

**PETERSBURG SCHOOL BOARD
PETERSBURG, VIRGINIA
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING (Personnel)
Petersburg City Public Schools
School Administrative Office
January 19, 2012 – 6:00 p.m.
Mrs. Jeanette P. Berrios, Clerk of the Board**

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Kenneth L. Pritchett, Chairman of the School Board, called the Special Meeting of the Petersburg School Board to order at 6:11 p.m. at the Petersburg City Public Schools (PCPS) Administrative Office, 255 South Boulevard, East, Petersburg, VA.

ROLL CALL

The Clerk of the Board called the roll with the following responding:

Ward Two:	Mr. Fred B. Wilson
Ward Three:	Mr. Kenneth L. Pritchett, Chairman
Ward Four:	Ms. Mary Jane Hendricks
Ward Seven:	Dr. Elsie R. Jarmon

The following school board members were absent: Mr. Steven L. Pierce, Sr. (Ward One); Dr. Kenneth W. Lewis (Ward Five); and Mr. Bernard J. Lundy, Jr. (Ward Six).

The following were also present: Dr. Alvera J. Parrish, Superintendent; and Ms. Linda Ampy, representing the Office of Human Resources.

CLOSED SESSION

At 6:12 p.m., following a motion by Ms. Mary Jane Hendricks, and a second by Mr. Fred B. Wilson, the School Board unanimously agreed to enter into a closed session pursuant to Section 2.2-3711 (A)(1) of the Code of Virginia related to a personnel appointment.

OPEN SESSION

At 7:03 p.m., following a motion by Dr. Elsie R. Jarmon, and a second by Ms. Mary Jane Hendricks, the School Board unanimously agreed to return to an open session.

The Clerk of the Board then read the following statement:

As required by Section 2.2-3712.D of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act, a roll call vote will be taken to certify that, to the best of each member's knowledge (1) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Act and (2) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed session was convened were heard, discussed, or considered in the closed session by the Board.

Prior to the vote, any member of the Board who believes that there was a departure from the requirements of 1 and 2 as read shall so state the same, indicating the substance of the departure that, in his or her judgment, has taken place. Does any Board member wish to respond?

No member responded; therefore, a roll call was taken, and all Board members responded affirmatively.

ACTION ON CLOSED SESSION MATTERS

On a motion by Dr. Elsie R. Jarmon, and a second by Mr. Fred B. Wilson, a roll call vote was taken on the superintendent's recommendation that the employee in personnel case # 11-063 be assigned as the Interim Director of Budget and Finance on an hourly basis at the rate of \$80.00 per hour. Roll call vote results follow:

Mr. Fred B. Wilson	<u>Yes</u>
Mr. Kenneth L. Pritchett	<u>Yes</u>
Ms. Mary Jane Hendricks	<u>Abstain*</u>
Dr. Elsie R. Jarmon	<u>Yes</u>

The motion passed with three affirmative votes. There was one abstention, and the following school board members were absent: Mr. Steven L. Pierce, Sr.; Dr. Kenneth W. Lewis; and Mr. Bernard J. Lundy, Jr.

*Ms. Mary Jane Hendricks stated the following when noting her abstention:

I would like to A, abstain, and B, for the record say it is not because I am not in support of a person, and it is not because I don't recognize how quickly we need to fill this. I would like to commend the superintendent and her people for moving forward so quickly. It's just that I still have questions that we couldn't answer tonight.

Mr. Fred B. Wilson made the following statement:

Dr. Parrish, I hope that we move posthaste in trying to fill this position permanently as quickly as possible, so that we will not have to worry about, first of all doing this again soon, but that we can get back to normal as quickly as we can.

Dr. Parrish responded, "I will; well taken." Dr. Parrish made a request of Ms. Hendricks that she put her questions in writing for her to research and provide Ms. Hendricks answers to her questions in a timely fashion. Ms. Hendricks responded that she *appreciates that, but some of them are nebulous and can't be answered, but I will do that for you.* She added that *only one question can be put in writing, others are kind of nebulous type questions.*

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Dr. Elsie R. Jarmon, and a second by Mr. Fred B. Wilson, the school board unanimously agreed to adjourn at 7:08 p.m.

Clerk of the Board

APPROVAL

Approved:

Chairman of the Board