

The Amherst County School Board met in special session on Wednesday, February 7, 2018, in the Board Room of the School Administration Office, Amherst, Virginia at 5:33 p.m.

PRESENT:           W. Michael Henderson, Chairman  
                  Priscilla M. Liggon, Vice Chairman  
                  Jennifer E. Cumby  
                  Francisco D. Mayo  
                  Craig S. Terwilliger  
                  Abby J. Thompson

ABSENT:           David S. Cassise  
                  Haleigh Tomlin, Student Representative

Mr. Henderson called the meeting to order, asked that a moment of silence be observed and asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Henderson stated the purpose of the special meeting was a closed meeting for personnel matters – to discuss the assignment and performance of employee(s) and discuss awarding a public contract involving the consultant to assist with the search for a new superintendent. Mr. Henderson asked if there was a motion to approve the agenda.

Upon motion by Mrs. Liggon, seconded by Mrs. Thompson and unanimously carried, the Board approved the agenda for the February 7, 2018, special School Board meeting.

Mr. Henderson stated the next item on the agenda was a closed session for personnel matters.

Pursuant to Section 2.2-3711 (A) (1) and A (29), of the Code of Virginia, upon motion by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mrs. Cumby and unanimously carried, the Board convened a closed meeting for (A) (1) personnel matters – to discuss the assignment and performance of employee (s) and (A) (29) discuss awarding a public contract involving the consultant to assist with the search for a new superintendent.

Mr. Henderson stated the Board may take action as a result of the closed meeting.

Upon motion by Mrs. Thompson, seconded by Mrs. Cumby and unanimously carried, the Board resumed their meeting in open session.

#### **CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING**

**WHEREAS**, the Amherst County School Board has convened a closed meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative record and in accordance with provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act, and

**WHEREAS**, Section 2.2 – 3712 (D) and 2.2 - 3711 of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by this School Board that such closed meeting was conducted in accordance with provisions of the Freedom of Information Act; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Amherst County School Board hereby certifies that to the best of each members knowledge (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirement by Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting to which

certification applies, and (ii) only such public matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed or considered.

Upon motion by Mrs. Liggon, seconded by Mr. Terwilliger and unanimously carried, the Board certified they discussed only permissible topics.

AYES: Henderson, Liggon, Cumby, Thompson, Terwilliger, Mayo

NAYS: None

Mr. Henderson asked if the Board wished to take action as a result of the closed meeting.

Mrs. Cumby made a motion to award the contract to Real Synergy, L.L.C., as the consultant to assist with the search for the new superintendent pending attorney review of the contract. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Liggon.


AYES: Henderson, Liggon, Cumby, Terwilliger, Mayo

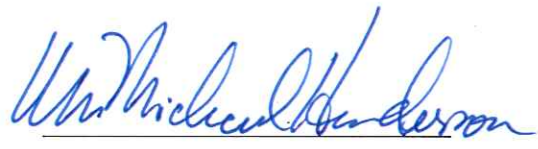
NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: Thompson

Mr. Henderson asked if there was a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Upon motion by Mrs. Cumby, seconded by Mrs. Liggon and unanimously carried, the Board adjourned the meeting at 7:13 p.m.

  
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R Steven Nichols, Deputy Clerk  
Amherst County Public Schools

  
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W. Michael Henderson, Chairman  
Amherst County Public Schools