

**HICKORY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE**  
**HICKORY BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Monday, November 24, 2014

The Board of Education of the Hickory City Administrative School Unit met in regular session on Monday, November 24, 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, 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; Dr. Timothy Sims, Director of Federal Programs; Shawn Clemons, Director of Accountability; Amanda Byrd, Director of Exceptional Children's Programs; Tracy Sigmon, Personnel Officer; Adam Huckabee, Facilities Director; Rebecca Allen, Director of Child Nutrition; Jeff Tice, Technology Director; 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 Northview Middle School led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. Correll 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. Monroe and seconded by Ms. Pope, the Board voted 6-0 to approve the October 27 minutes as presented.

Agenda Item V. (Public Hearing)

No one addressed the Board during the Public Hearing.

Agenda Item VI. (Programs/Special Recognitions)

At this time, Board Attorney Jeff Mackie called upon Chief Justice Burford Cherry who was present to administer the Oath of Office to newly appointed Board member Ittiely Carson. The Honorable Burford Cherry administered the Oath of Office to Ms. Carson who then joined other members of the Board. Mr. Mackie thanked Judge Cherry for his service to the Hickory Public Schools and welcomed Ms. Carson to the Board.

Dr. Hart reminded the Board that one of the focus areas for this school year is to improve the achievement of minority students. He stated that Dr. Chance Lewis has been working with principals in this endeavor. Dr. Hart stated that principals have been asked to update the Board each month about initiatives at their respective schools. He then introduced Ms. Stephanie Dischiavi, Principal at Northview Middle School, who was present to share the initiatives Northview has developed to improve the achievement of minority students.

Ms. Dischiavi stated that Northview is mastering learning, looking at data to assess and reassess, and maximizing its resources. Student representatives were present and shared with the Board information on student led clubs that includes Yearbook, STEAM, and Student Council. In addition, students reported that they have presented at PTA meetings as well as the Schools to Watch program recently conducted at Northview. Student-teacher relationships are being enhanced through Homebase where for the first 15 minutes of each day students participate in different activities such as problem solving, math, leadership and interacting with other students. Students shared their art work with the Board and Counselor Josh Cornwell stated he works with students on communication and 21<sup>st</sup> century skills.

Chairperson Hamilton thanked Ms. Dischiavi and the student presenters for sharing all the good things that are happening at Northview Middle School. Student representatives stated that teachers at Northview help them become better leaders every day.

Board members recognized the following individuals:

**1. Stephanie Dischiavi, HPS Principal of the Year**

**2. NC Elementary/High School Honors Chorus**

Bayleigh Bolch (Oakwood)      Ariana Harren (Viewmont)

Anabella Clifford (Jenkins)      Mary Salyards (Jenkins)

Hannah Griesen (Jenkins)      Sadie Stamper (Viewmont)

**3. Conference Champions**

HHS Women's Volleyball – Coach Jason Stephens

HHS Women's Golf – Coach Ben Hale

HHS Women's Cross Country – Coach John Hamilton and Lisa Clark

HHS Women's Tennis – Coach Rom Teague

**4. Conference Offensive Players of the Year**

Sophia Purut – Women's Volleyball

Ben Pleasant – Men's Soccer

**Conference Coaches of the Year**

Jason Stephens – Women's Volleyball

Rom Teague – Women's Tennis

Agenda Item VII.A. (Consent Agenda)

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

1. Field trip request;
2. Fund raising request;

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

Agenda Item VII.B. (School Improvement Plans)

Dr. Hart reminded the Board that at its recent work session the Board heard updates from the middle and high schools about school improvement plans. He recommended approval of School Improvement Plans for Northview, Grandview, Hickory High and HCAM, as presented.

Upon motion made by Ms. Pope and seconded by Ms. Correll, the Board voted 7-0 to approve the School Improvement Plans for Northview, Grandview, Hickory High and HCAM, as presented.

Agenda Item VII.C. (Budget Amendments)

Finance Officer Adam Steele presented budget amendments for approval by the Board. They included: State #1; Federal #1, #2, #3, and #4; CE #1; and OSR #2 and #3.

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

Agenda Item VII.D. (2015-2016 School Year Calendar)

Dr. Hart reminded the Board that Dr. Sims reviewed the calendar at the last work session and after receiving feedback from NCAE representatives, PTA Council and Principals, he was recommending that the Board approve the calendar as presented.

