

HORRY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES

SPECIAL CALLED MEETING

November 11, 2019

District Office

335 Four Mile Road

Conway, SC 29526

Board of Education

Ken Richardson

John Poston

Chris Hardwick

David Cox

Janet Graham

Janice Morreale

Neil James

Ray Winters

Shanda Allen

Horry County Schools Staff

Velna Allen, Mary J. Anderson, Lisa Bourcier, Daryl Brown,
John Gardner, Kenny Generette, Rick Maxey, Boone Myrick,
Heidi Oates

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 - November 11, 2019 - 4:00 PM - CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Richardson called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM.

a. Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance

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

b. Approval of Agenda

A motion was made to approve the agenda as presented.

Moved By: Mr. James

Seconded By: Mr. Winters

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

Board Action: Carried Unanimously

2. DISCUSSION

a. District 1 Board Seat Interviews

- 1. Deloria Armstrong**
- 2. Marilyn Cox**
- 3. Wyndham Freeman**
- 4. Micah Gore**

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 1. The Board received eight applications. It should be noted Ms. Joni Poff withdrew her application on the morning of November 11, 2019. The Board will interview the remaining seven 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 his/her interview, he/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. Ms. Deloria Armstrong was the first candidate called for an interview. Ms. Marilyn Cox was then called, followed by Mr. W. Russell Freeman, and, lastly, Mr. Micah Gore.

3. BREAK - BOARD DINNER (6:00 P.M. - 6:45 P.M., Room C107)

A motion was made to break for dinner at 5:23 P.M.

Moved By: Mr. James

Seconded By: Mr. Winters

Board Action: Carried Unanimously

a. **District 1 Board Seat Interviews, Continued**

5. **Richard Jordan, Sr.**
6. **William von Hermann**
7. **Dana Zamrik**

Following the break for dinner, a motion was made at 6:20 P.M. to begin the interview process for the remaining applicants. Mr. Richard Jordan, Sr. was called, followed by Mr. Bert von Hermann, and, lastly, Ms. Dana Zamrik.

4. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

a. **District 1 Board Seat Interview Deliberations**

A motion was made to move into Executive Session at 7:46 P.M.

Moved By: Ms. Graham

Seconded By: Mr. Hardwick

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

Board Action: Carried Unanimously

5. **BUSINESS**

A motion was made to move into the Business portion of the meeting at 8:22 P.M. Mr. Poston noted that during the Executive Session no votes were taken.

Moved By: Mr. Poston

Seconded By: Mr. James

Board Action: Carried Unanimously

a. **Appointment to Fill Term of Unexpired District 1 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 Mr. W. Russell Freeman as the applicant selected by the Board to fill the vacant seat for District 1. There were eight Board members present. The Board Chair did not cast a vote. Of the eight votes cast, five were for Mr. Freeman, two were for Ms. Dana Zamrik, and one was for Mr. Micah Gore. It should be noted the applicant chosen will be sworn in during the November 19, 2019, Board meeting.

6. **CONSENT**

- a. **Personnel Recommendations as Required by Law**
- b. **Education Fund Allocation – District 7**

Moved By: Mr. Winters

Seconded By: Mr. Cox

A motion was made to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The Board Chair did not cast a vote on this item.

Board Action: Carried Unanimously

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 P.M. It should be noted that the Finance Committee previously scheduled for November 20, 2019, has been moved to November 19, 2019, at 3:00 P.M.

Moved By: Mr. Hardwick

Seconded By: Mr. Cox

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

Board Action: Carried Unanimously

a. **UPCOMING MEETING(S)**

- 1. **Facilities Committee Meeting, November 19, 2019, 4:00 PM, C300**
- 2. **Board Meeting, November 19, 2019, 6:00 PM, Board Room**
- 3. **Finance Committee Meeting, November 19, 2019, 3:00 PM, A301**

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