

**HICKORY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE**  
**HICKORY BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
Monday, April 28, 2014

The Board of Education of the Hickory City Administrative School Unit met in regular session on Monday, April 28, 2014, beginning at 7:00 p.m., in Council Chambers at Hickory City Hall.

Members present included: Chairperson Reginald Hamilton; Vice Chair Charlotte Williams; Board members Sallie Johnson, Margaret Pope, Rev. T. Anthony Spearman, Amy Monroe and Julie Correll; 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; Shawn Clemons, Director of Accountability; Tracy Sigmon, Personnel Officer; Adam Huckabee, Facilities Director; Rebecca Allen, Director of Child Nutrition; Jeff Tice, Technology Director; Beverly Snowden, Public Information Officer; student and teacher representatives from Southwest Elementary School; invited guests; and Mary Duquette, Clerk to the Board.

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

Chairperson Hamilton 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 Southwest Elementary School lead the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Agenda Item IV. (Minutes)

Upon motion made by Ms. Johnson and seconded by Ms. Pope, the Board voted 7-0 to approve the minutes from the March 10 and March 24 meetings of the Board.

Agenda Item V. (Public Hearing)

No one addressed the Board during the Public Hearing portion of the meeting.

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 eLeaders Meredith Clay and Kim Heckler from Southwest Elementary School.

Ms. Hall introduced Ms. Clay and Ms. Heckler to the Board stating the two would be sharing how they have integrated technology into their classrooms.

Ms. Clay reported to the Board that, through attendance at conferences and collaborating with other eLeaders, her knowledge of technology continues to expand allowing her to provide professional development for the staff at Southwest Elementary School. It also has raised the comfort level in

working with technology not only for teachers but for students as well. In her classroom, Ms. Clay uses blogging as part of Capturing Kids Hearts to share good news. Throughout the week, students share their “good news” through the use of iPads and at the end of the week the class recaps the good news for the week.

Ms. Heckler stated that iPads travel with her students on field trips. They can take pictures of what they see and blog about it through the use of their iPad. They debrief after the field trip, using a graphic organizer to create a blog about their trip and share this on the school website to keep the community informed about what is happening at the school.

Ms. Clay and Ms. Heckler stated that future plans are to provide weekly teacher tips on the use of technology in their classrooms as they continue to learn and grow through the eLeader program. They thanked the Board for its support and for the opportunities being provided to them and others through this program.

Ms. Sandi Fotheringham, Volunteer Coordinator, recognized each school’s 2014 Volunteer of the Year.

Board members and Dr. Hart recognized the following individuals for recent achievements:

1. Peter Shores, Oakwood 3<sup>rd</sup> Grader, Little Read 1<sup>st</sup> Place in Literature;
2. Danasia Witherspoon, HHS Student Athlete, Conference Player of the Year;
3. HCAM Students and Teachers, Grand Prize Winners in the Catawba County Districted Driver Video Contest; and
4. Barbara Helms, Hickory High Girls Basketball Coach, Greater Hickory Metro Girls Coach of the Year;

Board member Rev. T. Anthony Spearman was also recognized as a recipient of the *2014 Champion for Children Award* from the North Carolina Foundation for Public School Children.

Agenda Item VII.A. (Consent Agenda)

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

1. Donations;
2. Field trip requests; and
3. A fund raiser request.

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

Agenda Item VII.B. (Budget Amendments)

Mr. Steele reviewed budget amendments with the Board.

Upon motion made by Ms. Monroe and seconded by Ms. Johnson, the Board voted 7-0 to approve the budget amendments as presented.

Agenda Item VII.E. (Resolution)

Upon motion made by Ms. Johnson and seconded by Rev. Spearman, the Board voted 7-0 to approve the Resolution commemorating the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the historic U.S. Supreme Court decision in Brown v. Board of Education, as presented.

Agenda Item VII.F. (AVID Contract)

Dr. Hart reminded the Board that the AVID contract was discussed at the last work session stating that the AVID program is designed to help students who will be first time college attendees from their family. This would be the second year of the program at Hickory Career & Arts Magnet High School and he recommended the Board's approval of the contract.

