

HCS Board Meeting 11-25-19

Attendance

Attending: Ron Elkins, Jean Spruell, Tom Winslow, Joyce Betts, Ricky Cannon, Zane Stilwell

Staff attending: Juliana Harris, Kelly Craft

Guests: none

Meeting Called to order

Meeting called to order by Joe McDowell at 6:34 PM

Joe reviewed the mission of Hobgood Charter School.

Motion to approve agenda by Ricky, Tom with the 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

Motion to approve minutes as amended from 10/21/19 meeting by Ricky, Jean with the 2nd, motion carries unanimously

Joe gave the thought of the day: "Hope is a good thing, maybe the best of things," from the Shawshank Redemption. We hope the state of NC will grant us our expansion into high school grades and will see how well HCS has performed in service of our community, and we hope that we can serve even more students with our expanded grades. Until then we continue to work to be the best school we can be for our students and faculty.

No public comment is offered.

Agenda

Old Business

Ricky advised us that Donald Warren has completed the installation of a split heating and air unit at the school. Ricky reminds us that we have been promised a donation toward the installation of new entry doors for the gym. He is looking into potential contractors.

Transportation Policy

The following policy language was drafted: "Parents bear responsibility to arrange transportation to and from school events located off campus for their children. If the parent is personally unable to provide transportation, they must provide the school an approved list of drivers above the age of 21 who can be responsible for transporting said students."

Ron motioned to approve this language and policy, 2nd by Ricky, motion carried unanimously.

Admissions and Enrollment Policy

Juliana explained the Charter Performance framework. Our upcoming open enrollment and potential admissions lottery was generally discussed. Ron to review current policy and bring suggestions for a discussion of lottery considerations to our next meeting.

Our Homeless Dispute Policy was presented. Motion by Tom to adopt, 2nd by Ricky, motion carries unanimously.

Building and Grounds

Ricky shared that we need to plan for new bus tires and louvers for the gym. Ricky is considering getting quotes for painting of the school buildings.

Tom suggested that we consider organizing a giving campaign for fundraising.

Juliana has filled our open school maintenance position with George Whitley of Tarboro NC. He has HVAC, electrical, and plumbing experience

Finance

Juliana and Kelly reviewed the current budget analysis report with the group.

The group reviewed budget reports from the HCS PHC and HCS Booster club, and all were impressed and grateful for the great work and funds raised by each organization.

Academic Excellence

Juliana read several student responses to questions regarding why they wanted to stay and HCS and continue with this school into high school. The board was moved by the raw need and appreciation expressed through these heartfelt messages. All agreed that we are encouraged by the tremendous expressions of appreciation from our students and parents since the beginning of school.

Next meeting: 12/16/19, 6:30 PM and HCS Campus.

Motion to adjourn by Ron, 2nd by Ricky, motion carried unanimously.