

Joint Press Release from Martin Wright and Dr. Ronald Wilcox

Hampton One and Hampton 2 Boards of Trustees Meet

Hampton School District One and Hampton School District 2 met in a joint meeting on November 12, 2019 at Estill High School. The two boards of trustees interviewed two candidates for a Facilitator position. The Facilitator will guide the boards in implementing the previously approved plan for consolidation. The two Facilitators interviewed were W. Donnie Boland of Boland Finance Consulting, LLC and Zona Jefferson, CEO of Jefferson and Associates Education Leadership, LLC. No decision was made on selecting a facilitator. The decision will be made at the December joint meeting.

The Technical College of the LowCountry, Dr. Richard J. Gough, President and Mary Lee Carns, Vice President for Instructional Advancement, presented to the boards concerning partnership opportunities for an early college high school and a vocational and academic associates degree program for students in the consolidated district. Students participating could earn college credits while in high school. After considerable discussion it was determined that further information would be needed prior to a decision.

The two boards of trustees also discussed applying for a DUNS number which is imperative to the consolidation process in order for the new school district to receive federal funding. The state department of education has suggested the districts do this early on in the process. The requirements to receive a DUNS number are 1) the new school district name be selected, 2) a central office location be selected, and 3) an address for the new school district must be agreed upon. Both boards are seeking input from the public on possible names for the new school district.

Board members were also given two documents responding to a state request for additional information on the Preliminary Plan and Preliminary Budget. The documents provide further detail concerning the joint consolidation plan and have been uploaded to each district's website for public review. The plan revisions will be voted on at the next joint consolidation meeting.

Both boards will provide time for public input in their next local meeting in their respective districts. Anyone having a suggestion for the district name is encouraged to attend one of these meetings. The public is encouraged to attend both the local board meetings and the next joint consolidation meeting.

Hampton One will meet at North District Middle School on November 25, 2019, at 6:00 PM.

Hampton Two will meet on November 19, 2019 at 7:00 PM.

The Joint Meeting of Hampton One and Hampton 2 School Boards will be held at North District Middle School on December 10, 2019, at 5:30 PM.