Upon motion made by Ms. Williams, and seconded by Ms. Pope, the board voted 7-0 to approve the first draft of the 2015-2016 calendar as presented.

Agenda Item VII.E. (2015-2016 Capital Outlay Budget Request)

Upon motion made by Ms. Monroe and seconded by Ms. Pope, the Board voted 7-0 to approve the 2015-2016 Capital Outlay Budget Request as presented.

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

Upon motion made by Ms. Johnson and seconded by Ms. Williams, the Board voted 7-0 to approve three contracts for services to the Exceptional Children's Program that included transportation, nursing and audio logical services.

Agenda Item VII.G. (Lease Agreement)

Upon motion made by Ms. Carson and seconded by Ms. Williams, the Board voted 7-0 to approve a lease agreement with Mr. Joey Vance for property adjacent to Viewmont Elementary School for one month prior to Christmas for the purpose of selling Christmas trees.

Agenda Item VII.H. (Resolution Supporting Local Control of School Calendars)

Upon motion made by Ms. Johnson and seconded by Ms. Correll, the Board voted 7-0 to adopt a resolution that supports local control of school calendars as presented.

Agenda Item VII.I. (Second reading and adoption of revisions to Board policy JGCD: Administering Medicines to Students)

Upon motion made by Ms. Pope and seconded by Ms. Williams, the Board voted 7-0 to approve the second reading and adoption of revisions to Board policy JGCD as presented.

Agenda Item VII.J. (Second reading and adoption of revisions to Board policy JGCDA: Student Wellness)

Upon motion made by Ms. Monroe and seconded by Ms. Correll, the Board voted 7-0 to approve the second reading and adoption of revisions to Board policy JGCDA as presented.

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

Chairperson Hamilton reminded Board members of upcoming meetings which included:

1. Monday, December 1, 7:00 p.m., Board meeting, Hickory City Hall
2. Tuesday, December 9, 6:00 p.m., Town Hall meeting, Hickory High School
3. Monday, December 15, 5:30 p.m., Specially Called Meeting of the Board, Administrative Services Building
4. Monday, January 12, 5:30 p.m., Board meeting, Administrative Services Building
5. Monday, January 26, 7:00 p.m., Board meeting, Hickory City Hall

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

During the Superintendent's Report, Dr. Hart stated he was very proud to represent the Board and Hickory Public Schools in Washington, D.C. last week as a participant in the ConnectED Superintendents' Conference.

Dr. Hart reported on the following issues:

1. Regarding the proposed cell tower on the campus of Hickory High School, Dr. Hart reported that attorneys for both sides are working on a contract.
2. The HPS Education Foundation has put together a grant initiative and 35 teachers have applied.
3. The AIG Science Showcase will be held on December 4 at Hickory High beginning at 4:30 p.m.
4. Special thanks to Dr. Patterson and the curriculum staff for the work with Read to Achieve night at Ridgeview.

Agenda Item IX. (Closed Session)

Ms. Pope made a motion that the Board of Education go into closed session for the following reason: 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 7-0.

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. 9. The motion was seconded by Ms. Pope and the Board's vote was 7-0.

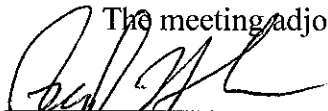
Agenda Item XI. (Announcements)

Dr. Hart advised the Board that the December 15 specially called meeting will be for the Board to have open discussion around the future of the AP and IB programs at Hickory High School.

Agenda Item XII. (Adjournment)

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

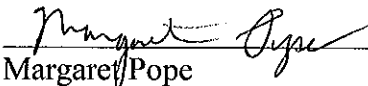
The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.



Reginald Hamilton, Chairperson



Charlotte Williams, Vice Chair



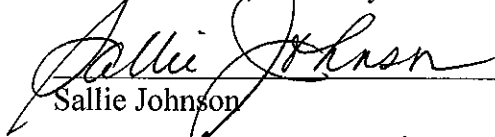
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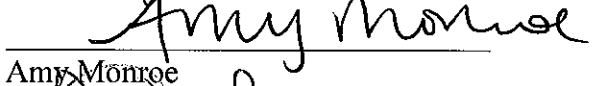
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Walter H. Hart, Secretary



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