



HOBGOOD CHARTER SCHOOL—MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 21, 2020

PRESENT: RICKY CANNON, TOM WINSLOW, JOE MCDOWELL, LINDA GOODRICH, SHAWN DAWES, SHANNA JAMES, KELLY CRAFT, VIA ZOOM: JULIANA HARRIS, RON ELKINS AND PAUL NICHOLSON (COMPUTER TEACHER AT HOBGOOD CHARTER SCHOOL)

MR. MCDOWELL CALLED THE BOARD MEETING TO ORDER AT 7PM.

RICKY CANNON MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA WHICH WAS THEN SECONDED BY TOM WINSLOW. UNANIMOUS APPROVAL.

JOE MCDOWELL READ THE MINUTES FROM THE AUGUST 17, 2020 BOARD MEETING. RICKY CANNON MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES AS READ. TOM WINSLOW SECONDED THE MOTION. UNANIMOUS APPROVAL.

JOE MCDOWELL THEN READ THE HOBGOOD CHARTER SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT AS HE DOES AT ALL BOARD MEETINGS.

NO PUBLIC COMMENT WAS OFFERED.

OLD BUSINESS:

RICKY CANNON REPORTED THAT A CHECK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5222 HAS BEEN SENT TO MS HARRIS FOR THE REPAIR OF THE LIGHT POLE AND THE SIDING. MS. HARRIS SHOULD BE RECEIVING A LETTER FROM THE INSURANCE COMPANY WITH INFORMATION AS TO HOW SHE CAN RECOUP ABOUT \$1100 IN DEPRECIATION MONIES. RICKY JOHNSON WAS WAITING ON THE SIDING.

NEW BUSINESS:

MS. HARRIS COMMENTED THAT THE CONCRETE WORK OUT FRONT COULD BE COMPLETED EVEN IF THE SCHOOL GOES TO PLAN A.

MS. HARRIS REPORTED THAT THE AUDIT WAS GOING FINE. SHE STATED THAT THE AUDITORS WERE VERY IMPRESSED AS THEY REVIEWED THE RECORDS. WHAT THEY WERE PARTICULARLY IMPRESSED WITH WAS THAT ALTHOUGH STUDENTS COME FROM MANY DIFFERENT SCHOOLS THE RECORD KEEPING FOR THESE STUDENTS WERE OUTSTANDING.

FINANCE:

MS. HARRIS REPORTED THAT THE \$12000 THAT THE BOARD APPROVED AT THE LAST BOARD MEETING IS BEING SPENT ON CLASSROOM SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS THAT INCLUDES SCIENCE AND MATH MATERIALS AMONG OTHER NEEDS THAT TEACHERS HAD REQUESTED.

BUDGET:

MS. HARRIS REPORTED THAT THE BUDGET PRESENTED DID NOT REFLECT THE ADJUSTMENTS FOR SOME EMPLOYEES WHO MAY NOT HAVE OPTED FOR INSURANCE AND OTHER BENEFITS BUT SHOULD BALANCE OUT WITH THE NEW CUSTODIAN POSITION. THE BUDGET ALREADY REFLECTS AMOUNTS REDUCED IN AREAS THAT MIGHT BE OFFSET BY THE GRANTS SUCH AS PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT LINE ITEM AND PURCHASING OF BUSES.

RICKY CANNON REPORTED THAT HE WAS ABLE TO FIND 3 USED SCHOOL BUSES FOR APPROXIMATELY \$10000 EACH.

