

**HORRY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**MINUTES – Board Work Session/Board Meeting**  
District Office  
December 7, 2009

The following persons were present:

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

Superintendent Cindy Elsberry

District Office Staff:	Gretchen Almeida	Wanda Fulwood	HT Lee
	Edward Boyd	John Gardner	Rick Maxey
	James Bradley	Kenny Generette	Boone Myrick
	Teal Britton	Buddy George	Richard Nadeau
	Joe Burch	Cecile Gough	Bobby Nalley
	Carolyn Chestnut	Ben Hardee	Herman Norman
	Edi Cox	Barbara Harrelson	Beverly Pilkey
	Ed Curlee	Paul Hickman	Jeff Riddle
	Karen Fowler	Mollie Laut	Brian Roessler

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m. The Carolina Forest High School Navy JROTC presented the colors and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Trent Hardee offered the invocation, and Board members introduced themselves.

## AGENDA/MINUTES

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

***ACTION: Upon motion by Mrs. Greene, second by Mr. Hardee, the Board unanimously approved the minutes from the November 16, 2009 Board meeting.***

## RECOGNITIONS

The following groups and/or individuals were recognized:

- Myrtle Beach High School Academic Team – *District Winner*
- Forestbrook Middle School – *2009 Middle School Mock Trial State Champions*
- Adult Education – *Palmetto Trendsetters Award, Palmetto Masters Award, Correctional Education Career Readiness Certification Award*
- Dr. Virginia Simmons – *Rookie Adult Education Director of the Year*

## PUBLIC COMMENTS

Gema Boone – This individual notified the district electronically that she wished to address the Board, but she was not at the meeting.

Mike Hunt – same as above.

## INFORMATION

Board Effectiveness Feedback – Board members reviewed the results of the November 16 Board Effectiveness Feedback and were asked to complete the feedback forms for the meeting in progress.

SCSBA Update – It was announced that Mrs. MaryEllen Greene was recently elected as Director of Region 4 of the South Carolina School Boards Association.

Status Offender Diversion (SOD) Program – Karen Fowler, Coordinator of Attendance, presented a report on this collaborative program. The SOD Program is an intervention program created to aid the children and families of Horry County who are experiencing problems stemming from school attendance issues, incorrigibility, and judicial consequences.

Attendance Line Adjustments – Joe Burch presented two recommendations for attendance line adjustments for 2010-11, as follows:

- Socastee Area: Move Hwy. 814 in the Palmetto Bays attendance area from Forestbrook Middle/Socastee High to Black Water Middle/Carolina Forest High.
  - This eliminates a split between Palmetto Bays Elementary and Forestbrook Middle/Black Water Middle.
  - The move affects 40 middle school students and 68 high school students.
  - This provides some limited capacity relief to Forestbrook Middle and Socastee High.
- St. James Area: Move Collins Creek area in Murrells Inlet from Seaside Elementary to St. James Elementary.
  - This involves 15 elementary students.

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

- JROTC Inspection – The St. James High School Army JROTC Cadet Cadre made a presentation that included descriptions of their responsibilities in the unit.
- Aviation Training Program – Dr. Elsberry stated that the district may have the opportunity in the near future to explore the possibility of an aviation training program. Several partners wish to join the district in exploring this possibility. The district administration will keep the Board abreast of discussions and plans regarding this program.

## BREAK

The Board recessed from 7:03-7:18 p.m.

## BUSINESS

Palmetto Academy for Learning and Success (PALS)

***ACTION: Upon motion by Mr. Hardee, second by Mr. Cox, the Board unanimously approved the revised PALS charter school application as presented which included a disclaimer to address the ADEPT process.***

2010-11 Budget Priorities

***ACTION: Upon motion by Mrs. Greene, second by Ms. Timms, the Board unanimously approved the 2010-11 Budget Assumptions/Parameters.***

Personnel Allocation Formulae

***ACTION: Mr. Eisner moved to approve the 2010-11 Personnel Allocation Formulae with an increase of one student at the middle school level and one student at the high school level. The motion was seconded by Mr. DeFeo and was unanimously approved.***

***\*It was noted that the superintendent will be allowed to make allowances as necessary for smaller schools.***

Phase IV Construction Projects

***ACTION: Mr. DeFeo moved that the Board separate the construction list, grouping Items #1 and #2 together (being considered as they have been in the past, brought back to the Board, and Items #3 - #9 together (being considered capital improvement projects and beginning immediately) and that the Loris Elementary School drainage issue be tabled until the next meeting, depending on what is planned over the next 30, 60, or 90 days. Mrs. Green seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.***

***ACTION: Mr. DeFeo made a motion that when these projects are done (the capital projects), that the site work be bid separately and that the projects be fast-tracked, possibly saving quite a bit of money. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cox and was approved 8-0-2, with Mr. Poston and Mr. Hardee recusing themselves.***

**ACTION:** Mr. DeFeo moved that the district bring back a package of pre-qualifying bidders for the major construction items (#1 and #2) with a pre-qualification that includes mileage restrictions, so that we don't have contractors coming in from elsewhere, and any other procurement criteria that we can legally include in a point system to give an advantage to local contractors, and then for the district to decide whether or not it wants to go that route. The motion was seconded by Ms. Timms and the motion failed 5-5-0, with Mr. Hardee recusing himself. Voting in favor were Cox, Poston, Timms, DeFeo, and James; voting in opposition were Eisner, Greene, Garland, Peterson, and Loftus.

**ACTION:** Dr. Peterson moved that the Board instruct the superintendent to bring the Board prequalifications that can be evaluated against whatever parameters the Board chooses. The motion was seconded by Mr. Eisner and was unanimously approved.

#### Phase IV Architect Selection

**ACTION:** Upon motion by Mr. DeFeo, second by Mrs. Loftus, the Board approved allowing the administration to sign contracts with the architectural firms discussed, provided the district acquires certification from each firm that their circumstances have not changed since August of 2008 and that they are still willing to accept a contract. The primary architects selected were:

- Pike McFarland Hall Associates, Inc.
- Pegram Associates, Inc.
- Usry Wolfe Peterson Doyle Architecture, Inc.

The secondary architects selected were:

- Goforth Brown & Associates
- Timbes Architectural Group

The motion was approved 8-0-2, with Poston and Hardee recusing themselves.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**ACTION:** At 8:36 p.m., upon motion by Mrs. Loftus, second by Ms. Timms, the Board approved reconvening in Executive Session to discuss personnel issues.

## **OPEN SESSION**

**ACTION:** At 9:12 p.m., upon motion by Mrs. Loftus, second by Dr. Peterson, the Board reconvened in Open Session.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

**ACTION:** Upon motion by Mrs. Greene, second by Mr. James, the Board unanimously approved the following consent agenda items:

- 6.1. Monitoring Report OE-6: Financial Administration
- 6.2. Monitoring Report OE-7: Asset Protection
- 6.3. 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 9:14 p.m., upon motion by Mr. Cox, second by Mr. Eisner, the meeting was adjourned.

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

Approved: January 4, 2010