

# HORRY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

## *MINUTES – Board Meeting*

District Office

January 25, 2010

The following persons were present:

Board Members:	David Cox Joe DeFeo Harvey Eisner Will Garland	MaryEllen Greene Trent Hardee Paul Hudson Neil James	Paul Peterson John Poston Pam Timms
Superintendent	Cindy Elsberry		
District Office Staff:	Gretchen Almeida Cindy Ambrose Edward Boyd James Bradley Teal Britton Dottie Brown Carolyn Chestnut Ed Curlee Jeanie Dailey	Wanda Fulwood John Gardner Cecile Gough Ben Hardee Barbara Harrelson Paul Hickman Mollie Laut H.T. Lee Cindy Magrath	Rick Maxey Gail Moss Boone Myrick Bobby Nalley Jeff Riddle Brian Roessler Emily Rose Judy Stall

Media: Heather Gale, Myrtle Beach Herald/Horry Independent/Loris Scene; 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 6:10 p.m. The St. James High School Army JROTC presented the colors and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Trent Hardee offered the invocation, and Board members introduced themselves. A moment of silence was observed in honor of Matthew Bellamy, a North Myrtle Beach Middle School student who recently passed away.

## AGENDA/MINUTES

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

- ***Delete Executive Session***
- ***Delete Business #7.1.***

***ACTION: Upon motion by Mr. James, second by Mr. Cox, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the January 4, 2010 Board Work Session.***

## RECOGNITIONS

The following groups and/or individuals were recognized:

- Students with perfect attendance in grades 1-5, 1-8, and 1-11.
- Horry County Board of Education – Board Recognition Month
- Board Chair Will Garland and Board Member Paul Peterson – 10-year service recognition from SCSBA

## PUBLIC COMMENTS

Debra Tucker – On behalf of HCEA, Board appreciation

Abdullah Mustafa – advocacy, mentoring, academies, contractors, illegal immigrants, etc.

## INFORMATION

Board Effectiveness Feedback – Board members reviewed the results of the December 7 Board Effectiveness Feedback and were asked to complete the feedback forms for the meeting in progress.

Request for Easement at Waccamaw Elementary School -- A report was provided by Dr. Bobby Nalley on the easement agreement requested by the City of Conway and the Nature Conservancy. The easement would allow access easement across property at Waccamaw Elementary School and would be limited in scope so as not to interfere with school operations, but would also serve a public purpose of allowing access to adjoining properties owned by the Conservancy to be conveyed to the City of Conway. The properties will be preserved in their natural state and would serve educational and other purposes. Mr. Poston requested additional information regarding the exact location of the request easement, preferably an aerial photo or map.

Joint Agreement with Horry County Schools and Horry Georgetown Technical College – Dr. Nalley reported on a joint use agreement that is being developed between Horry Georgetown Technical College and Horry County Schools wherein a building will be built on the HGTC campus for joint use and which will be for the benefit of the district's Early College High School program. The new facility would include three floors of approximately 15,000 square feet, approximately 30,000 square feet of which will be utilized by the Early College Program.

Financing Education in South Carolina – John Gardner, Barbara Harrelson, and Mollie Laut provided a report on funding in South Carolina and funding from the federal government.

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

- Appreciation to Board Members for their dedication.
- Brief report on AYP results, PACT and PASS scores, results from Winter MAP

## BUSINESS

Request from SCDOT for Aynor Overpass Right of Way

**ACTION: Upon motion by Mr. Hardee, second by Mr. DeFeo, the Board approved the sale of .019 acres at Aynor Elementary School to the SCDOT in the amount of \$400.**

Revisions to Coherent Governance Policies

**ACTION: Upon motion by Mrs. Greene, second by Mr. DeFeo, the Board unanimously approved the following amendments and revisions to the Coherence Governance Policies:**

- 1) **GC-3: Governance Culture – The board will: 9. Visit schools within board members' district at least once each year.**
- 2) **GC-5: Board Committees – remove membership committee.**
- 3) **GC-10: Governance Culture – Change \$811 to \$800.**
- 4) **B/SR-5: Superintendent Accountability – 7. Delete "Each May, the board will conduct an interim or formative evaluation based upon student and district performance to that point."**
- 5) **OE-7: Asset Protection – revise 4. "Purchase, sell, or reject offers to sell real estate, including land and buildings."**
- 6) **Bylaws: Membership – "Members assume office at the first meeting in January following the election."**
- 7) **Bylaws: Meetings – Organizational meeting: Last sentence: The agenda of the organizational meeting will include designation or confirmation of the times and locations that the Board will meet regularly through the next year.**
- 8) **Bylaws: Meetings – Open forum: 2. Each person wishing to speak must register prior to the Board meeting, must be a resident of Horry County, and must provide a valid phone number and/or e-mail address.**

**ACTION: Upon motion by Mr. DeFeo, second by Ms. Timms, the Board unanimously approved the following revision to CG Bylaws/Officers/Vice-Chairperson:**

1. **The Board chairperson will call for nominations from the floor. A nomination must have a second. The chairperson will ascertain that there are no more nominations from the floor. After nominations the chairperson will pass out signed ballots for each board member. Board members may only vote for one nominee. Should one member receive a majority vote of the entire Board membership, that member will be declared by the Board chairperson as the newly elected vice-chairperson.**

2. *Should no member receive a majority vote of the entire Board membership as the nominee for the office of vice-chairperson, the two candidates with the most votes will be declared nominees for the office of vice-chairperson, and a second signed ballot will be taken by the Board to choose between them.*
3. *The nominee that receives the most votes will be the new vice chair.*

*The newly elected officer assumes office at the end of the meeting.*

*Should the office of the vice-chairperson become vacant between organizational meetings, the Board will use the same method that has been described above to fill the vacancy until the next organizational meeting.*

*The voting tallies will be available to any board member that requests them at the end of the meeting.*

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

***ACTION:** Upon motion by Mrs. Greene, second by Ms. Timms, the Board unanimously approved the following consent agenda item:*

***8.1. Personnel Items Required by Law***

## **DEBRIEFING**

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

## **ADJOURNMENT**

***ACTION:** At 8:20 p.m., upon motion by Mr. DeFeo, second by Mr. Hudson, the meeting was adjourned.*

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

**Approved: February 8, 2010**