



HOOVER
CITY SCHOOLS

REGULAR BOARD MEETING
August 15, 2017 - 5:30 PM
MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Hoover City Board of Education met in regular session on Tuesday, August 15, 2017. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM by President Earl Cooper. Mr. Cooper asked those who wished to participate to join in an invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance followed led by President Earl Cooper.

II. ROLL CALL - ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM

The record of those attending was made:

Mr. Earl A. Cooper, President
Mr. Craig Kelley, Vice President
Mrs. Jill Ganus
Mrs. Deanna D. Bamman
Mrs. Amy Tosney
Dr. Kathy L. Murphy, Superintendent
Mrs. Linda Goodwin, Recording Secretary

III. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

President Cooper asked for a motion to adopt the agenda. A motion was made by Vice President Kelley and seconded by Mrs. Bamman. The agenda was adopted by unanimous vote.

IV. RECOGNITIONS

Ms. Becky Peterson (physical education teacher at Rocky Ridge Elementary) was recognized as the Elementary Physical Education Teacher of the Year by the Alabama State Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (ASAHPERD).

Ms. Leta Holt (physical education teacher at Greystone Elementary) was recognized as the Jump Rope for Heart Coordinator of the Year by the Alabama State Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (ASAHPERD).

Mr. Greg Bishop (Hoover Helps) and Mrs. Melinda Bonner (Child Nutrition Program Director) received the Districts of Distinction Award. The District Administration magazine recognized HCS and their collaboration with Hoover Helps in providing weekend backpack meals to food insecure students.

Mr. Jason Gaston (Public Relations Coordinator) received the 2017 Nez Calhoun Distinguished Service Award, awarded by the Alabama School Public Relations Association (ALSPRA).

Miss Madison Bamman (Hoover High and Auburn University graduate) was recognized as an outstanding intern for her service to HCS Public Relations Department.

Mr. Don Hulin (Principal, Hoover High) recognized the 2017 Summer Graduates:

Ghamdan Al Duaqimi	Albertnesia Griffin
Aania Nicole Cox	Jeremy Hayes
Billy Crabb	Fransisco Ostiguin
Emily Davis	Akhnaman Semadj Ramesra
James Hayes Elmore	

Aania Nicole Cox, James Hayes Elmore, and Akhnaman Semadj Ramesra were present and received their diplomas.

Mrs. Mary Veal (Personnel Director) was recognized as a representative of the Alabama Association of School Personnel Administrators (AASPA) on the Council for Leaders in Alabama Schools (CLAS) Board of Directors for 2017-2018.

V. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No public participation.

VI. ACTION ITEMS

A. Minutes from Regular Board Meeting, July 11, 2017.

Superintendent Murphy recommended the Board approve the minutes from the Regular Board meeting on July 11, 2017. A motion was made by Mrs. Bamman and seconded by Vice President Kelley. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

B. Personnel Actions

The Personnel Report included: seventy-one appointments, eight individuals transferred, ten requests for a leave of absence, thirty-five individuals resigned, and five requests for substitute bus drivers.

Superintendent Murphy recommended the Board approve the Personnel Actions. A motion was made by Vice President Kelley and seconded by Mrs. Bamman. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

C. Business Actions

Superintendent Murphy reported on the Monthly Financial Statement ending June 2017. The variance as compared to the prior year (June 2016) is favorable \$5.1 million. This variance is due to an increase in allocations from the City, increase in tax receipts, interest on investments, and federal allocations. Year to date 2017 General Fund expenditures were \$162,000 less compared to 2016. June expenditures have increased as compared to May due to the purchase of three special education buses, AMSTI training, software maintenance agreements, resurfacing tennis courts at Berry Middle and Bumpus Middle, turf and track replacements at Spain Park and Hoover High, and roof replacements at Rocky Ridge and Simmons.

Special Revenue Fund expenditures were \$419,000 less compared to June 2016. This decrease reflects a reduction in staff positions, contracts, maintenance, and supplies. Cash Disbursements for June 2017 were \$4,180,482.00 and Payroll for June 2017 was \$7,340,935.49.

Superintendent Murphy recommended the Board approve the Monthly Financial Statement for June 2017, Cash Disbursements for June 2017, and July 2017 Payroll. A motion was made by Vice President Kelley and seconded by Mrs. Bamman. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

D. Resolution to Authorize IRS Requirements for Series 2005 Bond Refunding

Superintendent Murphy recommended the Board approve the Resolution to Authorize IRS Requirements for Series 2005 Bond Refunding. Mrs. Tina Hancock (CSFO) and Heyward Hosch (Maynard Cooper & Gale) fielded questions from the Board.

A motion was made by Mrs. Ganus and seconded by Mrs. Bamman. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

E. September Board Meeting Date Change

Superintendent Murphy recommended the Board change the Tuesday, September 12, 2017, Board meeting to Monday, September 11, 2017, due the Alabama Association of School Boards District V meeting.

A motion was made by Mrs. Bamman and seconded by Vice President Kelley. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

F. Instructional Support Services Contracts

The Instructional Support Services contracts presented for the 2017-2018 school year is \$162,325.00. This is a reduction of \$66,058.00 from the 2016-2017 school year. These contracts are payable through IDEA, Part B and/or locally designated instructional support funds.

