

HORRY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES – Board Work Session/Special-Called Meeting
District Office
January 18, 2011

The following persons were present:

Board Members:	David Cox Joe DeFeo Harvey Eisner Will Garland	Trent Hardee Paul Hudson Neil James Kay Loftus	Karen McIlrath Paul Peterson John Poston Pam Timms
Superintendent	Cindy Elsberry		
District Office Staff:	Cindy Ambrose David Bell Edward Boyd Teal Britton Dottie Brown Carolyn Chestnut Ed Curlee Wanda Fulwood	Kenny Generette Buddy George Cecile Gough Ben Hardee Barbara Harrelson Paul Hickman Mollie Laut HT Lee	Rick Maxey Gail Moss Boone Myrick Bobby Nalley Beverly Pilkey Jeff Riddle Brian Roessler Melissa Rutenberg
Principals:	Velna Allen Mary Anderson Cheryl Banks Judy Beard Dwight Boykin Dawn Brooks Paul Browning Johnny Calder Milton Frink	Mary Beth Heath Chip Henneey Donna Hooks Virginia Horton Joyce Jackson Robin Jones Nona Kerr June Moorhead Dana Penick	Mark Porter Tom Rex April Scott Beth Selander Margaret Sordian David Stoudenmire Nancy Ward Robbie Watkins
Others:	Bill Graham Steve Luoma		
Media:	Heather Gale, Horry Independent 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 6:08 p.m. The North Myrtle Beach 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:

- **Added: #5.3. OE-9 Discussion**

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Oath of Office – Conway City Manager and former Board member Bill Graham administered the Oath of Office to Board members elected on November 2, 2010. Sworn in were: Joe DeFeo, Harvey Eisner, Will Garland, Paul Hudson, Neil James, Karen McIlrath, and Pam Timms.

Election of Vice-Chair

ACTION: Mr. Eisner nominated Kay Loftus for Vice Chair; the motion was seconded by Dr. Peterson.

ACTION: Mr. Poston nominated Joe DeFeo for Vice Chair; the motion was seconded by Mr. Hudson.

By a vote of 9-3, Joe DeFeo was elected Vice Chair for a two-year term.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The following individuals addressed the Board:

- Bobby Chandler – Cost of Programs
- Richard Hathaway – Questions Presented to Staff
- Pat Milley – Changes Needed in Curriculum

RECOGNITIONS

The staff recognized the dedication and hours Board members contribute to the district.

INFORMATION

Annual Financial Audit Report -- Mr. Steve Luoma, with McGregor and Company, presented results of the district's annual external financial audit.

Consideration of Approval of Allocation Formulae/2011-12 Budget Assumptions/Parameters – Jeff Riddle presented Board members with budget assumptions/parameters and a recommendation including \$11.8 million in expenditure reductions and utilization of approximately \$8 million in reserve. In addition, Mr. Riddle provided Board members with a report on four proposed budget scenarios for 2011-12. After discussions, Board members asked Mr. Riddle to provide to them on January 24 a proposed budget that reflects \$20 million in cuts for 2011-12, so that they can then review and discuss the possible/proposed cuts.

Discussion of OE-9 – Dr. Peterson discussed the availability of various district information for the public, and the ease of which people can access information.

BREAK

The Board recessed from 8:32-8:54 p.m.

INFORMATION

Superintendent's Report – Dr. Elsberry reported on several instructional practices and programs she had witnessed recently at district schools.

SPECIAL CALLED MEETING

ACTION: At 9:03 p.m., upon motion by Dr. Peterson, second by Mr. Poston, the Board reconvened in a special-called meeting.

BUSINESS

Consideration of Establishment of a Legislative Platform Committee

ACTION: Upon motion by Mr. James, second by Mr. Eisner, the Board unanimously approved the following Board members to serve on the Legislative Platform Committee:

- ***John Poston, Interim Chairman***
- ***David Cox***
- ***Joe DeFeo***
- ***Trent Hardee***
- ***Kay Loftus***
- ***Will Garland, Ex-officio Member***

Rescheduling of Board Retreat – Board members decided to postpone scheduling the retreat.

Consent Agenda

ACTION: Upon motion by Mr. Hardee, second by Mrs. Loftus, the Board unanimously approved the following Consent Agenda item:

6.2.1. Personnel Items Required by Law

DEBRIEFING

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

ADJOURNMENT

ACTION: At 8:18 p.m., upon motion by Mr. James, second by Mr. Cox, the meeting was adjourned.

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

Approved: 02/28/11