the completion date. Mr. Reynolds answered that the school has passed the third-party inspection, and the final inspection is dependent on OSF's schedule.

Discussion

Draft Five Year Plan Discussion

Mr. Brown explained that he and the staff members in attendance were prepared to address any questions in Mr. Wolfe's absence.

Ms. Heniford asked about the new school proposed for the North Myrtle Beach attendance area. She suggested that consideration be given to a change in attendance lines to alleviate the crowding and lack of space at Ocean Drive Elementary School, rather than building another elementary school. Mr. James referenced Functional Capacity Estimates found on page 19 of the Draft Five-Year Capital Plan that was attached to the agenda. He noted that based on these estimates, the elementary schools in North Myrtle Beach will be over capacity within the next few years. Mr. Burch suggested that while a change in attendance lines may be a resolution worth considering, the question that may need to be answered is how the transfer policy will impact Ocean Drive Elementary.

Mr. DeFeo suggested consideration of an intermediate school in that area. Ms. Heniford stated that principals have shared with her that they prefer an elementary/middle system to a primary/elementary/middle system. She added that she would like to continue to meet with administrators to discuss options.

Mr. James asked Mr. Burch to review how transfer students impact the capacity numbers at the next Facilities Committee meeting. Mr. Burch noted that a correlation can be seen between capacity and high employment areas, adding that transfers into Ocean Drive Elementary have been restricted for several years. The consensus of the Committee was that further analysis of the grade distribution and attendance lines are necessary. Ms. Heniford added that she would like to continue discussions with the principals in that area as well.

Mrs. Graham asked if the information from the census corroborates our predicted 2% growth. Mr. Burch answered that he compiles data from many sources such as building permits, historical data, birth rates, and house sales.

Mr. DeFeo stated that funding options would need to be reviewed before any decisions can be made on which projects to proceed with. He added that he had spoken with the Superintendent to discuss options such as disposing of surplus properties. He added that buildings deemed unusable and scheduled for demolition should be demolished promptly once vacated. Mr. James added that an RFP for demolition of the old Socastee Elementary School is being prepared by staff. Mr. Burch noted that the preliminary inspection report was received which will help staff determine a cost estimate for demolition of the old Socastee Elementary School.

Ms. Todd asked what attendance area the new homes under construction in the Market Common area are in. Mr. Burch answered that students in that area would be in the Myrtle Beach attendance area. Ms. Timms asked the same question about the existing development named Harbortown. Mr. Burch answered that those students would be in the Socastee attendance area.

In conclusion, Mr. James noted that Finance Committee input is needed to proceed with the five-year plan.

Transportation – Age of Buses in Use

Mr. Brown presented the Committee with data regarding the age of buses in use by Horry County Schools. The buses in use consist of 315 state-owned buses and 81 district-owned buses. He added that HCS is in good standing because of the efforts made by the Board in recent years. Mr. James asked how buses are assigned to routes. Mr. Brown answered that the state-owned buses are used for daily, regular routes, and the district-owned buses are used to transport students that live within a 1 ½ to 2 mile range of the school.

Mr. DeFeo asked about the State's replacement of buses that are over 30 years old. Dr. Maxey answered that State Superintendent Spearman has indicated recently that new buses would be distributed soon.

Energy Consumption Comparison

Mr. James presented the Committee with analysis of three of the newly-constructed energy-positive schools and River Oaks Elementary School, based on energy bills. He summarized that at this time the energy positive schools are not functioning at the level anticipated, and close monitoring will be necessary as the systems become more efficient. He noted that although these schools have not been commissioned yet, they are more energy efficient than other schools in the District.

Ms. Heniford clarified that evidence of the schools performing at an energy-positive level may not be known for a couple years due to system adjustments and billing schedules. Mr. James answered that

based on the net-positive criteria established for these schools, yes; the realization of savings may take some time.

Mr. DeFeo asked if the solar power generated and used is reflected in the total consumption. Mr. James said yes, the consumption would include power used that was generated by the solar panels. He further explained that the information captured in his presentation was taken directly from bills received from the power company, as they present it.

Mrs. Graham asked if the utility buy-back shown on page two is a credit received on our bill. Mr. James explained that it is not exactly a credit, but does reduce the amount of energy we need to purchase. He added that the goal is to net out, or balance those numbers.

Mr. James and Mr. DeFeo agreed that analysis such as this is helpful, but continual monitoring is necessary. Mr. Ferris added that meter data on consumption is not available yet, which will help demonstrate the accurate net-positive information.

Myrtle Beach Primary School Change Orders

Mr. McCrary explained that the Committee had previously approved the use of excess funds from the completed capital projects and the building modification plan to complete code-required modifications to Myrtle Beach Primary School. Mr. McCrary further explained that it has come to staff's attention that the change order presented is in excess of 10% of the current awarded contract, which requires Board approval. Dr. Maxey added that these improvements are required by OSF and the Fire Marshall. Ms. Heniford asked for a detailed breakout of the expenses. Mr. James requested that staff forward that information to all Board members immediately after the meeting so that it could be discussed at the Board meeting.

Adjourn

Ms. Heniford moved to adjourn, seconded by Mrs. Graham; all voted in favor. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,



Leann Hill
Administrative Asst. – Support Services

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