

HCS Board Meeting 7/20/20

Attendance

Attending: Ron Elkins, Joe McDowell, Tom Winslow, Ricky Cannon, Joyce Betts, Anna Uzelle

Staff attending: Juliana Harris, Shanna Steinert

Meeting Called to order

Meeting called to order by Joe McDowell at 6:37 PM

Joe reviewed the mission of Hobgood Charter School.

Motion to approve agenda as amended by Ron, Ricky with the 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

Motion to approve the minutes by Ricky, 2nd by Anna, motion carried unanimously.

Joe shared the quote of the day, "Nothing in life is to be feared, it is only to be understood. Now is the time to understand more, so that we may fear less." - Marie Curie.

Joe shared the thought of the day, "Life is like riding a bicycle. To keep your balance, you must keep moving." - Albert Einstein.

No public comment is offered

Agenda

Old Business

HA furniture purchase is being discussed and negotiated

Plans for Opening of School

Juliana presented the information regarding options for opening plans, data, and other details. As of June 2020 HCS parent surveys show that approximately 1/3 of parents would choose a "remote only" learning option. A variety of technologies and considerations were presented to the board by Juliana and Shanna.

Joyce shared that an additional technology support person may need to be considered to handle the burden of remote learning technologies and support for staff and families.

The policies mandated by the state of NC around PPE was discussed and the staff shared that sanitization products and systems have been ordered and will be in place by the beginning of the school year.

Anna motioned that HCS begin the year utilizing the My Hot Lunch Box program. Joyce with the 2nd, motion carried unanimously. Discussion was also had regarding possibilities of providing students with food during the days of the week that they are learning remotely.

After thorough discussion by all, Ron motioned to open HCS in the hybrid model / Plan B. 2nd by Tom, motion carried unanimously.

Juliana shared that HA would plan to operate with the same schedule and hours as HCS.

Ron will follow up with the YMCA regarding the potential to provide after school care on campus.

Building and Grounds

Ricky and Joe presented plans for improvements, cleaning, and repairs around campus. Ricky motioned to hire Rug Rats for all flooring cleaning needs (minus cafeteria) not to exceed \$15,000. Joyce with the 2nd, motion carried unanimously. Quotes to replace flooring in the cafeteria with LVT are approximately \$14,000 and will require purchase of new chairs as to not damage new flooring. This project will be tabled till a later date.

Anna motioned to hire a contractor to repair the gym roof not to exceed \$10,000. 2nd by Joyce and motion carried unanimously.

Finance

Motion made by Ricky to increase the HCS credit card limit to \$5,000. Ron with the 2nd, motion carried unanimously.

EOY audit has commenced with Les Merritt.

Joyce motioned to approve the technology and programs platform as presented up to \$15,000 and to increase the corresponding line item in the budget. Ricky with a 2nd. Motion carried unanimously.

Academic Excellence

Summer Jump Start program was reviewed by Juliana.

Enrollment

Ron discussed the new NC legislation that allows for lottery preference for siblings each applying for the 1st time. This is different from previous year's allowances. After discussion the board will table this discussion for later in the school year and before the next lottery period.

Ricky motioned to go into closed session. 2nd by Ron. Motion carried. No official business was conducted during closed session. Ron motioned to come out of closed session. 2nd by Tom. Motion carried unanimously.

The board reluctantly accepts the resignation of Joyce Betts from the board to allow her to accept a position on the staff of Hobgood Charter School. The board's loss is an overall gain for the school.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Ron Elkins. 2nd by Tom and the motion carried unanimously.