

**HORRY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
***MINUTES – Board Meeting***

September 17, 2007

Lakewood Elementary School

6:00 p.m.

The following persons were present:

Board Members:	Ronald Bessant Joe DeFeo Harvey Eisner Will Garland	Bill Graham MaryEllen Greene Charles Hucks Paul Hudson	Kay Loftus Paul Peterson Chris Shannon Pam Timms
Acting Superintendent	Bobby Nalley		
District Office Staff:	Gretchen Almeida Edward Boyd James Bradley Teal Britton Dottie Brown Carolyn Chestnut Ed Curlee Wanda Fulwood John Gardner	Kenneth Generette Buddy George Ben Hardee Leon Hayes Paul Hickman Bill Latham Mollie Laut H.T. Lee Rick Maxey	Gail Moss Boone Myrick Beverly Pilkey Jeff Riddle Eddie Rodelsperger Brian Roessler Jim Wright
Principals:	Velna Allen Ronnie Burgess	Joe Dowling Tom Rex	
Media:	Jessica Foster, Sun News Robert Anderson, Horry Independent		
Others	Kenneth Childs Kathy Mahoney Horry County Auditor Lois Eargle		
Meeting Notification:	As required by SC Law §30-4-80, all local news media were informed of the date, time, place, and agenda 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 Board Chair called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m. Dr. Paul Peterson offered the invocation. The presentation of colors and Pledge of Allegiance were provided by the Socastee High School Air Force JROTC.

## AGENDA

***ACTION: Upon motion by Mrs. Greene, second by Mr. Bessant, the Board unanimously approved the agenda with the following revision:***

- ***Deletion of Consent Agenda #7.2. – Home Schooling Request***

## SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

The following individuals were recognized by the Board of Education:

- 2.1. Jim Wright, Director of Transportation for Horry County Schools, received a commendation from the SC Senate for his leadership and involvement in helping to pass meaningful legislation for the safety of children being transported on school buses.
- 2.2. Students at the Academy for Arts, Science and the Technology and Carolina Forest High School scored above the national average on both the SAT and ACT.
- 2.3. Students and staff at Carolina Forest High School competed and excelled in the South Carolina No Book Left Unread 2007 Summer Reading Challenge. The school family won the contest after having read almost one-third of the total number of pages submitted in the statewide competition. Math teacher Christopher Simpson read 52,481 pages, the

most among participating high school faculty members from around the state, and sophomore David Burlinson read the most number of pages among participating high school students, at 12,585 pages.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Pat Milley – Ms. Milley expressed concerns about the state's requirements for keyboarding and cursive handwriting.

Bobby Chandler – Mr. Chandler asked the Board to put into place centralized meetings and live telecasts for the regular board meetings beginning in the 2008-2009 school year.

## **INFORMATION**

Presentation of Proclamation for Constitution Week 2007 – Ms. Alma Parrish, representing the Theodosia Burr Chapter of the NSDAR, introduced Carson Cox, an eighth grade student at Myrtle Beach Middle School. Carson read a proclamation for Constitution Week 2007, and a signed copy of the proclamation was presented to him by the Board Chair and Acting Superintendent.

Report on Out-of-State License Plates – Horry County Auditor Lois Eargle and members of her staff provided a status report on out-of-state license tags being reported in Horry County. Mrs. Eargle expressed appreciation to the school district for their assistance in reminding parents new to the area of the need to change to SC tags. As of this date, over 150 out-of-state tags have been registered since the first day of school.

Personnel Update – Jeff Riddle informed the Board that as of this date, there are four vacancies at the Academy for Technology and Academics, three open positions at Conway Middle School, and two at Loris High School.

General Fund Reconciliation – Jeff Riddle informed the Board that the year-end financial report is intended to provide the Board with a comprehensive overview of the district's financial position as of the end of the fiscal year. Although the comprehensive final financial report has not been completed, the administration is in a position to predict the status of the fund balance for the General Fund as of June 30, 2007. During the budget deliberation process, it was projected that the undesignated and unreserved fund balance as of June 30, 2007 would be approximately \$10.2 million above the minimum fund balance as recommended by the District's bond counsel and financial advisors. Of this amount, \$7.1 million was subsequently incorporated in the adopted 2007-08 budget to provide the necessary support for all students of the district. The budgeted undesignated and unreserved fund balance was \$3.1 million. Mr. Riddle reported that based on revenues recorded and expenditures paid as of this date, the actual undesignated and unreserved fund balance is expected to be \$6.0 million. This undesignated and unreserved fund balance is available for future Board initiatives.

