

HORRY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES – Board Meeting

District Office

November 16, 2009

The following persons were present:

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

Superintendent Cindy Elsberry

District Office Staff:	Edward Boyd	John Gardner	HT Lee
	James Bradley	Kenny Generette	Rick Maxey
	Teal Britton	Buddy George	Sharon McCullough
	Dottie Brown	Kristin Goetzman	Bobby Nalley
	Carolyn Chestnut	Barbara Harrelson	Beverly Pilkey
	Ed Curlee	Paul Hickman	Jeff Riddle
	Wanda Fulwood	Mollie Laut	

Media: Heather Gale, Myrtle Beach Herald/Horry Independent/Loris Scene

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

Vice Chair Loftus called the meeting to order at 6:11 p.m. The Green Sea Floyds High School Army JROTC presented the colors and led the Pledge of Allegiance. David Cox offered the invocation, and Board members introduced themselves. A moment of silence was observed in honor of the two Lakewood Elementary School students who passed away recently as a result of injuries received in a car accident.

AGENDA/MINUTES

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

ACTION: Upon motion by Mr. Cox, second by Mr. Hudson, the Board unanimously approved the minutes from the following meetings: 10/05/09, 10/19/09, 11/02/09.

RECOGNITIONS

There were no special recognitions.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dorothy Cassidy – Ms. Cassidy addressed the Board regarding seminars that she provides free of charge regarding ADHD, depression, etc.

Brent Groome, HTC – Mr. Groome presented the Board with Capital Improvement checks from HTC, Inc. totaling \$26,150, the 2009 allocation to Horry County Schools.

Sherrod Thomas – This person had electronically notified the district that he wished to address the Board, but he was not at the meeting.

INFORMATION

Board Effectiveness Feedback – Board members reviewed the results of the October 19 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 Risky Business Seminar and Delegate Assembly Conference.

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

- H1N1 vaccinations – currently, 4094 elementary school students have been vaccinated.
- AP Academy Feedback – HT Lee provided a report on the accomplishments of this program.
- 2010-11 Budget Calendar

BUSINESS

Nomination for St. James Area Advisory Board Position

ACTION: *Upon motion by Dr. Peterson, second by Ms. Timms, the Board unanimously approved the appointment of Janice Moreale to fill the unexpired term of Jean Haselden. This term ends June 30, 2010.*

Nomination for Loris Area Advisory Board Position

ACTION: *Upon motion by Mr. Cox, second by Mr. James, the Board unanimously approved the appointment of James Edwards to fill the unexpired term of Neil James. This term ends June 30, 2010.*

Nominations for Green Sea Floyds Area Advisory Board

ACTION: *Upon motion by Mr. James, second by Mr. Cox, the Board unanimously approved the appointments of Sunshine Blevins and Kevin Lovett to the Green Sea Floyds Area Advisory Board.*

Federal Relations Network (FRN) Conference 2010 – Board members agreed that a representative would not attend the FRN Conference in 2010, but would fax talking points to legislators.

CONSENT AGENDA

ACTION: *Upon motion by Dr. Peterson, second by Mr. DeFeo, the Board unanimously approved the following consent agenda items:*

- 6.1. *Monitoring Report OE-8: Communicating with the Board*
- 6.2. *Personnel Items Required by Law*
- 6.3. *Home Schooling Requests*

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ACTION: *At 6:58 p.m., upon motion by Ms. Timms, second by Mr. James, the Board approved reconvening in Executive Session, following a short break, to discuss an employee's request for a grievance appeal.*

OPEN SESSION

ACTION: *At 7:31 p.m., upon motion by Ms. Timms, second by Mr. Cox, the Board reconvened in Open Session. It was noted that Dr. Paul Peterson recused himself from the Executive Session discussion.*

BUSINESS

Decision Regarding Employee Grievance Appeal

ACTION: *Upon motion by Mr. Eisner, second by Mrs. Greene, the Board approved the denial of the employee's request for a grievance appeal. The motion was passed 10-0-1, with Dr. Peterson recusing himself from the action.*

DEBRIEFING

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

ADJOURNMENT

ACTION: *At 7:33 p.m., upon motion by Mrs. Greene, second by Mr. DeFeo, the meeting was adjourned.*

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