

HICKORY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
HICKORY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Monday, August 26, 2013

The Board of Education of the Hickory City Administrative School Unit met in regular session on Monday, August 26, 2013, beginning at 7:00 p.m., in Council Chambers at Hickory City Hall.

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 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; Angela K. Simmons, Director of Student Services; Tracy Sigmon, Personnel Officer; Shawn Clemons, Director of Accountability; Adam Huckabee, Facilities Director; Jeff Tice, Technology Director; Beverly Snowden, Public Information Officer; 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)

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

Mr. Hamilton made a motion that a field trip request from the Hickory High men's soccer team be added to agenda item VII.A.2. The motion was seconded by Ms. Monroe and the Board's vote was 7-0.

Rev. Spearman made a motion that the Board adopt the agenda as amended. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hamilton and the Board's vote was 7-0

Agenda Item IV. (Minutes)

Ms. Pope requested that the July 22 minutes be amended to reflect her as being present at the meeting. Ms. Pope then made a motion that the Board approve the July 8 minutes as presented and the July 22 minutes as amended. Ms. Williams seconded the motion and the Board's vote was 7-0.

Agenda Item V. (Public Hearing)

Mr. Billy Suddreth addressed the Board during the Public Hearing. Mr. Suddreth requested that the Board give consideration to naming the new elementary school, which is being constructed to replace the current Longview Elementary School, the Marie C. Poston Elementary School in honor of a highly respected educator from the Ridgeview Community.

Ms. Julie Grice, ESL Teacher at Grandview Middle School and President of the local NCAE, addressed the Board during the Public Hearing. Ms. Grice thanked the Board for its support over the years and invited the Board to join NCAE members across the state to show its support of public education by wearing red on each Wednesday throughout the school year.

Agenda Item VI. (Programs/Special Recognitions)

There were no programs or special recognitions at this meeting.

Agenda Item VII.A. (Consent Agenda)

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

1. Various donations;
2. Two field trip requests – one for the Hickory High chorus to participate in the New York Heritage Adjudication in the spring and one for the Hickory High soccer team to attend a tournament in Raleigh this weekend.

Ms. Johnson questioned a detail in the information provided for the chorus trip to New York stating that students are eligible to receive a performing arts credit for participating in the event. Dr. Hart indicated that he was not aware of this detail and stated he would investigate and provide feedback to the Board.

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

Agenda Item VII.B. (2013-2014 Budget Message and Resolution)

Finance Officer Adam Steele presented for Board approval the 2013-2014 Budget Resolution. Mr. Steele stated that the 2013-2014 budget for the Hickory Public Schools totaled \$39.7 million with \$1.6 million for capital outlay and the balance for operations. He thanked the Catawba County Board of Commissioners for its support reflected by the \$14.00 increase in per pupil allotment. Mr. Steele reported that the total operating budget reflected an overall decrease of 3% compared to the previous school year. He reviewed the Budget Resolution which included appropriations and estimated revenues for local current expense, state public school, federal grant, child nutrition and capital outlay funds. Mr. Steele stated that the district will use approximately \$500,000 of its fund balance during the 2013-2014 school year.

Upon motion made by Mr. Hamilton and seconded by Ms. Pope, the Board voted 7-0 to approve the 2013-2014 Budget Resolution as presented by Mr. Steele.

Agenda Item VII.C. (Appointment of Representative to the CVCC Board of Trustees)

Upon motion made by Rev. Spearman and seconded by Ms. Johnson, the Board voted 7-0 to appoint Mr. Clement Geitner as the Board's representative to the Board of Trustees of Catawba Valley Community College.

Agenda Item VII.D. (Memorandum of Agreement – Head Start Program at Jenkins Elementary)

Upon motion made by Ms. Pope and seconded by Ms. Monroe, the Board voted 7-0 to approve the Memorandum of Agreement with I-Care Head Start for the purpose of providing a Head Start program on the campus of Jenkins Elementary School for the 2013-2014 school year.

Agenda Item VII.E. (Memorandum of Agreement – Head Start Program at Southwest Elementary)

Upon motion made by Mr. Williams and seconded by Mr. Hamilton, the Board voted 7-0 to approve the Memorandum of Agreement with I-Care Head Start for the purpose of providing a Head Start program on the campus of Southwest Elementary School for the 2013-2014 school year.

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

Dr. Hart presented several contracts for services to the Exceptional Children's Program for the 2013-2014 school year. He reminded the Board that these contracts were presented at a recent work session and that the reason for contracting these services is that the need is low in nature and would not be cost effective to hire a full time person for these services.

Upon motion made by Ms. Johnson and seconded by Ms. Williams, the Board voted 7-0 to approve the 2013-2014 service contracts for the Exceptional Children's Program as presented.

A list of these service contracts is attached for reference.

Agenda Item VII.G. (Beginning Teacher Support Program)

Dr. Hart reminded the Board of the Beginning Teacher Support Program presentation from Dr. Patterson at its recent work session. He stated that formal action by the Board is necessary in order to be in compliance with state requirements.

Upon motion made by Ms. Pope and seconded by Rev. Spearman, the Board voted 7-0 to approve the Beginning Teacher Support Program 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 Beaver Simmons reminded Board members of upcoming meetings which included:

1. Friday, September 6, 5:00 p.m., Filing closes for November board of education elections
2. Monday, September 9, 5:30 p.m., Board meeting, Administrative Services Building
3. Monday, September 23, 7:00 p.m., Board meeting, Hickory City Hall
4. Wednesday, September 25, NCSBA District Meeting, Ashe County

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

During the Superintendent's Report, Dr. Hart thanked Board members for attending the opening convocation on Wednesday, August 21 at P.E. Monroe Auditorium on the campus of Lenoir-Rhyne University.

Dr. Hart reported that today was the first day of school for students and thanked staff for a smooth opening to the 2013-2014 school year. He further thanked members of the Hickory Police Department for being visible at all schools and for their assistance with a few minor traffic issues. He reported that 4,203 students reported today, 24 buses transported 1,745 students and 643 students enjoyed a healthy breakfast.

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, Ms. Williams made a motion that the Board approve Personnel List No. 4. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hamilton and the Board's vote was 7-0.

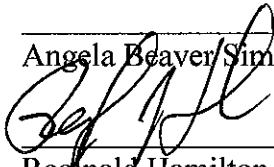
Agenda Item XI. (Announcements)

Board members requested that for the next work session there be a discussion of the Board's policy on naming facilities, as well as a review of the fees charged for use of school facilities by outside organizations.

Agenda Item XII. (Adjournment)

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.



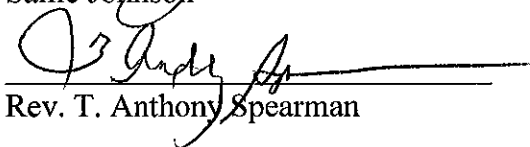
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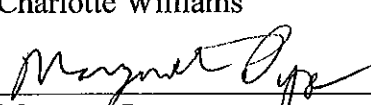
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