

# HORRY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

## *MINUTES – Board Work Session*

### *District Office*

February 14, 2011

The following persons were present:

Board Members: David Cox Trent Hardee Karen McIlrath (via telephone)  
Joe DeFeo Paul Hudson Paul Peterson  
Harvey Eisner Neil James John Poston  
Will Garland Kay Loftus

Superintendent Cindy Elsberry

District Office Staff: Cindy Ambrose Wanda Fulwood Sharon McCullough  
David Bell John Gardner Gail Moss  
Edward Boyd Kenny Generette Boone Myrick  
James Bradley Buddy George Bobby Nalley  
Teal Britton Ben Hardee Bert Owen  
Dottie Brown Barbara Harrelson Beverly Pilkey  
Carolyn Chestnut Paul Hickman Jeff Riddle  
Edi Cox Mollie Laut Brian Roessler  
Ed Curlee HT Lee  
Matt Dean Rick Maxey

Principals: Cheryl Banks Roger Gray Nona Kerr  
Dwight Boykin Joan Grimmer Dana Penick  
Daryl Brown Mary Beth Heath Tom Rex

Media: Heather Gale, Horry Independent  
Vicki Grooms, Sun News  
Tom O'Dare

Meeting Notification: As required by SC Law §30-4-80, all local news media were informed of the date, time, and purpose of this meeting, and copies of the agenda were posted at the district office. Agenda copies were also distributed to all schools for posting.

## CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:07 p.m. The Aynor High School Army JROTC presented the colors and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. James offered the invocation.

## AGENDA/MINUTES

***ACTION: Upon motion by Mr. James, second by Mr. Hudson, the Board unanimously approved the agenda as presented.***

## PUBLIC COMMENTS

The following individuals addressed the Board:

- Lee Brigman – Mr. Brigman had electronically submitted a request to speak but was not present at the meeting.
- Bobby Chandler – Allocation formulae, budget, board governance

## DISCUSSION

Monitoring Report R-4: Other Academic Disciplines – Board members received monitoring reports in the following areas: Career and Occupational Majors, Foreign Languages, Fine Arts, Health and Physical Education, and Technology Applications. These monitoring reports will be placed on the February 28 board meeting business agenda.

Broadcasting Board Meetings – Board members discussed the pros and cons of broadcasting board meetings. They expressed a preference for taping and delayed broadcasting of the meetings instead of broadcasting the meetings live. Additionally, several board members stated that they would prefer not to broadcast the public comments portion of the meetings. Jeff Riddle was asked to provide a cost analysis of broadcasting the meetings prior to the next meeting. This item will be added to the February 28 board meeting business agenda.

Facility Usage Fees – Jeff Riddle provided a report on fees charged for the public's use of school district facilities, and there was discussion about the rental contract form and the district policy regarding this issue. The fee schedule for Myrtle Beach High School's facilities was also reviewed.

Facility Needs at Early College High School – Matt Dean provided a project estimate of the proposed building for the Early College High School, which will be located on the Horry Georgetown Technical College campus. The total cost estimate is \$12,567,690. Plans are for the facility to be LEED certified, and it is expected to be an 18-24 month project that will house 400-450 students. Mr. Dean will continue working on the lease agreement and will provide additional information at the February 28 Board meeting. Also, it was noted that the long-term lease agreement for the HGTC location will be between 50-99 years.

Proposed 2011-12 Calendar – Dr. Bobby Nalley provided a copy of the proposed 2011-12 calendar. He stated that the three additional staff development days will not be added to the calendar until after the 2011-12 budget has been approved and it is determined whether or not they are still provided. Mr. Garland stated that he had heard from some parents who would like for Horry County Schools to offer the same spring break as CCU and HGTC. Dr. Nalley stated that the various groups that had contributed to the development of the calendar preferred to stay with the district's practice of scheduling spring break adjacent to Easter weekend. He stated that even for the Scholars Academy and Early College High School, where the classes are held on CCU and HGTC campuses, most parents have other children in the district and would prefer for their children to have the same spring breaks.

Report from Legislative Platform Committee – John Poston, Chairman of the committee, reported that at the meeting on February 7, the following items were identified as hot topic issues that the Board should concentrate on:

- H3241: Charter School Bill dealing with funding of charter schools and the ability of charter school students to try out for sports at their district school (also affects virtual schools)
- H3239: Index of Taxpaying Ability changed to be based on a district's average wages instead of property value
- H3013 & S433, Section 1 – rewrite the ability for school districts to apply for exemptions from statutes and regulations of the State Department of Education; and S0433: funding of school districts

Superintendent's Report

- HCS Virtual School Status Report – Edi Cox presented an update. She stated that the number of virtual courses taken by students is growing 30% each year.
- Perception Surveys – Dr. Elsberry provided a report on the results of surveys given recently to teachers, students, and parents. The report compared results from the last six years.

## DEBRIEFING

Board members agreed that they adhered to the principles of Coherent Governance during the meeting.

## ADJOURNMENT

***ACTION: At 7:32 p.m., upon motion by Mr. James, second by Mr. Hudson, the meeting was adjourned.***

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**Wanda J. Fulwood**  
**Exec. Asst. to the Board and Superintendent**

**Approved: 02/28/11**