

# HORRY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

## ***MINUTES BOARD MEETING District Office February 19, 2018***

The following persons were present:

### **Board of Education**

Joe DeFeo, Chairman	Chris Hardwick	Sherrie Todd
Neil James, Vice-Chairman	Holly Heniford	Ray Winters
Shanda Allen	Janice Morreale	
Janet Graham	Pam Timms	

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

Jeanna Allen	Reggie Gasque	Valerie McNeill
Velna Allen	Kenny Generette	Norman McQueen
Mary Anderson	Melanie Gentzler	Taraka Moultrie
David Beaty	Bo Gorcesky	Boone Myrick
Emily Bilton	Jessica Hand	Michael Pickett
Lisa Bourcier	Ben Hardee	Mark Porter
Edward Boyd	Sharon Harris	Shannon Prince
Teal Britton	Leann Hill	Jane Reeves
Dawn Brooks	Becky Hinson	Lucas Richardson
Daryl Brown	Angela Huggins	Angela Rush
Joe Burch	Judy Hunger	April Scott
Kim Byrd	Kristie Jacobs	Scott Scrivner
Connie Christy	Robert Kerson	Gretchen Smith
Krista Finklea	Erika Kinlaw	Rhonda Snowden
Jasmine Floyd	Mark Koll	David Stoudenmire
Kim Floyd	H. T. Lee	Shanda Strickland
Martha Fout	Jason Madeline	Heather Vigo
Renea Fowler	Rick Maxey	Kristin Wilson
John Gardner	Natasha McDonald	

*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 FEBRUARY 19, 2018, AT 6:00 P.M. – CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman DeFeo called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

#### **A. Invocation**

Mr. Hardwick offered the invocation.

**B. Presentation of Colors/Pledge of Allegiance**

The North Myrtle Beach High School Navy JROTC presented the Colors and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**C. Approval of Agenda**

Mr. DeFeo noted that an item, Myrtle Beach Primary School Change Order, would be added to the Agenda under Discussion as a new Item 1 before Item A and under Business as a new Item 1 before Item A. This item is being brought to the full Board on the recommendation of the Facilities Committee from their meeting held earlier today.

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

**D. Approval of Minutes**

**Board Action:** A motion was made by Mr. Winters and seconded by Mr. James to approve the February 5, 2018, Minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously. The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

**2. RECOGNITIONS**

**A. South Carolina Elementary Honor Choir**

Thirty-two elementary students from Horry County Schools were recognized for being selected to perform in the South Carolina Elementary Honor Choir.

**3. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mr. DeFeo stated that the issue of Scholars Academy or AAST is not on the agenda

- Heather Johnson spoke during Public Comments on the topic of anti-bullying and suicide awareness and prevention.
- Bennie Swans addressed the Board to thank the District administration and the Board of Education for their support and encouragement of the King Day programs throughout Horry County.
- Susanna Bleyer spoke in response to the petition to separate AAST and Scholars Academy from their base schools.
- Alexandra Simons spoke regarding her point of view on the issue concerning the separation of magnet schools from their base schools.
- Dashiell Stevanovich spoke regarding his point of view on the issue concerning the separation of magnet schools from their base schools.
- Sydney Stegall spoke regarding her perspective on the subject of base schools and magnet schools benefitting from the affiliation between the two.
- Erin Emiroglu spoke regarding her point of view on the petition to separate AAST, ATA, ECHS, and Scholars Academy from their base schools.

**4. DISCUSSION**

**Myrtle Beach Primary School Change Order**

Mr. James stated that Board members should have received an email entitled Welch CO #2 that was provided following the Facilities Committee meeting, which states they are requesting \$350,000 as a change order, of which \$325,000 is because of unanticipated items from the OSF inspection at Myrtle Beach Primary. This was previously approved by the Facilities Committee with the understanding that this was within the 10% allowance in accordance with OE-13. After reviewing the situation, this is a 12.7% increase. To comply with OE-13, this is being brought back for the full Board's consideration. It is time sensitive due to contractors waiting for the District to release the purchase orders to proceed. Mr. DeFeo noted this will be up for the Board's consideration tonight under Business.

**A. Teacher Longevity/Signing Bonuses**

At the request of Mr. Cox who was unable to attend tonight's meeting, Ms. Morreale shared this item, noting that this item was discussed at the last Human Resources Committee meeting. A job fair is scheduled for Saturday, February 24, 2018, at Conway High School. Funds in the amount of \$375,000 were previously approved by the Board for use as signing bonuses. Administration is asking for approval to use the funds as a signing bonus/incentive to fill critical needs vacancies during the upcoming job fair.

**B. Facilities Committee Report**

Mr. James gave a report from the Facilities Committee meeting held earlier today.

**C. Draft Five-Year Capital Plan**

Mr. Brown stated that the Five-Year Plan has been provided and that he and others from Facilities are open to suggestions and will be glad to answer any questions. Mr. DeFeo noted that the Board will have to get the financing in order before making final decisions on these schools.

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

Ms. Timms shared that the new Socastee Elementary School was built on property previously owned by Mr. Robbie Wall, an outstanding community member, adding that his family has given a lot to the Socastee Community, they are well thought of, and they support the community and our students. Ms. Timms brings this before the Board upon her recommendation that we name the new gym at Socastee Elementary School in honor of Mr. Robert Batie Wall. Ms. Timms stated this has been through the Advisory Board and the School Improvement Council, as well as through the community since ground was broken for this project. Mr. DeFeo stated this will be under Business at the next meeting.

