

The Amherst County School Board met in special session on Thursday, November 1, 2018, in the Public Meeting Room of the School Administration Office, Amherst, Virginia 6:00 p.m.

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

ABSENT: None

VACANT: District 2

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 asked if there were any changes to the agenda for the November 1, 2018, special School Board meeting.

Mr. Henderson asked if there was a motion to approve the agenda for the November 1, 2018, special School Board meeting.

Upon motion by Mr. Terwilliger, seconded by Mr. Mayo and unanimously carried, the Board approved the agenda for the November 1, 2018, special School Board meeting.

Mr. Henderson stated the next item on the agenda was a public hearing to hear citizen input for or against the candidates for the District 2 position for the Amherst County School Board.

The following citizens spoke in favor of Mrs. Amanda Wright appointment as the District 2 School Board member:

Mr. Regional Wilburn	1964 Lowesville Road	Amherst, VA
Mr. John Shimp	2758 Lowesville Road	Lowesville, VA
Mr. Gary Anderson	953 Indian Creek Road	Amherst, VA
Mrs. Dennise Anderson	953 Indian Creek Road	Amherst, VA

Mr. Henderson asked if anyone else wished to address the Board regarding the District 2 candidates.

Mrs. Claudia Tucker, 714 Indian Creek Road, Amherst, VA, addressed the Board not in support of either candidate; however, she expressed her appreciation to the members of the Temperance community for coming out to support Mrs. Wright as a School Board member.

Mr. Henderson asked if there was anyone else who wished to speak at the Public Hearing. There being no one, Mr. Henderson asked if there was a motion to close the Public Hearing.

Upon motion by Mrs. Liggon, seconded by Mrs. Thompson and unanimously carried, the Board closed the Public Hearing.

Mr. Henderson stated the Board would begin the interview process of the two candidates. Mr. Henderson stated Mrs. Wright would be the first candidate interviewed. Mr. Harris left the room.

Board members asked each candidate the same interview questions. Once the questions were completed each candidate had an opportunity to ask the School Board members questions.

Mr. Henderson thanked Mrs. Wright and Mr. Harris for their willingness to step forward to be considered as a School Board member.

Mr. Henderson informed the candidates and the citizens present; the Board would be appointing the District 2 School Board member at the November 8, 2018, regular School Board meeting.

Mr. Henderson stated the Board would be convening a closed meeting and no action would be taken as a result of the closed meeting.

Pursuant to Section 2.2-3711 (A) (1) and (7), of the Code of Virginia, upon motion by Mr. Cassise, seconded by Mr. Mayo and unanimously carried, the Board convened a closed meeting for personnel matters – discuss appointment of the District 2 Amherst County School Board position and legal matters – consultation with legal counsel employed or retained by the School Board regarding specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel.

Upon motion by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Terwilliger 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.

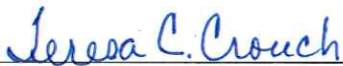
Upon motion by Mr. Cassise, seconded by Mrs. Thompson and unanimously carried, the Board certified that they discussed only permissible topics.

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

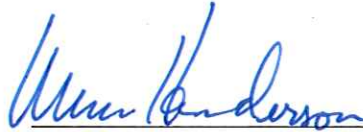
NAYS: None

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

Upon motion by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Cassise and unanimously carried, the Board adjourned the meeting at 8:17 p.m.



Teresa C. Crouch, Clerk
Amherst County Public Schools



W. Michael Henderson, Chairman
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