



SPECIAL-CALLED BOARD MEETING
September 25, 2017 - 5:30 PM
MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Hoover City Board of Education met in a Special-Called session on Tuesday, September 25, 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 given by Vice President Craig Kelley. The Pledge of Allegiance followed led by President Cooper.

II. ROLL CALL - ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM

The record of those attending was made:

Mr. Earl 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. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr. John Morgan (father of artist Jayne Morgan), Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Spivey (parents of artist Kenneth Spivey), Ms. Sheila Von (artist), Mr. Durk Walker (artist), Mr. Herb Patterson (community volunteer), and Ms. Jamie Legging (Bluff Park resident) voiced concerns, suggested solutions, provided testimonials, and raised questions regarding the issues related to Artists on the Bluff (AOTB).

Dr. Kathy Murphy told the Board and public that she held meetings with Dr. Ron Jones (AOTB Board President), Ms. Linda Williams (AOTB Director), and others regarding concerns with AOTB to include:

1. No integration of art curriculum with school district.
2. Cost to school district for utilities.
3. Need to address condition of the building.

V. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Superintendent Murphy recommended that the Board consider a vote to go into Executive Session regarding a matter properly viewed as confidential under Alabama law (real estate matter). Mr. Whitt Colvin (Board Attorney) certified the recommendation under the Open Meetings Act. A motion was made by Vice President Kelley and seconded by Mrs. Bamman. The motion was approved by unanimous vote. Executive Session began at 6:03 PM and ended at 6:37 PM.

VI. ACTION ITEMS

A. Personnel Actions

The Personnel Report included: ten appointments, one transfer, three requests for change of status, four requests for a leave of absence, two resignations, and three requests for substitute bus drivers for liability insurance.

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.

B. Agreement with Artists on the Bluff/Notice to Leave

Dr. Murphy shared with the Board a letter presented to Dr. Ron Jones on the morning of September 25, 2017. Dr. Jones signed the correspondence in agreement of its contents:

- AOTB will be permitted to remain on the premises through December 31, 2017, which should be sufficient time to conclude operations at the building and allow artists to make other arrangements.
- AOTB will reimburse the school board for all utilities and other operational expenses attributable to the months of September 2017 through December 2017. The Board will provide AOTB with copies of all such utility invoices and other expenses.

- Continued occupancy (that is occupancy until December 31, 2017) is dependent and conditioned on the inspection by and assent of the Fire Marshal of the City of Hoover that the premises are safe for occupation.
- If at any point between now and December 31, 2017, ATOB either fails to make the reimbursement described above within 10 days of receiving a request for payment, or if the Fire Marshal determines that the building is not safe for AOTB's continued operations, AOTB agrees to vacate the property immediately.

Superintendent Murphy recommended the Board approve the Terms and Conditions outlined in Dr. Jones' letter of agreement between HCS and Artists on the Bluff.

Dr. Murphy noted the following:

- HCS cannot use school funds to pay utility bills for an outside "for profit" organization. Since 2011, HCS has incurred all utilities for AOTB. These utility costs have averaged \$70,000 annually and jumped to \$90,000 annually with the addition of the Capers restaurant.
- Fourteen artists are housed at AOTB. These artists each provide AOTB a monthly payment of \$450 for rental space.
- AOTB also receives a 20% commission collected from the total sales of each artist from the annual October Artist on the Bluff Art Show.
- The City of Hoover supports AOTB with funding.

Dr. Murphy acknowledged HCS supports the arts; however, Hoover City Schools' obligation and focus are teaching, learning, and supporting the students of Hoover.

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

VII. DATE OF NEXT BOARD MEETING

Next regular Board meeting will be on Tuesday, October 17, 2017, 5:30 PM.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

There was no further business. The meeting adjourned at 6:53 PM.

Superintendent

Board President