Upon motion made by Ms. Pope and seconded by Ms. Williams, the Board voted 7-0 to approve the AVID contract as presented.

Agenda Item VII.F. (Agreement – Carolina Value Village)

Dr. Hart reminded the Board that representatives from Carolina Value Village were at its recent work session and the agreement would allow them to put recycle bins at all school sites for the purpose of recycling textiles and individual schools would receive credit in the form of payment for pounds collected. Dr. Hart recommended that the Board approve the agreement with Carolina Value Village.

Upon motion made by Rev. Spearman and seconded by Ms. Monroe, the Board voted 7-0 to approve the agreement with Carolina Value Village as presented.

Agenda Item VII.G. (New Longview Elementary School)

Dr. Hart reminded the Board that representatives from Longview Elementary Schools' school improvement team shared with the Board at its last work session a request for naming certain areas of the new elementary school to honor and unify the school community. The recommendations included:

1. Honor the PTA officers and the many donors by placing a plaque at the playground thanking them for their contributions to the purchase of playground equipment for the new school;
2. Honor Dr. Edwin Rogers, a longtime volunteer and donor to Longview Elementary, by naming the STEM Lab the "Dr. Edwin Rogers STEM Lab";
3. Honor the community in which the new building is located by naming the cafeteria/ gymnasium the "Westmont Multipurpose Room"; and
4. Honor Marie G. Poston for her contributions to the education of students in the Ridgeview community by naming the media center the "Marie G. Poston Media Center."

Upon motion made by Ms. Johnson and seconded by Ms. Williams, the Board voted 7-0 to approve the recommendations for naming portions of the new school as referenced above.

Agenda Item VIII.A. (Chairperson's Report)

Chairperson Hamilton reminded Board members of upcoming meetings which included:

1. Thursday, May 8, Noon, Wm. Jenkins Teacher of the Year Lunch, Lake Hickory Country Club;
2. Friday, May 9, 11:30 a.m. HPS Teacher of the Year Luncheon;
3. Monday, May 12, Board Meeting, Administrative Services Building;
4. Monday, May 19, Board Meeting, Hickory City Hall;

5. Monday, June 9, 5:30 p.m., Board Meeting, Administrative Services Building;
6. Monday, June 23, 7:00 p.m., Board meeting, Hickory City Hall.

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

During the Superintendent's Report, Dr. Hart shared the following items:

1. Congratulations to Dr. Timothy Sims for successfully defending his dissertation today;
2. A judge ruled that Guilford and Durham counties will evade the 25% rule requirement but still waiting to hear if it pertains to other systems across the state;
3. A committee has recommended that the legislature move away from Common Core to a state-adopted set of standards;
4. Proctors are needed for end of year exams.

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. Rev. Spearman 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. 15. The motion was seconded by Ms. Correll and the Board's vote was 7-0.

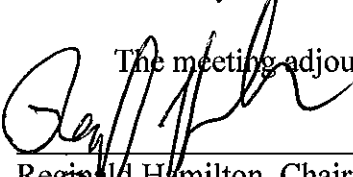
Agenda Item XI. (Announcements)


Dr. Hart shared with the Board a scheduling conflict. The Board's May 19 meeting conflicts with a school function and suggested the Board consider changing the date of its meeting. After some discussion of the possibility of other dates to meet, there was a consensus among the Board that the administration would review items that would require action from the Board in May which may result in the possibility of having only one meeting in May on the 12<sup>th</sup>.


Agenda Item XII. (Adjournment)

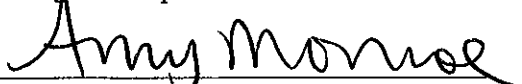
There being no further business to come before the meeting, upon motion made by Ms. Johnson and seconded by Ms. Williams, the Board voted 7-0 to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

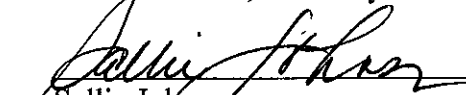
  
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