

**HORRY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**MINUTES**

**SPECIAL CALLED MEETING**

**December 2, 2024**

**District Office**

**335 Four Mile Road**

**Conway, SC 29526**

**Board of Education**

David Cox, Chair

Neil James

David Koch

Debbie Edmonds

Tracy Winters

Howard Barnard

Janet Graham

Melanie Wellons

Wendy Hodges

James Edwards

Shanda Allen

**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 - DECEMBER 2, 2024 - 12:00 PM - CALL TO ORDER - BOARD ROOM**

Chairman Cox called the meeting to order at 12:00 PM.

**a. Invocation - Mr. Koch**

Mr. Koch offered the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**b. Approval of Agenda - Mr. Cox**

A motion was made to approve the December 2, 2024, Special Called Meeting agenda as presented.

**Moved By:** Ms. Allen

**Seconded By:** Ms. Hodges

**Board Action: Carried Unanimously**

2. **DISCUSSION**

a. **Consider 2024-2025 Holiday Bonus for Active HCS Employees - Ms. Shanda Allen**

Ms. Shanda Allen shared with Board Members that a request for a list of different budgetary scenarios was made to Mr. Gardner for the Board's consideration of the possibility of offering a holiday bonus to HCS employees. Ms. Shanda Allen proposed that scenario 5 be considered, discussion followed regarding the current funding available to be able to provide the bonus.

3. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A motion was made to move into Executive Session at 12:10 PM.

a. **Superintendent Candidate Interviews**

**Moved By:** Ms. Allen

**Seconded By:** Ms. Edmonds

**Board Action: Carried Unanimously**

4. **BUSINESS**

A motion was made to move into the Business portion of the meeting at 7:00 PM. It should be noted no decisions were made and no votes were taken during the Executive Session.

**Moved By:** Ms. Allen

**Seconded By:** Mr. Koch

**Board Action: Carried Unanimously**

a. **Consider 2024-2025 Holiday Bonus for Active HCS Employees - Ms. Shanda Allen**

A motion was made to move forward with scenario number five.

Mr. Neil James, Ms. Shanda Allen, Mr. Cox and Ms. Wellons recused themselves from voting for relatives but voted for the block.

For (8): Ms. Winters, Ms. Hodges, Mr. Neil James, Mr. Cox, Ms. Graham, Ms. Wellons, Mr. Edwards, Ms. Shanda Allen

Against (3): Mr. Koch, Ms. Edmonds, Mr. Barnard

**Moved By:** Ms. Allen

**Seconded By:** Ms. Graham

**Board Action: Carried (8 to 3)**

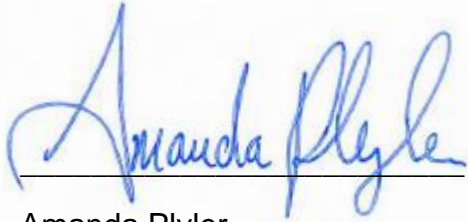
**5. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:01 PM.

**Moved By:** Ms. Allen

**Seconded By:** Ms. Edmonds

**Board Action: Carried Unanimously**

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Amanda Plyler

Executive Assistant to the Superintendent and Horry County Board of Education