

HORRY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES

SPECIAL CALLED MEETING

**April 12, 2021
District Office
335 Four Mile Road
Conway, SC 29526**

Board of Education

Ken Richardson
James Edwards
David Cox
Janet Graham
Neil James
Ray Winters

Shanda Allen
Sherrie Todd
Helen Smith
W Russell Freeman
Howard Barnard

Horry County Schools Staff

David Beaty, Lisa Bourcier, Kenny Generette, Rick Maxey, Heidi Oates, Lucas Richardson

As required by SC Law 30-4-80, local news media were informed of the date, time, place, and agenda of this meeting. Copies of the agenda were posted at the District Office and distributed to schools for posting.

1. OPENING - APRIL 12, 2021 - CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Richardson called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM.

a. Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance

Ms. Allen offered the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

b. Approval of Agenda

A motion was made to approve the April 12, 2021, agenda as presented.

Moved By: Ms. Allen

Seconded By: Ms. Graham

The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

Board Action: Carried Unanimously

2. DISCUSSION

a. District 8 Board Seat Interviews

- 1. Christine M. Rockey - 6:15 PM**
- 2. Melanie J. Wellons - 6:45 PM**
- 3. Amanda Whyland - 7:15 PM**

Pursuant to Board Governance Bylaws concerning the appointment of a person to fill a Board member's unexpired term, the Board officially sought applications of interest from citizens of District 8. The Board received three applications. The Board will interview the applicants during tonight's meeting in alphabetical order. Each interview is anticipated to last 20-30 minutes. Upon the conclusion of the interviews, at the appropriate time on the agenda, the Chair will entertain a motion to convene an Executive Session to allow deliberation on the applicants. The Board will later reconvene in public session to appoint by a majority vote one person from the applicants to fill the vacancy at tonight's meeting.

The Board Chair will only vote if needed to break a tie or to make a majority vote.

Individuals who have not been interviewed will remain in a different location while other interviews are being conducted. Once a candidate has completed her interview, she may stay for the public meeting.

A list of questions was provided to Board members, and the Board members took turns asking questions of each candidate. Dr. Christine Rockey was the first candidate called for an interview. Ms. Melanie Wellons was then called, followed by Ms. Amanda Whyland.

3. EXECUTIVE SESSION

a. District 8 Board Seat Interview Deliberations

A motion was made to move into Executive Session at 7:20 PM.

Moved By: Mr. Cox

Seconded By: Mr. Freeman

The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

Board Action: Carried Unanimously

4. BUSINESS

A motion was made to move into the Business portion of the meeting. Mr. James noted that during the Executive Session no votes were taken.

Moved By: Mr. James

Seconded By: Mr. Winters

Board Action: Carried Unanimously

a. Appointment to Fill Term of Unexpired District 8 Board Seat

Ballots were passed to Board members. After selecting a candidate, the ballots were passed to the Board Assistant. After a tally of the votes, the Board Assistant notified the Board Chair of the outcome of the vote.

The Board Chair announced the outcome of the vote and named Ms. Melanie Wellons as the applicant selected by the Board to fill the vacant seat for District 8.

There were ten Board members present. The Board Chair did not cast a vote. Of the ten votes cast, nine were for Ms. Wellons and one was for Dr. Christine Rockey. It should be noted the applicant chosen will be sworn in during the April 19, 2021, Board meeting.

5. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 PM.

Moved By: Mr. Winters

Seconded By: Mr. Freeman

The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

Board Action: Carried Unanimously

a. UPCOMING MEETING(S):

- 1. Facilities Committee Meeting, April 19, 2021, 4:00 PM, C-300**
- 2. Board Meeting, April 19, 2021, 6:00 PM, Board Room**

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi Oates

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Executive Assistant to the Superintendent and Horry County Board of Education

APPROVED: April 19, 2021