VENDOR	PURPOSE	AMOUNT	FUNDING SOURCE
Birmingham Speech & Hearing	Provides audiology services to evaluate & monitor student's hearing, to monitor & maintain equipment needed, and to conduct hearing screenings.	\$15,000	Local Funds
Pediatric Therapy Associates, Inc.	Provides physical therapy services for students with disabilities indicated in IEPs/504 plans.	\$67,000	IDEA, Part B. Federal Funds
Dr. Teashia Goodwin - Consultations Services	Assist with increased numbers of students with mental health concerns, to provide behavior consultation, intervention plans,	\$80,325	Local Funds

	& training, to provide crisis intervention with significant behavior challenges.		
Ms. Joyce Fleming - Job Coach Temporary Employee Contract	Job Coach services for students with disabilities.	\$10,000	IDEA, Part B, Federal Funds
Mrs. Courtney James - Psycholmetrist Temporary Employee Contract	Psychometric services.	\$55,000	Local Funds

Superintendent Murphy recommended the Board approve Instructional Support Services 2017-2018 contracts. A motion was made by Mrs. Ganus and seconded by Mrs. Bamman. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

G. Emergency Repair of the Non-Competition Gym at Spain Park High School

Superintendent Murphy recommended the Board approve the Emergency Repair of the Non-Competition Gym at Spain Park High School. In one area of the gym floor, the concrete underneath has heaved upward about 5.5 inches. A motion was made by Mrs. Bamman and seconded by Vice President Kelley. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

VII. NEW BUSINESS/SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT/INFORMATION REPORTS

A. Proposed Budget Hearing Dates

In order to comply with Code of Alabama (1975), Section 16-13-140, school districts are required to hold two open public hearings to present the proposed budget. The first hearing is Tuesday, August 29, 2017, at 6:00 PM. The second hearing is Monday, September 11, 2017, at 4:30 PM (prior to the September 11th regular Board meeting). These budget hearings will be held at HCS Farr Building (2810 Metropolitan Way).

B. Update on Student Discipline Procedures

Dr. Tera Simmons (Assistant Superintendent of Administration) announced HCS was rated first in the State and fifth in the Nation as the Safest School District. Dr. Simmons gave the Board an update on student discipline procedures:

- The Student Code of Conduct was updated.
- Mr. Quincy Collins (Principal, Trace Crossings Elementary) led a committee to develop a Discipline Referral form.
- Administrators analyzed their discipline data from the 2016-2017 school year.
- Mr. John Montgomery (Assistant Principal, Hoover High) and HCS Department of Technology added a feature in Chalkable to collect data on teachers' actions before sending a student to the office (e.g., parent contact or student conference).
- A committee will be formed to review the RTI for behavior procedures. Revisions will follow.

Dr. Simmons acknowledged the continued effort of SROs, teachers, and administrators in addressing student discipline procedures.

C. District Watch Truancy Program

Mr. Bob Lawry (Student Services Specialist) provided a slide presentation on the HCS District Watch Truancy Program. This presentation provided an in-depth review of policy and procedures designed to assist school personnel and parents with communication tools to eliminate truancy issues before they reach the Courts. Data in the presentation provided evidence that these procedures work. Mr. Lawry fielded questions from the Board.

D. School Enrollment/Solar Eclipse

Dr. Ron Dodson (Assistant Superintendent of Instruction) reported that HCS had 13,828 students present on August 15, 2017. Dr. Dodson advised the Board that this number will likely increase during the next two weeks. HCS is investigating 116 no shows. Dr. Dodson disclosed HCS is anticipating an additional 139 students during the year due to new construction.

Dr. Dodson reported HCS has procedures in place for the solar eclipse on Monday, August 21, 2017. Schools have prepared programs that incorporate education and safety for our students.

Dr. Murphy informed the Board that schools are providing the central office with plans for viewing the eclipse, there will be an opt out procedure in place for those parents not wanting their children to participate, and check-outs will be excused. Dr. Murphy shared the results of a survey from School Superintendents of Alabama (SSA) with 90 school districts responding:

- 60% will view eclipse using protective eyewear
- 35% will view eclipse on TV only
- 11% will close school
- 91% will allow excused absences

Dr. Murphy stated that the eclipse is a historical event; she assured the Board that the safety of our students will come first.

E. Riverchase Middle School Property

Dr. Murphy invited the Board members to attend an on-site visit of the Riverchase Middle School property on Tuesday, August 22, 2017, from 8:30 AM until 3:00 PM. High school principals and teachers will be attending.

On Thursday, August 24, 2017, from 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM, Workforce Development will visit the site. A number of businesses and industries have expressed interest in collaborating with HCS Career Tech Program.

F. Artist on the Bluff Lease

Dr. Murphy informed the Board that the Artist on the Bluff lease between HCS and the City was placed before the City Council's Regular Meeting on August 7, 2017. The City Council continued the matter until the next City Council's Regular Meeting on Monday, August 21, 2017.

G. Facility Use and Fee Schedules

Dr. Murphy reported to the Board that on Monday, August 14, 2017, a meeting was held with personnel to continue conversations about Facility Use and Fee Schedules. Dr. Murphy emphasized that all funds received for use of School facilities will remain at the respective school.

H. YMCA and After School Care

Dr. Murphy informed the Board of conversations between HCS and the YMCA regarding After School Care. HCS is examining the possibility of collaborating with the YMCA on the After School Program.

I. Start of the School Year

Dr. Murphy commended the administrators, principals, teachers, and staff for the smooth start of the school year.

VIII. DATE OF NEXT BOARD MEETING

Proposed Budget Hearing Dates - August 29, 2017, at 6:00 PM and September 11, 2017, at 4:30 PM.

Next regular Board meeting will be on Monday, September 11, 2017, 5:30 PM

IX. ADJOURNMENT

There was no further business. The meeting adjourned at 6:46 PM.

Superintendent

Board President