



## Board Meeting Minutes 9/18/2023

**Board Members Present:** Joe McDowell, [Ricky Cannon](#), [Shawn Dawes](#), Shanna James, Nicole Flanary, Vicki Dougherty and Tom Winslow.

Virtual: Hope MacNeil

**Staff Present:** Juliana Harris

**Guest Present:** None

The meeting was called to order by Joe McDowell at 6:35 pm.

Motion to approve agenda by Ricky and second by Shanna. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes from August 21, 2023 were reviewed by the board. Motion to approve minutes by Ricky Cannon, second by Nicole. Motion carried unanimously.

Joe reviewed the mission statement.

No public comment at this time.

**Quote of the Day:** *"To lose patience is to loose the battle":~Mahatma Gandhi*

*"I am a slow walker, but I never walk back". ~Abraham Lincoln.*

### **Board Committee Reports**

#### ***Building and Grounds***

Updates provided. by Ricky and Joe. Some progress on the grounds have been noted.

- Electricians and plumbers will soon start.
- Security group will be weigh in.
- A Lot of work has been done on the foundation.
- Bond funding update provided. Future meetings will be taking place. Weekly meetings have taken place with lawyers, administrators, members of board, investors and the bank. Closing to occur mid October.
- Updates on buses in regards to quantity and services provided.
- Air conditioning is in. Weight room was the last to get installed.
- Chad will be adding more rock for the parking lot and lights will be installed. Trees cleared.



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### **Finance**

- Reviewed financial reports.
- Draft of audit: discussed by Juliana and Joe. No errors, waiting for approval.
- Title 1 budget discussed by Juliana. Provided a breakdown for review. (Federal Money to support instruction.)
- Title 2 reviewed by Juliana. (Supports teachers)
- NC Access Budget; submitted today. Takes up big expenses (new math curriculum, new reading program and boards for classrooms, and electronics; chromebook carts, staff laptops, ipads and desktops)

Motion to approve Title 1, 2, and 4 budget as present by lead administrator by Shawn, 2nd by Vicki. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Academic Excellence**

- Met growth in all areas and exceeded growth in math.
- Growth was 84.9, strong growth showed.
- Staffing changes were made to help with continued growth.
- Juliana reviewed the school performance grade.

### **Juliana wanted to show praise for members of the school community.**

1. Dawn, HS Guidance Counselor has been doing an excellent job with getting the community college kids set up, ACT program, job shadowing and career fair. Juliana wanted to share all her hard work and the board is much appreciated for her efforts.
2. Student Connor J. has been instrumental in assisting with trouble shooting or technology with help getting the school's media up and running. Trained teachers on scanner, record and check out books. Connor has a real talent in technology and has blossomed. Jason worked well with him. Juliana and the staff were very appreciative of his help.

### **Governance**

Board resolution was discussed.

Motion to approve resolution of the board of directors of HCS, Inc.; amending its Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws and authorizing the formation of Hobgood Realty Holdings LLC as a separate limited liability company, whereas the board determines the best interest of



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cooperation to amend the by- laws to lead all references to Hobgood Academy by Nicole, 2nd Vicki.

Motion to approve the revised restated by-laws by Ricky, 2nd Vicki.

***Development***

Student enrollment update provided by Juliana. HCS currently has 520 students. Waitlist for every grade.

No closed session.

**Motion to adjourn at 7:52 by Tom Winslow and 2nd by Vicki. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Minutes recorded by: Shanna James**

**Next meeting tentatively scheduled Oct 16, 2023.**