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE:

MS. HARRIS REPORTED THAT A SURVEY WAS SENT TO PARENTS TO GET THEIR FEEDBACK AS TO STAYING ON PLAN B OR GOING TO PLAN A AS EXPLAINED BY GOVERNOR COOPER. THE RESULTS WERE THAT 27 FAMILIES WANTED THE STUDENTS TO REMAIN AT HOME AND 181 FAMILIES WANTED THEIR CHILDREN TO RETURN TO SCHOOL. 87 FAMILIES WANTED THEIR CHILDREN TO BE PICKED UP BY THE BUS. TEACHERS WERE ALSO SURVEYED. THERE WAS DISCUSSION ON HOW VERY TIME CONSUMING REMOTE LEARNING WAS IN ADDITION TO THEIR REGULAR IN SCHOOL PREPARATIONS. AFTER MUCH DISCUSSION SHAWN DAWES MADE A MOTION TO MOVE K-5 TO PLAN A AT THE BEGINNING OF THE SECOND MARKING PERIOD WITH REGULAR CLASSES ON MONDAY, TUESDAY, THURSDAY AND FRIDAY AND REMOTE LEARNING ON WEDNESDAY. THIS MOTION WAS SECONDED BY TOM WINSLOW. UNANIMOUS APPROVAL.

PAUL NICHOLSON (COMPUTER TEACHER AT HOBGOOD CHARTER SCHOOL) GAVE A REPORT ON A PROPOSED MICROSOFT COMPUTER CONTRACT. HE REPORTED THAT IN 3 YEARS PC WILL GO OBSOLETE. A NC ACCESS GRANT WILL ALLOW THE COMPUTER ROOM FOR 8 TH GRADE TO BE UPDATED...THE MONIES FROM THE NC ACCESS GRANT WILL BE USED TO LEASE NEW COMPUTERS.THE MICROSOFT CONTRACT WILL REPLACE THESE COMPUTERS AFTER THREE YEARS AND MICROSOFT WILL CREDIT HOBGOOD FOR THE OLD COMPUTERS. THAT MONEY WILL BE PUT TOWARDS NEW COMPUTERS WHICH CAN THAN BE USED TO SET UP A HIGH SCHOOL COMPUTER LAB.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY RICKY CANNON TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH MICROSOFT WHICH WAS THEN SECONDED BY SHANNA JAMES. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

THE NEXT ITEM DISCUSSED WAS THE PARENT ENGAGEMENT TITLE I POLICY FORMERLY KNOWN AS THE FAMILY INVOLVEMENT POLICY.THIS POLICY STATES THAT PARENTS MUST BE INFORMED OF THE COMPLETE PROCESS THAT GOES INTO THE EDUCATION OF THEIR CHILD. FOR EXAMPLE A SCHOOL MUST NOTIFY THE PARENTS IF TEACHERS ARE NOT LICENSED. BEARGRASS CHARTER SCHOOL HAS THE COMPLETE 6 PAGE POLICY ON THEIR WEBSITE.

SHAWN DAWES MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE POLICY WHICH WAS SECONDED BY RICKY CANNON. UNANIMOUS APPROVAL

RON ELKINS REPORTED ON THE FOOD BOXES PROGRAM. HE SAID THE PROGRAM HAS BEEN WELL RECEIVED AND WILL CONTINUE THRU THE FIRST 9 WEEKS OF SCHOOL.

MS. HARRIS THEN INTRODUCED A NEW POLICY INVOLVING CONCUSSIONS AND THE SPORTS PROGRAM. SHE SAID THAT HOBGOOD CHARTER SCHOOL HAS EVERYTHING IN ORDER ACCORDING TO THE NC SCHOOL SPORT GUIDELINES. CURRENTLY THE SCHOOL HAS 5 TRAINED FIRST RESPONDERS AND ALL COACHES HAVE BEEN TRAINED.

TOM WINSLOW MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONCUSSION POLICY WHICH WAS SECONDED BY SHANNA JAMES. UNANIMOUS APPROVAL.

RICKY CANNON MADE A MOTION TO GO TO CLOSED SESSION, SECONDED BY TOM WINSLOW. UNANIMOUS APPROVAL. DISCUSSION OF JANITOR CHANGE

TOM WINSLOW MADE A MOTION TO LEAVE CLOSED SESSION SECONDED BY RICKY CANNON.
UNANIMOUS APPROVAL.

RICKY CANNON MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN, SECONDED BY SHAWN DAWES. UNANIMOUS
APPROVAL.