**Minutes of the Northampton County School Board –Special Meeting to vote of personnel new hires held on Thursday, August 11, 2022 – 5:00 pm located at Central Office Administration Bldg., located at 7207 Young Street, Machipongo, Virginia 23405.**

Present: Ms. Charlena Jones, Board Chairperson

Ms. Liz Jones, Board Vice-Chairperson

Mr. William Oakley, Board Member

Ms. Jill Bieri, Board Member

Ms. Helene Doughty, Board Member

Ms. Jo Ann Molera, Board Member

Ms. Betty Borden, Board Member

Dr. Jaime Cole, Superintendent of Schools

Ms. Brook Thomas, Chief Financial Officer

Ms. Karen Pitt, Board Clerk

Absent: None

The board chair, Ms. Charlena Jones called the meeting to order and said the purpose of the special meeting was to vote on personnel items.

Ms. Charlena Jones then asked for a motion to convene a closed session meeting. Motion by Ms. Borden. Seconded by Ms. Doughty. Without objection, the board convened a closed session.

**Reconvene Open Session**

The board chair asked for a motion to reconvene an open session meeting. Motion by Ms. Molera to come out of the closed session meeting and enter an open session meeting. Seconded by Ms. Doughty. Without objection, the board reconvened the open session meeting.

**Certification of Closed Session**

The board chair read the following statement:

*"Whereas, the Northampton County School Board has convened a closed meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and*

*Whereas, Section 2.2-3712 of The Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, requires certification by this School Board that such closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law;*

*Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the Northampton County School Board hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting to which this certification applies, and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed, or considered."*

*Roll call vote:*

*Mr. Oakley voted yes.*

*Ms. Doughty voted yes.*

*Ms. Molera voted yes.*

*Ms. Liz Jones voted yes.*

*Ms. Borden voted yes.*

*Ms. Bieri voted yes.*

*Ms. Charlena Jones voted yes.*

The motion was carried.

The board chair asked for a motion to accept the Superintendent’s recommendation. Mr. Oakley asked that the guest waiting outside can be invited in before the vote is taken.

Mr. Oakley said he would like to separate the Associate Superintendent from the rest of the personnel items. Ms. Molera asked for a copy of the list of personnel.

The board chair asked if there were any objections from board members to separating the personnel list. None given.

The board chair then asked for a motion to approve the Associate Superintendent as recommended by the Superintendent. Motion by Ms. Bieri and seconded by Ms. Molera. The board chair noted that discussion was held in closed session.

*Roll call vote:*

*Mr. Oakley voted no based on the track record of work.*

*Ms. Doughty voted yes.*

*Ms. Molera voted yes.*

*Ms. Liz Jones voted yes.*

*Ms. Borden voted yes.*

*Ms. Bieri voted yes.*

*Ms. Charlena Jones voted yes.*

The motion was carried.

Next, the board chair asked for a motion to vote on all other personnel items on the list of new hires and transfers. Motion by Ms. Borden to accept the motion of all other personnel items on the list and seconded by Ms. Bieri.

*Roll call vote:*

*Mr. Oakley voted yes.*

*Ms. Doughty voted yes.*

*Ms. Molera refrained from voting.*

*Ms. Liz Jones voted yes.*

*Ms. Borden voted yes.*

*Ms. Bieri voted yes.*

*Ms. Charlena Jones voted yes.*

The motion was carried.

**Discussion Item**

*Letter of Support*

Vice-chair, Liz Jones said she knows this is last minute, but the Cape Charles Rosenwald School Restoration initiative is applying for industrial revitalization grants in the amount of $1 million in efforts to restore the school which will be community-based. Ms. Jones asked that everyone read the material provided to see what the school is all about and then proposed that the board write a letter of support for the initiative of the renovation process which will be submitted with the grant application. Ms. Jones then said the grant will be due on the 17th and assuming she has the majority of the board members who want to write the letter, she will then draft the letter. The board chair asked when the letter is due. Ms. Liz Jones said Monday.

Ms. Charlena Jones asked board members if they were in support of writing the letter. Mr. Oakley said he does not have an objection, but he does have a concern. Mr. Oakley said once they open this up then anyone from this moment on for whatever reason who comes to the board would expect the same consideration. The board discussed.

The board chair said as soon as the letter is drafted, she will sign it and if she is not available to sign, she will give Ms. Pitt, the board clerk permission to use her signature stamp.

Ms. Charlena Jones said that concludes the special meeting and without objection, the meeting was adjourned @ 5:45 p.m.

Approved at the September 22, 2022, regular school board meeting – Karen Pitt, Board Clerk