

Minutes

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191.24 ROLL CALL/ATTENDANCE – Hines

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I. Office of Vice President

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Nomination 2: L. Abney-Michell nominated M. Hines

ROLL CALL VOTE FOR F. Weaver

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NAYS:	2 (Abney-Mitchell, Hines)
ABSTAIN:	0
ABSENT:	0

F. Weaver was elected to the office of Vice President.

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Ja'Ron Embry
Misty Fogg
JuaQuita Grady
Stephanie Nagy
Alexis Schankowski
Jeremy Singleton
Darleen Boland
Savannah Byers
Benjamin Devine
David Florn
Tyler Garrett
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Mya Kinnunen
Ellison Matthews
Sandra Saad
Christopher Wimer

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ABSENT:	0

MOTION PASSED

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Committee members shared closing comments.

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197.24 REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF BUSINESS SERVICE & FINANCE – Campbell

I. Recommendation to Approve the Renewal of Informed K-12

Resolved, that the board approve Business Service & Finance Item I. as presented. Motion by M. Neal, support by F. Weaver.

Discussion:

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ROLL CALL VOTE

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NAYS:	3 (Abney-Mitchell, Hines, May)
ABSTAIN:	0
ABSENT:	0

MOTION PASSED

II. Recommendation to Approve the Purchase of Omni-Comm E911 Simulators

Resolved, that the board approve Business Service & Finance Item II. as presented. Motion by M. Neal, support by F. Weaver.

Discussion:

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Resolved, that the board approve Business Service & Finance Item III. as presented. Motion by M. Hines, support by K. May.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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NAYS:	0
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201.24 ADJOURNMENT

Resolved, that the board adjourn the meeting at 7:46 p.m. Motion by M. Neal, support by F. Weaver.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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Melandie Hines
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Melandie Hines
Board of Education Secretary
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