

## SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Administration Building  
March 4, 2019  
6:00 P.M.

A special meeting of the Board of School Trustees of the Bluffton-Harrison Metropolitan School District was held on Monday, March 4, 2019, with all members present. Also in attendance was Wayne Barker, Superintendent; Brad Yates, Assistant Superintendent; Amy Dunwiddie, Corporation Secretary; Kathie Koby, Hank Koby, Jim Hotopp, and Marcia Hotopp interested patrons; and Devan Filchak, News Banner representative.

President Murray called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

The only order of business was to appoint a replacement for the District 2 At-Large seat due to the passing of Adam Ault. Mike Murray made the following statement:

As all of you would agree, none of us want to be here doing this tonight. We are still shocked and saddened to know of Mr. Ault's passing. Our continued thoughts and prayers are with Jessica, Will, and Wren, and the rest of Adam's extended family.

The law does require that we appoint a replacement board member which is the purpose of tonight's meeting. A process for that appointment was released to the public on Wednesday, February 20 outlining the steps needed to follow for anyone interested in applying for this vacant board seat. This information was made available through the district website, an article in the News-Banner, and through Twitter. The applications were due by noon on Wednesday, February 27.

The Board met in executive session on Thursday, February 28 at 7:00 a.m. Mr. Barker informed us that we did not receive any applications prior to the deadline. However, it should be noted that we did hear from two interested people AFTER the deadline had passed. Additionally, we heard from one interested person PRIOR to the deadline that he would be willing to serve only if the Board was interested.

In our executive session on Thursday, the Board discussed our need for experience. Mr. Schlagenhauf is in his 7th year as a Board Member, I'm in my 3rd year as a Board Member, and Mr. Holland and Mrs. Thompson are in their first years as Board Members. Understanding the importance of experience identified by the Board, I believe Mr. Hiday, who served on this board for the past twelve years, is the best person to assist our Board.

Therefore, Mike Murray made a motion that Mr. Brent Hiday fill this vacancy from March 18, 2019, through the end of 2020. Heath Schlagenhauf seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

