

**Houston County High School  
School Council  
Minutes of November 10, 2009**

The Houston County High School (HCHS) School Council met in regular session on Tuesday, November 10, 2009 at 6:00pm. The meeting was held in the Media Center, 920 Highway 96, Warner Robins, GA 31088.

**School Council Members Present:**

Sherry Freeman, Principal  
Andy Rodriguez, Chairperson  
Cherri Nix, Vice Chairperson  
Charla Gregory, Secretary  
Angela Fussell  
Miriam Sporhauer  
Deanna Moore  
Alyson Keenom  
Rex Lewis

**School Council Members Absent:** None

**Call to Order:**

Chairperson Andy Rodriguez

**Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Reflection:**

Chairperson Andy Rodriguez led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America. It was also mentioned that Veteran's Day will be celebrated on November 11. Thank a veteran.

**Approval of Agenda:**

The agenda was distributed and posted IAW the Open Meetings Act. Moved, seconded, and carried unanimously that the School Council approves the agenda as written.

**MOTION:** Rex Lewis

**SECOND:** Alyson Keenom

**Approval of Minutes:**

The minutes of October 8, 2009 were read and posted IAW the Open Meetings Act. Moved and seconded School Council approves the minutes as amended. The minutes will not be approved for final publication until By-Laws Review issue clarified to determine who moved and seconded their approval.

**MOTION:** Alyson Keenom

**SECOND:** Sherri Freeman

**Recognition of Visitors:**

Chairperson Andy Rodriguez recognized visitors to the School Council meeting:

Dr Toby Hill, Member Houston County Board of Education  
Will Ray, Assistant Principal for Instruction, HCHS  
Betty Riley, parent  
Laura Chitester, parent  
Karen Freeman, parent  
Isaac Stevens, parent  
Joseph Moore, parent  
Alana Vazquez, parent  
Marjorie Webb, parent

### **Principal's Report**

Principal Sherri Freeman recognized those veterans present and thanked all for their service.

### **Houston County Board of Education Member's Comments**

Board member Dr Toby Hill shared time with the council and visitors by speaking to a wide range of issues: HCHS's construction & opening; the system's financial budget and effects on personnel retention & hiring; "wish list" for the future; and the rezoning process. Dr Hill also answered questions posed by those present: need to correct process of October open forum soliciting input to rezoning and change moderator for November forum; no community ties to new school; board proposal to allow grandfathering of siblings of SY 10-1 seniors; rezoning process should have been introduced earlier to allow for more community comment and buy-in; clarification on court orders system is mandated to follow; look to progressiveness, i.e., magnet school, fine arts school, etc; percentages of African-Americans remaining at WRHS & NSHS that are athletes. Dr Hill also indicated that two things may change the proposed rezoning map: litigation and if the goals of enrollment change. Also, he said that it's been proposed at the BOE that full-time system employees will not be able to place their child at VHS until it is at least 4 years old or unless the employee is working there. Finally, he invited all to attend the board's upcoming open forum on November 19 at 7pm at WRHS.

### **Adjournment:**

Due to the time and the threat of severe weather in the local area, Chairperson Andy Rodriguez entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Moved, seconded and carried unanimously that the meeting adjourn and all unfinished business be deferred until the next meeting on December 8, 2009.

**MOTION:** Charla Gregory

**SECOND:** Rex Lewis

Respectfully submitted,

//signed//  
CHERRI NIX, Vice Chairperson & Acting Secretary  
Houston County HS School Council

//signed//  
ANDY RODRIGUEZ, Chairperson  
Houston County HS School Council