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Principal, Geraldine Russ Cox

**August 22, 2017**

**SDMC Meeting (4:30 – 5:30 p.m.)**

**Members in attendance:** Geraldine Russ Cox, Principal; Nancy Arriola, Business Partner; Johnny Ortiz, Parent; Jessica Thibodeaux, Teacher; Dinora Segovia, Secretary; Rhondra Skillern-Jones, Board Member

**Thaddeus S. Lott family:** Frader J. Lott (wife), Shmarilyn Lott Cassel (daughter); Thaddeus S. Lott, Jr. (son); Chester L. Cassel (son-in-law), Armani L. Cassel (grandson)

**Phone Attendees:** Doris Evans, (former teacher); Barbara Johnson Jones, former teacher/principal; Felita Lott (daughter)

**Agenda:**

- \* Welcome.....Mrs. Geraldine Russ Cox, Principal
- \* Purpose/Goals: Name change proposal for Highland Heights Elementary
- \* Sign-In
- \* Q & A

**Minutes:**

An emergency call meeting was held on Tuesday, August 22, 2017 to hear dialogue about the changing of the name of Highland Heights Elementary to Thaddeus Scott Lott, Sr. Elementary School. The meeting was called to order by Geraldine Russ Cox, the principal. The family members, phone attendees, board member, and business/community partner all spoke on behalf of the name change. Mrs. Frader Lott, wife, of Mr. Thaddeus Lott read a letter expressing the reasons that her husband should be considered for the name change. This included his eighty-one years as a resident of the Acres Home community, being a successful student and teacher at Highland Heights, an outstanding principal of Wesley B. Mable, as well as a respected family and church man. His children expressed his accomplishments of bringing Wesley to a 100 % proficiency rate of success on the state test for third graders. Additionally, he instituted "Reading Mastery and Corrective Reading" for students to become literate. He believed in allowing children to explore their creativity as well as their world. His creed and belief was that Any Child Can Learn. His work was nationally acclaimed as reported by the family and former teachers. Ms. Barbara Jones a former teacher under Dr. Lott stated that he empowered teachers to be all that they could be. He believed that if you could teach at Wesley that you could teach anywhere. He grew teachers to the next level. Mrs. Skillern-Jones, the board trustee, supports the changing of the name and will present the request to the board. Questions were asked and answered by staff and community members. The meeting was adjourned following a tour of Highland Heights Elementary.