

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

The Board of Education of the Hickory City Administrative School Unit met in regular session on Monday, July 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 Margaret Pope, Rev. T. Anthony Spearman, Amy Monroe and Julie Correll; and Board Attorney Jeffrey T. Mackie. Absent was Board member Sallie Johnson.

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; and invited guests.

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)

Chairperson Hamilton invited those in attendance to join the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. Pope made a motion that the Board adopt the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Williams and the Board's vote was 6-0.

Agenda Item IV. (Minutes)

Upon motion made by Ms. Williams and seconded by Ms. Monroe, the Board voted 6-0 to approve the minutes from the June 9 and June 23 meetings of the Board.

Agenda Item V. (Public Hearing)

No one signed up to address the Board during the Public Hearing portion of the meeting.

Agenda Item VI. (Programs/Special Recognitions)

Chairperson Hamilton and Dr. Hart recognized the following staff members for recent accomplishments:

1. Tina Pottorff, Child Nutrition Supervisor, for receiving Best of Show and Best Overall award at the recent Child Nutrition Conference;
2. Beverly Snowden, Public Information Officer, for receiving Top Five Winner recognition for Excellence in Writing from the National School Public Relations Association; and

3. Trina Williams, CTE Coordinator, for receiving the Northwest Region CTE Administrator of the Year.

Agenda Item VII.A. (Consent Agenda)

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

1. Various donations
2. Field trip requests

Upon motion made by Ms. Correll and seconded by Ms. Monroe, the Board voted 6-0 to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Agenda Item VII.B. (2014-2015 Continuation Budget)

Upon motion made by Ms. Pope and seconded by Ms. Williams, the Board voted 6-0 to approve the 2014-2015 Continuation Budget as presented.

Agenda Item VII.C. (First reading of new Board policy EE: Operation of Student Food Services)

Upon motion made by Rev. Spearman and seconded by Ms. Monroe, the Board voted 6-0 to approve the first reading of new Board policy EE as presented.

Agenda Item VII.D. (First reading of new Board policy EEA: Free and Reduced Price Food Services)

Upon motion made by Ms. Williams and seconded by Ms. Correll, the Board voted 6-0 to approve the first reading of new Board policy EEA as presented.

Agenda Item VII.E. (First reading of new Board policy EED: Nutritional Standards for Food Selection)

Upon motion made by Ms. Monroe and seconded by Rev. Spearman, the Board voted 6-0 to approve the first reading of new Board policy EED as presented.

Agenda Item VII.F. (First reading of new Board policy EEE: Beverage Vending Sales)

Upon motion made by Ms. Pope and seconded by Ms. Williams, the Board voted 6-0 to approve the first reading of new Board policy EEE as presented.

Agenda Item VII.G. (Agreement – Nexcheck)

Upon motion made by Ms. Williams and seconded by Ms. Monroe, the Board voted 6-0 to approve the agreement with Nexcheck as presented.

Agenda Item VII.H. (Agreement – Catawba Valley Community College)

Upon motion made by Ms. Pope and seconded by Ms. Correll, the Board voted 6-0 to approve the agreement with Catawba Valley Community College for services provided to HCAM.

Agenda Item VII.I. (Memorandum of Agreement – I-CARE Head Start – Jenkins Elementary School)

Upon motion made by Rev. Spearman and seconded by Ms. Williams, the Board voted 6-0 to approve the agreement with I-CARE Head Start for a preschool program at Jenkins Elementary School.

Agenda Item VII.J. (Waiver Request for Testing Window Extension)

Upon motion made by Ms. Pope and seconded by Ms. Monroe, the Board voted 6-0 to approve the submission of a waiver request to extend the testing window for the 2014-2015 school year as presented.

Agenda Item VII.K. (Contracts for Services to the Exceptional Children's Program)

Upon motion made by Ms. Monroe and seconded by Rev. Spearman, the Board voted 6-0 to table action on this item.

Agenda Item VII.L. (Award Bid – Rekeying Phase 2)

Upon motion made by Rev. Spearman and seconded by Ms. Williams, the Board voted 6-0 to award the project for rekeying the facilities in the Hickory Public Schools to Cook & Boardman as low bidder for the project.

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

Chairperson Hamilton reminded Board members of upcoming meetings which included:

1. Monday, August 11, 5:30 p.m., Board meeting, Administrative Services Building;
2. August 12, New Teacher Orientation, 8:00 a.m., Hickory High School;
3. Sunday, August 17, 2:30 p.m., Dedication, Longview Elementary School;
4. Wednesday, August 20, 8:00 a.m., Opening Convocation, P.E. Monroe Auditorium, Lenoir-Rhyne University; and
5. Monday, August 25, 7:00 p.m., Board meeting, Hickory City Hall.

Chairperson Hamilton requested that the start time for the dedication ceremony at the new Longview Elementary School be changed from 2:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. due to a conflict with his schedule on that day.

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

During the Superintendent's Report, Dr. Hart reported that the district is still having conversations with Aramark about taking over the custodial services for the entire district and anticipates having a contract for the Board to approve at the August 25 meeting. Dr. Hart reported on the status of the repeal of Common Core and further spoke about new state laws around student privacy and religious expression rights.

Agenda Item IX. (Closed Session)

Ms. Williams 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. Monroe seconded the motion and the Board's vote was 6-0.

Agenda Item X. (Action Items from Closed Session)

Upon return to open session, Ms. Correll made a motion that the Board approve Personnel List No. 2. The motion was seconded by Ms. Williams and the Board's vote was 6-0.


Agenda Item XI. (Announcements)

There were no announcements.


Agenda Item XII. (Adjournment)

There being no further business to come before the meeting, upon motion made by Ms. Pope and seconded by Ms. Williams, the Board voted 6-0 to adjourn.

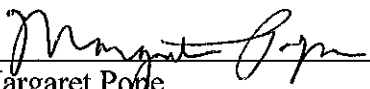
The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.



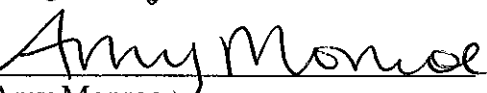
Reginald Hamilton, Chairperson



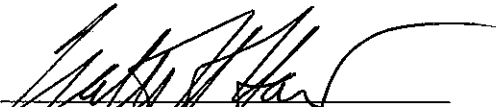
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Margaret Pope



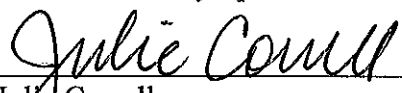
Amy Monroe



Walter H. Hart, Secretary

Sallie Johnson (absent)

Rev. T. Anthony Spearman



Julie Correll