

HORRY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES – Board Meeting

District Office

October 19, 2009

The following persons were present:

Board Members:	David Cox	MaryEllen Greene	Paul Peterson
	Joe DeFeo	Trent Hardee	John Poston
	Harvey Eisner	Paul Hudson	Pam Timms
	Will Garland	Kay Loftus	

Superintendent Cindy Elsberry

District Office Staff:	Gretchen Almeida	Ed Curlee	Boone Myrick
	Sandy Barfield	Jonna Dougherty	Richard Nadeau
	Edward Boyd	Wanda Fulwood	Bobby Nalley
	James Bradley	John Gardner	Sara Newton
	Teal Britton	Kenny Generette	Beverly Pilkey
	Dottie Brown	Ben Hardee	Jeff Riddle
	Gloria Brown	Barbara Harrelson	Brian Roessler
	Joe Burch	Paul Hickman	Marion Shaw
	Mike Cherry	Mollie Laut	
	Carolyn Chestnut	Rick Maxey	

Principals:	Velna Allen	Joe Dowling	David Stoudenmire
	Paul Browning	Roger Gray	

Media: Heather Gale, Myrtle Beach Herald/Horry Independent/Loris Scene
Isaac Bailey, 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 Board Chair called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m. Paul Peterson led the Pledge of Allegiance and the invocation, and Board members introduced themselves. The Board chair made a statement regarding the tragedy that took place on October 16 at Carolina Forest High School where a student lost his life. A moment of silence was observed in the student's honor and in honor of the School Resource Officer involved.

AGENDA

ACTION: Upon motion by Mr. DeFeo, second by Mr. Hudson, the Board unanimously approved the agenda with the following revisions:

- ***Add: Business #5.5. Review and Assessment of School Security Measures***
- ***Delete: #6. Executive Session – for the receipt of legal advice regarding district policies***

RECOGNITIONS

The following individuals and/or groups were recognized:

- Sean Uthe, Academy for Technology and Academics Science Teacher – One of two SC teachers named a Fellow in the 2009 New Science Teacher Academy
- Schools that met or exceeded the national average on the ACT:
 - St. James High School
 - Socastee High School
- Schools that met or exceeded the national average on the SAT:
 - Carolina Forest High School

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Gore Family – Mr. John Gore addressed the Board on behalf of his family. He stated that textbooks should be provided for students who are homeschooled. According to Mr. Gore, State guidelines state that assistance will be provided to homeschooled students, and by not providing textbooks, it is a breach of contract.

Abdullah Mustafa – Mr. Mustafa stated that he was disturbed and hurt in regards to a student being hurt at school. He expressed concerns about the recent Carolina Forest High School incident and asked what policy the district has in place to deal with student incidents. He also stated concern that the district has too many teachers teaching out of their areas of certification. Additionally, he stated that he was appalled that 37 out of 49 schools did not make AYP.

INFORMATION

Board Effectiveness Feedback – Board members reviewed the results of the September 21 Board Effectiveness Feedback and were asked to complete the feedback forms for the meeting in progress.

SCSBA Update – Mrs. Greene reminded Board members of the December SCSBA Delegate Assembly Conference.

Superintendent's Report – Dr. Elsberry provided reports and/or updates on the following topics:

- Scholars Academy Students' Results on College and Work Readiness Assessment
- Technology Needs Assessment Results
- Staff Development Plans

She also commended students and administrators for their efficiency and commitment during the recent crisis at Carolina Forest High School.

BUSINESS

Delegates for 2009 SCSBA Delegate Assembly

ACTION: Upon motion by Mr. DeFeo, second by Mr. Cox, the Board unanimously approved the following assignment of delegate votes for the December Delegate Assembly Conference:

Greene – 4 votes
Eisner – 4 votes
Hudson – 4 votes
Alternate: Garland

Nomination for Carolina Forest Area Advisory Board Position

ACTION: Upon motion by Mr. DeFeo, second by Ms. Timms, the Board unanimously approved the appointment of Amy Flanigan to the Carolina Forest Area Advisory Board for a one-year term.

Nomination for Conway Area Advisory Board Position

ACTION: Upon motion by Mr. Poston, second by Mr. Hudson, the Board unanimously approved the appointment of Rodney Sarvis to the Conway Area Advisory Board, to fill the unexpired term of John Wilson, which expires on June 30, 2010.

Consideration of Technology Projects to Include Wireless Capability Throughout the District

ACTION: Mr. Eisner moved that the Board authorize the Superintendent to expend up to \$9,842,570 to upgrade the technology throughout the district and to adequately provide for technology needs at the new District Office. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Greene, and was approved 10-1, with Mr. Hardee voting in opposition.

Review and Assessment of School Security Measures

ACTION: Upon motion by Mr. DeFeo and second by Mrs. Loftus, the Board unanimously authorized the Superintendent to begin discussions with safety directors and law enforcement from Horry County and all municipalities in the county to review and assess the security measures at all district schools.

CONSENT AGENDA

ACTION: Upon motion by Ms. Timms, second by Mr. Hudson, the Board unanimously approved the following consent agenda items:

- 7.1. Monitoring Report OE-10 – Instructional Program**
- 7.2. Personnel Items Required by Law**
- 7.3. Board Meeting Minutes – 09/14/09, 09/21/09**

DEBRIEFING

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

ADJOURNMENT

ACTION: At 7:04 p.m., upon motion by Mrs. Loftus, second by Ms. Timms, the meeting was adjourned.

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

Approved: November 16, 2009