

HICKORY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
HICKORY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Monday, December 2, 2013

The Board of Education of the Hickory City Administrative School Unit met in regular session on Monday, December 2, 2013, beginning at 7:00 p.m., in Media Center at Hickory High School.

Members present included: Chairperson Angela Beaver Simmons; Vice Chair Reginald Hamilton; Board members Charlotte Williams, Sallie Johnson, Margaret Pope, Rev. T. Anthony Spearman, and Amy Monroe; and Board Attorney Jeffrey T. Mackie.

Also present at the meeting were the following individuals: Dr. Walter H. Hart, Superintendent; Dr. Denise Patterson, Chief Academic Officer; Adam Steele, Finance Officer; Timothy Sims, Director of Federal Programs; Tracy Sigmon, Personnel Officer; Shawn Clemons, Director of Accountability; Adam Huckabee, Facilities Director; Rebecca Allen, Director of Child Nutrition; Jeff Tice, Technology Director; Beverly Snowden, Public Information Officer; student and teacher representatives from Viewmont Elementary School; Judge Burford Cherry; Ms. Julie Correll; invited guests; and Mary Duquette, Clerk to the Board.

Agenda Items I. and II. (Call to Order and Quorum Determination)

Chairperson Beaver Simmons called the meeting to order and stated that a quorum was present.

Agenda Item III. (Pledge of Allegiance and Adoption of the Agenda)

Student representatives from Viewmont Elementary School lead the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance. Following the Pledge, McKenzie Anderson and Jeremy Robison sang the National Anthem. Chairperson Beaver Simmons thanked the students for their participation in the meeting.

Ms. Williams made a motion that the Board adopt the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Pope and the Board's vote was 7-0

Agenda Item IV. (Minutes)

Ms. Pope requested a correction to the October 14 minutes. Reference to "Marie C. Poston" on page 3 should be changed to "Marie G. Poston". With that correction made, upon motion made by Ms. Williams and seconded by Mr. Hamilton, the Board voted 7-0 to approve the minutes from the October 14 and October 28 minutes of the Board.

Agenda Item V. (Public Hearing)

No one addressed the Board during the Public Hearing.

Agenda Item VI. (Programs/Special Recognitions)

Dr. Hart introduced Ms. Terri Hall who has been working with eLeaders at each school and was present tonight with Melanie Gray, 3rd grade teacher, Jennifer Riddle, 5th grade teacher, and student representatives from Viewmont Elementary School. Ms. Gray, Ms. Riddle and the students demonstrated to the Board the use of iPads in the classroom and the interaction with white boards which creates excitement and enthusiasm among the students to participate in problem solving activities. They stated that, through these tools, they can incorporate so many things from Common Core – math, global awareness, and reading. They thanked the Board for the opportunity to share how technology is making a difference in their classrooms.

Dr. Hart and Ms. Beaver Simmons recognized the following students who were selected to participate in the North Carolina Elementary and High School Honors Chorus. Selected for the Elementary Honors Chorus were the following students: Adeleine Geitner, Garrison Mullis, Ainsley Richardson and Ellie Rumbaugh from Oakwood Elementary; Catilyn Savage, Emily Staples, Lily Marsden, and Mary Salyards from Jenkins Elementary. Selected for the High School Honors Chorus were the following Hickory High students: McKenzie Anderson and Jeremy Robison, and Nathan Mason, Hickory High band member, was selected for the North Carolina High School Honors Orchestra.

At this time, Board Chair Angela Beaver Simmons was honored for her dedicated service to the Hickory Public Schools. Mayor Rudy Wright presented Ms. Beaver Simmons with a Proclamation from the City of Hickory declaring Monday, December 2, as Angela Beaver Simmons Day. Hickory Chief of Police Tom Adkins thanked Ms. Beaver Simmons for her service to the Hickory Public Schools and the Hickory community. On behalf of the Board, Mr. Hamilton presented a Certificate of Recognition to Ms. Beaver Simmons for her dedication and service to the Board. Dr. Hart presented “The Old North State Award” from Governor Pat McCrory, an honor bestowed to outstanding North Carolinians who have a proven record of exemplary service and commitment to the state and their community.

Board members expressed their gratitude to Ms. Beaver Simmons for her years of dedication and service to the Board, the students and staff of the Hickory Public Schools, and the Hickory community.

Ms. Beaver Simmons stated that she was proud to serve as a member of the Hickory Board of Education and to be able to serve as its Chair for the last two years. She praised the current leadership and administration of the Hickory Public Schools and thanked both the Board and the administration for its support.

At this time, Board Attorney Jeff Mackie called upon Chief Justice Burford Cherry who was present to administer the Oath of Office to newly elected Board member Julie Correll, and re-elected Board members Sallie Johnson, Rev. T. Anthony Spearman, and Reginald Hamilton. The Honorable Burford Cherry administered the Oath of Office to each member individually. Mr. Mackie thanked Judge Cherry for his service to the Hickory Public Schools.

Dr. Hart announced that he would accept nominations for Chair of the Hickory Board of Education. Ms. Williams nominated Mr. Hamilton which was seconded by Rev. Spearman. There being no further nominations, Dr. Hart called for a vote. Mr. Hamilton was unanimously elected to serve as Chair of the Hickory Board of Education for a two-year term.

Mr. Hamilton then called for nominations for Vice Chair. Ms. Johnson nominated Ms. Williams which was seconded by Rev. Spearman. There being no further nominations, Mr. Hamilton called for a vote. Ms. Williams was unanimously elected to serve as Vice Chair of the Hickory Board of Education for a two-year term.