**E. Monitoring Report: R-4 Social Studies**

Ms. Myrick highlighted information from the Monitoring Report and shared an example of some of the work being done in our elementary schools in the area of social studies.

**F. Monitoring Report: OE-4 Personnel Administration**

Ms. Anderson shared that Monitoring Report: OE-4 has been presented and if there are questions, please let her know. She also shared that a job fair is scheduled for Saturday, February 24, 2018, beginning at 9:30 a.m., at Conway High School. Board members are invited to attend.

**G. Monitoring Report: OE-6 Financial Administration – Quarterly Report**

Mr. Gardner shared that the Quarterly Financial Report has been provided. Should there be questions, he will be glad to assist.

## H. Superintendent's Report

- Horry County Schools Health Sciences Career Fair – This event was held last Friday at Conway High School. Representatives from Conway Medical Center, Grand Strand Medical Center, McLeod Health, and Tideland Health participated in the event. Twenty career strands were represented and we had 475 students from five high schools and two academies in attendance.
- Dr. Maxey introduced the topic of RBHS (Rehabilitative Behavior Health Services) and noted that we are faced with increasing numbers of students who have issues with mental health. One way that we can support our students is to provide them a service that helps them to learn to cope at school and to deal with emotions. Horry County Schools works jointly with Waccamaw Mental Health; however, we also have RBHS Counselors in many of our schools. Ms. Allen provided a brief overview of the RBHS program and some of the services offered through RBHS to our students and their families.

## 5. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. Discussion of Personnel Recommendations; and
- B. Discussion of Negotiations Related to Proposed Contractual Arrangement

**Board Action:** A motion was made by Mr. James and seconded by Mr. Hardwick 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 7:30 p.m. The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

**Board Action:** A motion was made by Mr. Hardwick and seconded by Ms. Timms to enter into Business Session. The motion was approved and the Board entered Business Session at 8:42 p.m. The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

Ms. Todd did not return to the meeting following the Executive Session.

## 6. BUSINESS

### Item 1 as added to the Agenda under Item 1.C. Approval of the Agenda Myrtle Beach Primary School Change Order

**Board Action:** A motion was made by Mr. James and seconded by Ms. Heniford to approve the Change Order entitled Welch CO#2 in the amount of \$350,000 for Myrtle Beach Primary School, of which \$325,000 is due to unanticipated items from the OSF inspection. The amount of the Change Order exceeds the 10% allowance, and therefore, requires approval of the full Board. The motion carried unanimously. The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

### A. District Policies – “Student Assignment to Schools”

This item was before the Board previously for discussion. The document, as presented, has a date of May 1 as the deadline for transfer applications. Mr. Generette shared that after discussion with principals, and the desire to ensure parents have adequate time once the online registration for the

following year is open, the recommendation from administration is for a date of June 1 as the deadline for transfer applications. After further discussion of this matter by the Board, a motion was made as follows:

**Board Action:** A motion was made by Mr. Winters to use the language as presented in the draft with the exception of setting the date of the deadline for transfer applications as June 30. The motion was seconded by Ms. Heniford and carried as follows: Heniford, Winters, James, Hardwick, and Allen in favor; Morreale, Timms, and Graham, opposed. The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

#### **B. Summer Meetings**

This item was before the Board previously for discussion. Based upon the discussion, it has been suggested the Board meet at least one time during the summer months when school is not in session. The third Monday of July was offered as a date for 2018. It was noted the meeting could be cancelled should it not be needed.

**Board Action:** A motion was made by Mr. James and seconded by Ms. Timms that a Board meeting be scheduled during the summer months, and specifically on July 16, 2018. The motion carried unanimously. The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

#### **C. Consider Approval of Request to Waive Day of Absence Due to Inclement Weather**

**1) Student Absence – Friday, January 5, 2018**

**2) Employee Absence – Friday, January 5, 2018**

Dr. Maxey shared that the District has met the requirements of State law in terms of making up missed instructional days. Administration is requesting the Board exercise its right as the local School Board of Trustees to waive making up the instructional day lost on Friday, January 5, 2018, as well as forgive the employee absence that occurred on January 5, 2018.

**Board Action:** A motion was made by Mr. Winters and seconded by Mr. James to grant a waiver for one instructional day missed on January 5, 2018, due to inclement weather, and to forgive the employee absence of January 5, 2018. The motion carried unanimously. The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

#### **7. CONSENT AGENDA**

**A. Personnel Recommendations as Required by Law;**

**B. Education Fund Distribution – District 3;**

**C. Education Fund Distribution – District 4;**

**D. Education Fund Distribution – District 6;**

**E. Education Fund Distribution – District 7; and**

**F. Education Fund Distribution – District 11**

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

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

**Board Action:** A motion was made by Ms. Timms and seconded by Mr. Hardwick to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 9:00 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 large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rhonda Snowden".

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

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

## Board Performance Indicators - 9 Responses

**02/19/18**

*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.

**44 / 4.89**

The majority of agenda items focus on our core purpose.

**45 / 5.00**

### Meetings

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

**44 / 4.89**

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

**44 / 4.89**

### Community

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

**43 / 4.78**

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

**44 / 4.89**

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

**44 / 4.89**

### Superintendent Relationship

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

**44 / 4.89**

### Work / Policies

Board decisions are based on thoughtful analysis of available information.

**44 / 4.89**

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

**44 / 4.89**

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

**44 / 4.89**

### Comments:

There were no comments.