

HCS Board Meeting 8-17-20

Attendance

Attending: Ron Elkins, Joe McDowell, Tom Winslow, Shanna James, Shawn Dawes, Linda Goodrich, Richard James, Jean Spruell, Ricky Cannon

Staff attending: Juliana Harris, Kelly Craft, Anna Martinez

Meeting Called to order

Meeting called to order by Joe McDowell at 6:33 PM. Joe welcomed our 3 new board members and thanked them for their willingness to serve HCS. Joe reviewed the mission of Hobgood Charter School.

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

Ricky motioned to approve the minutes, 2nd by Jean, the motion carried unanimously.

Joe shared the quotes of the day, "When I was 5 years old, my mother always told me that happiness was the key to life. When I went to school, they asked me what I wanted to be when I grew up. I wrote down 'happy'. They told me I didn't understand the assignment, and I told them they didn't understand life. – John Lennon, and "A house divided against itself cannot stand," - Abraham Lincoln.

No public comment is offered.

Agenda

Old Business

Building and Grounds overview by Ricky. The parking lot has new rock and grading done.

New Business

A quote for siding repair on two of our buildings has been accepted for approximately \$6,000.

Mini-split air handling units were installed by Warren's Repair Service in J. Corey's class room. The main unit for the admin building will also be replaced within a week.

Multiple quotes have been received for various repairs to plumbing, lighting, and ceiling. General contractor, Rob Dougherty's quote of approximately \$19,000 has been recommend by Ricky. Ricky motioned to approve this quote, 2nd by Tom, motion carried unanimously.

The school has a \$2,500 deductible on our property insurance policy. We had some hurricane related damage to the B & G including a broken power pole at the baseball field. Ricky will ask Halifax EMC to provide an estimate for our insurance carrier.

Finance

Anna Uzzell offers her resignation to the board for personal reasons. The board reluctantly accepts her resignation.

CSP does not have a summary report available at this time. Our financial audit begins this coming week.

A brief overview of Title 1 and funding was provided to the board. The HCS Title 1 equity plan was presented. Ron motioned to approve the plan, 2nd by Jean, motion carried unanimously.

Juliana shared that HCS is adding 11 new phones and one expansion module for a total of approximately \$3,200.

Ricky shared that he has spoken to Truist Bank regarding future financing for the school as needed. Juliana shared that an additional 73 devices student devices are needed at a cost of an additional \$10,000. Ricky motioned to approve this purchase, 2nd by Jean, motion carried unanimously.

Academic Excellence

Juliana gave an overview of the opening week of school. Overall parents choosing the hybrid option (plan B) are very happy to have their children in the classroom. Students and staff have been very compliant in wearing face coverings.

Juliana shared that there are 19 children of staff members enrolled at HCS. Pitt County Schools and Catawba County Schools currently allow students of staff members to attend each day of in class instruction. Potentially adding these 19 students to four day, in class instruction at HCS could be done while still adhering to state mandates regarding safety, distance, and sanitization. Board members agreed this would also be a great benefit to our staff who are putting in a much greater effort and hours and are under much more strain than is present during a normal instructional setting. After consideration and discussion of all factors including overall student and staff health and staff burden carried due to serving the hybrid students and well as virtual only learners, Ricky motioned to allow students of staff members to attend class on campus all four days of in class instruction, 2nd by Jean, motion carried unanimously.

Enrollment

Clarification to wording of the HCS Lottery and Enrollment policy was added to allow for children of staff or board members to be enrolled should staff or board join HCS after the open enrollment period has been concluded. Ricky motioned to accept the changes, Tom with the 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

Juliana shared that our current enrollment as of 8-17-20 is 270 students.

Ron motioned to move into closed session. 2nd by Ricky, motion carried unanimously. No motions were made during closed session. Ricky motioned to leave closed session, 2nd by Jean, motion carried unanimously.

Juliana shared some design possibilities for a HCS mascot prepared by Jessica Baisey.

Motion by Tom to adjourn, 2nd by Ricky. Motioned carried unanimously.

Next meeting: 9/21/20 6:30 PM and HCS Campus