Mr. Hamilton thanked Board members for this opportunity and stated that he looked forward to working the Board, the staff, and Dr. Hart on new and greater opportunities for the Hickory Public Schools.

Agenda Item VII.A. (Consent Agenda)

Dr. Hart presented the following items under the consent agenda:

1. Donations;
2. Field trip requests;
3. The second reading and adoption of the following policies:
 - a. IFBG – *Technology in the Educational Program*;
 - b. IFBGA – *Technology Responsible Use*;
 - c. IFBGB – *Internet Safety*
 - d. IFBGC – *Web Page Development*
 - e. JH – *Extracurricular Activities and Student Organizations*
 - f. CEI – *Superintendent's Evaluation*
4. Fund raising request.

Upon motion made by Ms. Johnson and seconded by Ms. Williams, the Board voted 7-0 to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Agenda Item VII.B. (Budget Amendments)

Mr. Adam Steele reviewed the following budget amendments for Board approval: State #1-#10; Federal #1 – 8; CO #1; and OSR #1 and #2.

Upon motion made by Ms. Williams and seconded by Ms. Monroe, the Board voted 7-0 to approve the Budget Amendments as presented.

Agenda Item VII.C. (First Reading of revised Board policies: IHAA – End of Grade/End of Course Retests and IHE – Promotion and Retention of Students)

Dr. Hart reminded the Board that the revisions of these policies were shared at the last meeting of the Board and recommended the Board approve the first reading of these revisions as presented.

Upon motion made by Rev. Spearman and seconded by Ms. Pope, the Board voted 7-0 to approve the first reading of revisions to Board policies IHAA and IHE as presented.

Agenda Item VII.D. (Service Provider Agreement – CRS Incorporated)

Dr. Hart stated that the proposed agreement with CRS Incorporated would provide an automated process for securing substitute teachers.

Upon motion made by Ms. Pope and seconded by Ms. Williams, the Board voted 7-0 to approve the service agreement with CRS Incorporated as presented.

Agenda Item VII.E. (Award Bid – Rekeying Hickory Public School Facilities)

Mr. Adam Huckabee, Director of Facilities, reported to the Board that this is phase one of the rekeying process, is connected with the update for security purposes and would include all elementary schools and administrative complex. Mr. Huckabee recommended the Board award the bid to Cooke and Boardman as the low bidder for this project (\$49,503).

Upon motion made by Ms. Johnson and seconded by Ms. Monroe, the Board voted 7-0 to award the project of rekeying of the district facilities to Cook and Boardman as presented.

Agenda Item VII.F. (Award Bid – Camera Systems)

Mr. Huckabee stated that the installation of cameras in all facilities is a capital outlay project for the current school year, as well as a component of safety upgrades across the district. Mr. Huckabee recommended that the Board award the bid of installing security cameras to Griffith's Security as low bidder on the project.

Upon motion made by Rev. Spearman and seconded by Ms. Johnson, the Board voted 7-0 to award the bid of installing security cameras to Griffith's Security as presented.

Agenda Item VIII.A. (Unfinished Business)

There were no items to discuss under unfinished business.

Agenda Item VII.B. (Chairperson's Report)

Chairperson Hamilton reminded Board members of upcoming meetings which included:

1. Monday, January 13, 5:30 p.m., Board meeting, Administrative Services Building
2. Thursday/Friday, January 16/17, NCSBA School Board 101
3. Monday, January 27, 7:00 p.m., Board meeting, Hickory City Hall

Agenda Item VIII.C. (Superintendent's Report)

During the Superintendent's Report, Dr. Hart suggested February 13 as the date for the Board's annual retreat and requested that Board members communicate with Ms. Duquette as to whether or not the date works with their schedules.

Agenda Item IX. (Closed Session)

Ms. Johnson made a motion that the Board of Education go into closed session for the following reasons: to consider candidates recommended for employment by the administration as provided for in G.S.143.318.11 and in accordance with the North Carolina Personnel Act. Ms. Pope seconded the motion and the Board's vote was 7-0.

Agenda Item X. (Action Items from Closed Session)

Upon return to open session, Rev. Spearman made a motion that the Board approve Personnel List No. 10. The motion was seconded by Ms. Pope and the Board's vote was 7-0.

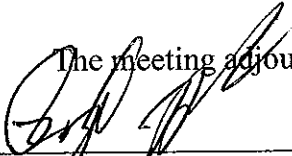
Agenda Item XI. (Announcements)

Mr. Hamilton thanked the Board for nominating him to serve as Chair for the next two years.

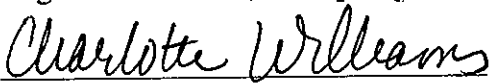
Agenda Item XII. (Adjournment)

There being no further business to come before the meeting, upon motion made by Rev. Spearman and seconded by Ms. Pope, the Board voted 7-0 to adjourn.

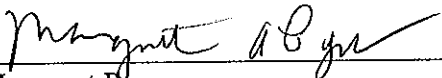
The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.



Reginald Hamilton, Chairperson



Charlotte Williams, Vice Chair

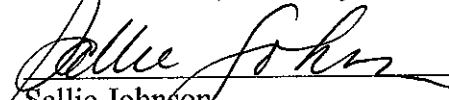


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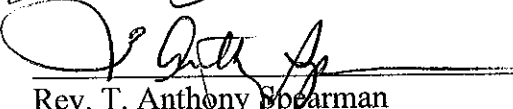
Amy Monroe




Walter H. Hart, Secretary



Sallie Johnson



Rev. T. Anthony Spearman



Julie Correll