

Hobgood Charter School Board of Directors
Minutes —July 21, 2025

Members Present:(in person) Jean Spruill, Joe McDowell, Ricky Cannon, Nicole Flanary, Shawn Dawes, and Leah Long.

Zoom: Shanna James, Vicki Dougherty, and Will Leach

Staff Present: Juliana Harris and Kelly Craft

The meeting was called to order at 6:34 pm by Chairman, Joe McDowell. He shared the following quote for the day-

“Leave every place better than you found it” –Joe commented this can be attributed to several people, but, for me, I’ll attribute it to who I heard it from most often(my dad).

Agenda and minutes approved with motion by Shawn Dawes/Leah Long and carried unanimously.

The mission was reviewed by Joe McDowell.

No public comment.

Buildings and Grounds(Ricky Cannon)

- Demolition of the old building is almost complete.
- Sand will be delivered for the parking lot by the end of the week.
- Traffic on the one way street may become a problem, brainstorming to prevent this, possibly a gate or barricade, etc.
- The old IT room in the 300 building has been remodeled to be an EC classroom.
- The old main office also was remodeled to be an EC space and parent conference area.
- The AD office in the gym had the floor refinished.
- Furniture for the new building is coming in next week and all paper towel and toilet paper dispensers have been installed.

- The Safety Grant will cover the new access doors for the other buildings, but there has been a delay in installation.

Finance:

- Review of June 2025 financial reports
 - * Mrs. Harris met with Cory from CSP to finalize the 25-26 budget.
 - * The 13 month finance report will be ready in August.
 - * The budget was strong for the end of the 24-25 school year.
 - * Discussion of the FY 2026 budget breakdown was discussed, as well as CSP's contract.

Purchase approvals needed: 200 student Chromebooks, 20 for staff, and charging station carts. (Dell Computer) Quote was around 84K, Promethean Boards need stands and boxes(4K quote)

Extra money will be needed in the budget for these technology items as well as increasing the furniture line item as not all of the furniture purchase was covered by the bond money.

Therefore, 30K will be added to the tech line item and furniture of 161K.

Also, two classrooms will need built-ins for storage and this will be around 12K. (building improvements)

1. Motion to move \$30,000 from instructional software to instructional computers, Nicole/Ricky and carried unanimously.
2. Motion to add \$30,000 to miscellaneous technology from the bottom line(add expense) in the FY 26 budget. Shawn/Nicole and carried unanimously.
3. Motion– furniture add \$100k (added Expense) to the FY26 budget, Shawn/Jean, motion approved unanimously.

4. Motion –\$12,000 for built in cabinets and labor for 2 classrooms from building repairs and maintenance to building furniture, Shawn/Nicole, motion carried unanimously.
5. Motion-Shawn/Jean approve the purchase of cabinets and installation, motion carried unanimously.
6. Motion, \$84k chromebook purchase–Shawn/Nicole, motion carried unanimously.
7. Motion, approval to purchase building and rooms signs from Brame, \$12,000–Nicole/Jean, motion carried unanimously.

Academic Excellence:

- The testing audit report was good.
- Remote instructional plan will be the same as last year, send home work packets or online(Google classroom).
- Athletics-going well with the new AD and football coach.
- Student Handbook- updates have been done. Need approval of cell phone policy and no soft drinks or energy drinks.

Motion-to approve cell phone policy and no soft drinks/energy drinks during school hours, Nicole/ Jean and carried unanimously.

The cell phone policy will be revisited in the August meeting after state legislation meets.

Governance:

- Approval of new board members.

Motion to approve Will Leach and Bryan Dobson as new board members, Ricky/Nicole and motion carried unanimously.

Development:

- Lottery update-waitlist is still high in numbers.

- In need of a high school history teacher.

Motion was made to go into closed session to discuss personnel updates:
Nicole/Jean, carried unanimously.

Motion to leave closed session: Ricky/Jean, carried unanimously

Motion to approve personnel list: Shawn/Leah, carried unanimously

Motion to adjourn: Shawn/Jean, carried unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.