

HORRY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES – Board Work Session
August 3, 2009

The following persons were present:

Board Members:	David Cox Joe DeFeo Harvey Eisner Will Garland	MaryEllen Greene Trent Hardee Paul Hudson Kay Loftus	Paul Peterson John Poston Pam Timms
Superintendent	Cindy Elsberry		
District Office Staff:	Cindy Ambrose Edward Boyd James Bradley Teal Britton Carolyn Chestnut Wanda Fulwood	Kenny Generette Ben Hardee Paul Hickman Rick Maxey Gail Moss Boone Myrick	Bobby Nalley Beverly Pilkey Jeff Riddle Brian Roessler
Media:	Heather Gale, Myrtle Beach Herald, Horry Independent Claudia Lauer, 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 4:20 p.m.

AGENDA

ACTION: Mr. DeFeo moved that the Board add two Executive Sessions for the discussion of the applications for the District 10 position. Mr. Cox seconded the motion.

ACTION: Mr. DeFeo amended his motion to withdraw the second Executive Session. Mrs. Loftus seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS

The Board members reviewed eight (8) applications that had been submitted for the District 10 position.

ACTION: Upon motion by Mr. Eisner, second by Mrs. Greene, the Board unanimously approved the rejection of an additional application that was received after the deadline.

Interviews for Nominee for District 10 Board Member Position

After reviewing the applications, Board members narrowed the field to the following four applicants, who would be interviewed beginning at 6:00 p.m.

- Sunshine Blevins
- Glenn Hardee
- Neil James
- Mary Alice Thompson

BREAK/DINNER

The Board recessed for dinner from 5:00-6:00 p.m.

BUSINESS

The Board reconvened in Open Session at 6:03 p.m.

Superintendent's Report – Dr. Elsberry reminded Board members that it is only three weeks before school starts, and our staff and principals are working to prepare for students.

Interviews – The four semi-finalists (Blevins, Hardee, James, and Thompson) were interviewed in 15-minute intervals for the District 10 position.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ACTION: *At 7:22 p.m., upon motion by Mr. DeFeo, second by Mrs. Loftus, the Board reconvened in Executive Session for review and discussion of the applications and interviews.*

OPEN SESSION

ACTION: *At 7:40 p.m., upon motion by Mrs. Loftus, second by Mrs. Greene, the Board reconvened in Open Session.*

BUSINESS

Consideration of Nominee for District 10 Board Member Position

Mr. Garland read a statement and presented the process for voting for the candidates. He stated that the winning candidate must have six votes to win by majority. If no one receives six votes, the nominee with the least votes is eliminated and a new vote will be taken. If there is a tie for last place, a vote would be taken on those with the lowest number of votes to break the tie. The winner of that vote will then be included in a vote with the top vote getter(s).

ACTION: *Mr. Eisner moved that Sunshine Blevins be nominated for the District 10 Board Member position. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Greene and was unanimously approved.*

ACTION: *Mrs. Loftus moved that Neil James be nominated for the District 10 Board Member position. The motion was seconded by John Poston and was unanimously approved.*

ACTION: *The Board members voted for the two finalists via written ballots, and the results were as follows: Neil James – 6 votes; Sunshine Blevins – 5 votes. The Board Chair stated that Mr. Neil James will be recommended to the Governor as the Board's nominee for the District 10 Board Member position.*

DEBRIEFING

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

ADJOURNMENT

ACTION: *At 7:48 p.m., upon motion by Mrs. Loftus, second by Mr. Poston, the meeting was adjourned.*

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

Approved: September 21, 2009