Enrollment Report – Leon Hayes reported that the district's total enrollment reported for Day 3 was 36,793, which was a gain of 946 over last year's Day 3 total. On Day 12, this year's enrollment was 37,154, up 361 from Day 3, and up 1,307 from last year.

Board Effectiveness Feedback – Board members received the results of the August 20, 2007 surveys and were asked to complete surveys for this meeting.

Superintendent's Comments – Dr. Nalley informed the Board that because of enrollment issues, this year we have had to move some students and principals have handled those moves beautifully.

## Executive Session

***ACTION: Upon motion by Mrs. Green, second by Mr. Hucks, the Board reconvened in Executive Session at 6:52 p.m. for the discussion of the Acting Superintendent's evaluation.***

## Open Session

***ACTION: Upon motion by Mrs. Greene, second by Mr. Hudson, the Board reconvened in Open Session at 8:40 p.m.***

## Business

Acting Superintendent's Evaluation – The Board Chair read the following statement regarding the Acting Superintendent's evaluation.

In recent years, the Horry County Board of Education has conducted the Superintendent's annual performance evaluation by monitoring the Superintendent's job expectations. Following this process, the Superintendent's performance will be reviewed by monitoring progress toward the accomplishment of (1) the Board's ends policies and (2) by assessing the organization's operation within the boundaries established in the Board's executive limitation policies. Monitoring determines the degree to which Board policies are being met.

Prior to this evening's Board meeting, all Board members were provided with comprehensive reports on compliance with the Board's 18 executive limitations and a performance report on the Board's 85 long-range performance goals.

An executive summary of these materials is attached to this public statement. These reports demonstrate that the Superintendent is found to be in compliance with all executive limitation policies and progress has been demonstrated in 2/3 of the performance areas, consistent with the Board's stated expectations for the Superintendent. Moreover, the Board unanimously recognizes Dr. Nalley's efficiency, hard work, and excellent management.

In summary, the Horry County Schools have continued to make progress in the critically important area of academic achievement. The Board is pleased with this progress but obviously is aware the District continues to have room for improvement in almost every area.

We have asked the District administration to carefully review the test data from the 2006-07 school year and to advise the Board of the most critical issues which need to be addressed during the 2007-08 school year, as well as the practices and procedures needed to move forward in the identified areas.

We conclude by stating the Board's opinion that Dr. Nalley's performance as Interim Superintendent during the past twelve months has been outstanding. We wish to congratulate and thank Dr. Nalley, the District's administrative staff, our teachers, parents, students, and other citizens for the progress the District has made to date.

The Board remains determined to continue our District's efforts to achieve and maintain excellence in all phases of our operations.

Superintendent Search – Mr. Garland stated that the Board would discuss this item at the October 15 Board meeting.

SCSBA Delegate Assembly

**ACTION: Upon motion by Mr. Eisner, second by Mr. Hucks, the Board unanimously approved the assignment of the following votes at the December SCSBA Delegate Assembly. Horry County Schools was allotted a total of 12 votes by the SCSBA.**

**MaryEllen Greene – 4 votes**

**Kay Loftus – 4 votes**

**Will Garland – 4 votes**

**Paul Hudson and Ronald Bessant will serve as alternates.**

Advisory Board Nominations – The Board Chair stated that these nominations will be presented to the Board for approval at the October 15 Board meeting.

Additional Professional Position at Aynor Middle School

**ACTION: Upon motion by Mr. Hucks, second by Mrs. Greene, the Board unanimously approved the addition of a resource teacher at Aynor Middle School.**

Consent Agenda

**ACTION: Upon motion by Mrs. Greene, second by Mr. Shannon, the Board unanimously approved the following Consent Agenda items:**

**7.1. Monitoring Report OE-3**

**7.2. Resolution to Issue Bonds**

**7.3. Personnel Recommendations Required by Law**

**7.4. Board Meeting Minutes – 08/20/07, 09/04/07**

## DEBRIEFING

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

## ADJOURNMENT

**ACTION: At 8:50 p.m., upon motion by Mr. Hucks, second by Mr. Hucks, the Board adjourned the meeting.**

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

Approved: October 15, 2007