



Board Meeting Minutes: January 29, 2024

Board Members Present: Shawn Dawes, Hope MacNeil, Nicole Flanary, Linda Goodrich, Vicki Dougherty, Ricky Cannon, Tom Winslow, Jean Spruill, Shanna James and Joe McDowell.

Staff Present: Juliana Harris and Kelly Craft

Guest Present: None

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

Motion to approve agenda by Shanna/Tom. Motion carried unanimously.

Review & approval of board minutes:

Motion to approve minutes from November 20, 2023 by Tom/Nicole. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to approve minutes from December 6, 2023 by Ricky/Nicole. Motion carried unanimously.

Review of mission statement of HCS by Joe McDowell.

Quote of the day: *We say of the oak, How grand of girth! Of the willow we say, How slender! And yet to soft grass clothing the earth; How slight is the praise we render. -Edgar Fawcett*

Public comment: no comment

Board Committee Reports

Building and Grounds

- ❖ Updates on light installation for parking lot reported.
- ❖ Still looking for a 15 passenger van.
- ❖ Joe provided an update on Change Order 1.

Motion to allow Chairperson, Joe McDowell to continue to evaluate, review, negotiate and come to agreement with Mosley Construction in regards to approving, "**Change Order Number 2**" on behalf of the school, for not more than \$28,000, to be paid out of the bond funds. Vicky/Shanna, motion carried unanimously.

- ❖ Ricky provided an update on new construction. Logging mats and 3 loads of sand needed, recommended by Chad Everett.

Motion to approve \$15,000 to pay for logging mats from bond proceeds. Ricky/Vick, motion carried unanimously.



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Building project update:

Purchase of scrubber for gym and cafeteria:

- ❖ Julana provided updates on the scrubber needed for the gym/cafeteria. Couple options presented to leadership. Best scrubber which included a chargeable battery (lithium) would benefit the school for purchase.

Motion to approve purchase of scrubber, up to \$15,000 and transfer funds from contractor maintenance to custodial supplies. Nicole/Jean, motion carried unanimously.

Finance

Review of finance reports:

- ❖ Board reviewed financial statements/reports from November and December.
- ❖ Bond update: Requisition #3 will be uploaded, breakdown given by Juliana.
- ❖ February 15th, quarterly call will take place. (Truist, lenders and school leadership will be present)

Academic Excellence

College Acceptances and Scholarships:

- ❖ College acceptances continue to come in. (NC State, UNC Chapel)
- ❖ ***Title 1 Monitoring Report;*** Recommendation helps parents know what strategies teachers are using.
- ❖ ***Safety Grant:*** \$101,000 helps replace doors and fencing on the playground. Online program to help with kids.
- ❖ Vape monitor systems will be considered for installation.
- ❖ ***Department of Education Visit- March 18, 2024:*** virtual visit, follow up from access grant. Will include interviews with administration board members, parents and staff.
- ❖ HCS will receive transportation grant. (helps with salaries for bus drives, gas and repairs)
- ❖ Four teachers recognized, two received state bonus for high growth for math scores, Kelli Peel and Pamela Tutor. Jena Corey and Mr Whitehurst were also recognized. for growth.

Governance

Wireless Device Policy: Joe reviewed wireless policy. Few changes were made giving administration the authority to enforce policy under leadership discretion.

Motion to amend the use of wireless device policy Vicki/Nicole. Motion carried unanimously.

Board Member Terms:

- ❖ Shawn and Shanna will enter their second term.

Motion to approve another term for previous decision on members, Shawn and Shanna till 2026. Ricky/Tom, Motion carried unanimously.



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Development

Student Lottery Update: Juliana Harris updated board on current enrollment, slots available, number of applications, siblings enrolled and free lunch qualifier. Juliana Harris continues to receive applications for staff. Projected to be 579 next year.

No closed session

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

Minutes recorded by: Shanna James, Secretary

