

HORRY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES – Board Work Session/Special Called Meeting
September 14, 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:	Gretchen Almeida Cindy Ambrose Edward Boyd James Bradley Teal Britton Dottie Brown Joe Burch Edi Cox	Ed Curlee Wanda Fulwood John Gardner Kenny Generette Ben Hardee Barbara Harrelson Paul Hickman HT Lee	Rick Maxey Boone Myrick Bobby Nalley Herman Norman Beverly Pilkey Jeff Riddle Brian Roesler Tammy Truelove
Principals:	Daryl Brown		
Media:	Heather Gale, Myrtle Beach Herald/Horry Independent/Loris Scene Charles Perry, Myrtle Beach Herald Monique Newton, Sun News Marshall Staton, TV 13 Kristin VanDyke, TV 15		

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 6:10 p.m. The Aynor High School Army JROTC presented the flag and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Trent Hardee offered the invocation, and Board members introduced themselves.

AGENDA

ACTION: Upon motion by Mrs. Loftus, second by Mr. Hardee, the Board unanimously approved the agenda as presented.

INFORMATION

PowerSchool Update – Edward Boyd provided an update on the new program, which replaces SASI, the former student management system used by the district. This program is provided by the state and is used by all schools in South Carolina. It is used for student demographic information, scheduling, attendance, storing grades, discipline, and more. Mr. Boyd informed the Board that a demonstration would be provided for them at the September 21 Board meeting. Parents will be able to access this program from any computer with internet access. It will require a unique username and password to access individual student information, and there will be one parent/guardian username and password assigned for each student in the family. Students will also have access to the Parent/Student portal. Each student will be assigned his/her own username and password.

2009 Preliminary Student Enrollment Report – Dr. Bobby Nalley provided a report that provided the following information for each school:

- 2009-10 Budgeted Enrollment
- 2009-10 Day 12 Enrollment
- 2008-09 Day 12 Enrollment
- Enrollment vs. Budget
- 09-10 Day 12 Enrollment vs. 08-09 Day 12 Enrollment

Higher Utilization Plans – Board members received a report that showed plans for how high school and middle school principals have planned for 90% utilization of their existing facilities.

Novel H1N1 Flu Update – Ms. Tammy Truelove provided an update on the school district's response plan and monitoring of the Novel H1N1 flu virus. She reminded everyone that unless a patient is diagnosed with the H1N1 virus by a test at a hospital, it is not considered H1N1, as only hospitals are authorized and equipped to test for this virus. Ms. Truelove reviewed the planning and coordination being done at each school and district office building, as well as infection control policies and procedures that are being followed. She also provided information concerning the methods of communicating with the parents and community about the issue.

Superintendent's Report – The superintendent provided information regarding the following topics:

- President Obama's Speech to Students – Dr. Elsberry stated that approximately 2% of the district's students were absent on the day of the speech, either because they opted out due to the speech or because they were sick.
- Aynor Elementary School and Midland Elementary School Visits – Dr. Elsberry expressed appreciation to the staff at Aynor Elementary School and Midland Elementary School for their hospitality at the Board visits earlier that day.
- PowerSchool – Board members were reminded that this is a state management system that was given to districts, and districts were directed by the state to use it.

SPECIAL CALLED SESSION

ACTION: At 6:53 p.m., upon motion by Mrs. Greene, second by Mr. Hudson, the Board adjourned the Work Session and reconvened in the Special Called Meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ACTION: Upon motion by Mr. Hardee, second by Mrs. Loftus, the Board reconvened in Executive Session after a 10-minute break.

OPEN SESSION

ACTION: At 7:37 p.m., upon motion by Dr. Peterson, second by Mrs. Loftus, the Board reconvened in Open Session.

BUSINESS

Superintendent's Annual Evaluation Format

ACTION: Upon motion by Mr. Eisner, second by Mrs. Greene, the Board unanimously approved the superintendent's proposed evaluation format and Mr. Eisner read the following statement:

"At our meeting this evening, Dr. Cindy Elsberry presented to the Board her proposed format for conducting her performance evaluation for the 2008-09 school year, as is required by her employment contract with the Board. The Board discussed her proposal for her performance evaluation during executive session and made a public vote approving the proposed evaluation format.

In connection with her performance evaluation, Dr. Elsberry will provide to the Board:

- ***Copies of the 2008-09 monitoring reports for the Results and Operational Expectations set by the Board;***
- ***Priorities that were established based on stakeholder input during the Superintendent's first 90 days in 2008-09;***
- ***Accomplishments during 2008-09;***
- ***Identified goals for 2009-10.***

These documents will be made available to the public at the appropriate time.

At the Board's meeting on October 19, 2009, the Board will meet in executive session to reach consensus with respect to the Superintendent's Evaluation as it relates to her overall performance for the 2008-09 school year and her performance based on the Results and Operational Expectations adopted by the District in the summer and fall of 2008. Additionally, the Board will identify Dr. Elsberry's greatest strengths and best aspects of her performance, as well as identify what the District's areas of focus should be for the next two school years.

Following the October 19, 2009 Board meeting, Dr. Elsberry will be given a written summary of the Board's consensus as to the evaluation results."

Consent Agenda

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

7.2.1. Monitoring Report R-4: Health & Physical Education

7.2.2. Monitoring Report R-4: Technology Applications

7.2.3. Monitoring Report OE-4: Personnel Administration

7.2.4. Monitoring Report OE-7: Asset Protection

7.2.5. Personnel Recommendations Required by Law

DEBRIEFING

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

ADJOURNMENT

ACTION: At 7:40 p.m., upon motion by Mrs. Greene, second by Mrs. Loftus, the meeting was adjourned.

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

Approved: October 19, 2009