

HORRY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES – Board Meeting

District Office

March 28, 2011

The following persons were present:

Board Members:	David Cox Harvey Eisner Will Garland Paul Hudson	Neil James Kay Loftus Karen McIlrath Paul Peterson	John Poston Pam Timms
Superintendent	Cindy Elsberry		
District Office Staff:	Gretchen Almeida Cindy Ambrose David Bell Ashley Blankenship Edward Boyd James Bradley Teal Britton Dottie Brown Carolyn Chestnut Ed Curlee Matt Dean Judy Edwards	Martha Fout Wanda Fulwood John Gardner Kenny Generette Buddy George Ben Hardee Barbara Harrelson Leslie Huggins Mollie Laut H.T. Lee Cindy Magrath Rick Maxey	Gail Moss Paula Mullis Boone Myrick Bobby Nalley June Overton Bert Owen Beverly Pilkey Jeff Riddle Brian Roessler Judy Stall Jackie Stanley Olga Toggas
Principals:	Velna Allen Barbara Ammons Mary Anderson Cheryl Banks Judy Beard Dwight Boykin Daryl Brown Johnny Calder Maquitta Davis Renea Fowler	Penny Foye Milton Frink Reggie Gasque Roger Gray Joan Grimmitt Leon Hayes Mary Beth Heath Donna Hooks Joyce Jackson Robin Jones	Nona Kerr Mark Porter Tom Rex Beth Selander Trevor Strawderman Cindy Thibodeau Vicki Underwood Robbie Watkins
Media:	Vicki Grooms, Sun News		

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 6:00 p.m. The Carolina Forest High School Navy JROTC presented the colors and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Hudson offered the invocation.

AGENDA/MINUTES

ACTION: Upon motion by Mrs. Loftus, second by Mr. Hudson, the Board unanimously approved the agenda with the following revision:

- Add Discussion Item: "Legislative Platform Committee Update."

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The following individuals addressed the Board:

- Rev. Matthew Furness – Dual Credit/Summer Courses
- Bobby Chandler – Coherent Governance
- Anthony Trinca – Transparency/Inappropriate Books
- Rev. Michael Scott – Dual Credit/Summer Courses
- Jackie Stanley – Dual Credit/Equitability

RECOGNITIONS

The following individuals/groups were recognized by the Board:

- North Myrtle Beach High School Mock Trial Team – State Champions
 - Taylor Treese
 - Trenton Smith

- Shannon Shurney
- Felicia Canipe
- Haven Lane
- Bailey Phillips
- Michael Rose
- Kennedy Hayes
- Jordan Treese
- Aynor High School Book Club – First Place, Young Adult Division, South Carolina Association of School Librarian’s Annual Competition
 - Alexis Holt
 - Brittany Gray
 - Katie Morgan
 - Hunter Owens
 - Lindsey Parrott
- Loris Middle School – Palmetto’s Finest
- Burgess Elementary School – Finalist, Palmetto’s Finest
- Burgess Elementary School – Riley School Improvement Award for 2011
- Christian Hanna, Black Water Middle School – Waccamaw River Volunteer
- Technology Fair Winners
 - Charlie Ann Trout, Myrtle Beach Intermediate School – Best of Show/Elementary Level
 - Colton Boyd, Zack Novak, Whittemore Park Middle School – Best of Show/Middle School Level
 - Caroline Moore, Scholars Academy – Best of Show/High School Level
- HCS CONNECT Program – Honorable Mention, NSBA Magna Award

DISCUSSION

Board Effectiveness Feedback – Board members reviewed the survey results for the February 28 meeting and were asked to complete the surveys for this meeting.

Budget Update – Jeff Riddle provided a status report on the 2011-12 budget development.

Request for Fencing and Widening and Resurfacing of Road Between Socastee Elementary School and Socastee High School – Bobby Nalley provided a report on this request, which will be brought back to the Board for action at the April 11 Board meeting.

Request for Easement at 35th Ave. N. in Myrtle Beach – Bobby Nalley provided a report on this request, which will be brought back to the Board for action at the April 11 Board meeting.

Consideration of Request for Early College High School Mascot and School Colors – Bobby Nalley provided a report on this request, which will be brought back to the Board for action at the April 11 Board meeting.

Legislative Platform Committee Update – Mr. Poston provided an update on the proposed charter school bill. He stated that at the present time, the charter school bill has passed through the House. An amendment was added by Rep. Alan Clemmons, which the committee feels is favorable to Horry County Schools. When the proposed bill went before the Senate, the Clemmons amendment was removed. Senators Rankin and Hayes are going to attempt to put a hold on the bill while they try to get the amendment replaced. The Legislative Platform Committee asked that the Board submit a letter addressing the charter school and the Clemmons amendment stating that it would be favorable for our district and thanking members of the Legislative Delegation for their work on the bill.

Superintendent’s Report – Dr. Elsberry reported on the following topics:

- State’s Report Card Revisions

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Suliban Deaza had requested to address the Board but was not present at the beginning of the meeting. The Board Chair allowed him to address the Board at this time. Mr. Deaza provided information regarding the Horry Georgetown Technical College’s Third Annual Engineering Day, scheduled for April 20, 2011.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ACTION: At 7:27 p.m., upon motion by Mr. James, second by Mr. Hudson, the Board reconvened (after a short break) in Executive Session for the discussion of personnel and contractual matters.

OPEN SESSION

ACTION: At 8:10 p.m., upon motion by Mr. Poston, second by Mrs. Loftus, the Board reconvened in Open Session.

BUSINESS

Personnel Recommendations

ACTION: Upon motion by Mr. James, second by Mr. Cox, the Board unanimously approved the appointment of Robin Jones as Principal of the Academy of Arts, Science and Technology.

ACTION: Upon motion by Dr. Peterson, second by Mr. James, the Board approved the appointment of Melissa Gause as Principal of Green Sea Floyds Elementary School. The motion was approved 9-0-1; Mr. Garland recused himself.

Consideration of Modification of Construction Contract for North Myrtle Beach High School Athletic Complex

ACTION: Mr. Eisner moved that the board approve an increase in the Field Houses and Concession Stands project budget by no more than \$700,000 to remove/replace the existing visitor and end zone bleachers including associated work. The project is to be funded by the One-Cent Local Option Sales Tax for Capital Projects. The project includes:

- Removal of existing visitor bleachers and end zone bleachers
- Demolition and relocation of miscellaneous site buildings
- Relocation of utilities and light poles
- Relocation of concession stands and rest rooms to below new bleachers
- Installation of new bleachers with approximately 2,000 seats

The motion was seconded by Mr. Hudson and was approved 9-0-1; Mr. Poston recused himself.

CONSENT AGENDA

ACTION: Upon motion by Mr. James, second by Mr. Hudson, the Board unanimously approved the following Consent Agenda items:

- Monitoring Report OE-4—Personnel Administration
- Monitoring Report OE-1—Global Operational Expectation
- Monitoring Report R-2: K-12 ELA/Literacy
- Consideration of Sale of Portables (John Poston recused himself from this action.)
- Personnel Items Required by Law

DEBRIEFING

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

ADJOURNMENT

ACTION: At 8:17 p.m., upon motion by Mrs. Loftus, second by Mr. Hudson, the meeting was adjourned.

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