

HELEN THACKSTON CHARTER SCHOOL
MEETING OF THE TRUSTEES
Thursday, January 29, 2015
“Our Schools, One Team, One Vision”

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of the Helen Thackston Charter School Board of Trustees convened at Helen Thackston Charter School on January 29, 2015. Ms. Danyiell Newman, Board President called the meeting to order at 6:05 P.M.

2.0 ROLL CALL/ATTENDEES

The following individuals were in attendance: Board Members: Danyiell Newman, Dorothy Sweeney, Frank Hawkins, Paulette Hawkins, Paula March, Michael Mehosky.
Student Board Member: Herman McElveen.

Absent: Gregory Ford was excused because of health reasons.

Administrators: Sherry Roland-Washington, Denise Butts, Max Pierre-Louis, Oscar Rossum, Sr., Gregory Monskie, Niles Benn, Kari Weston, Rosalind Brooks .

Staff: Steve Clutter, Angel Conley, Rita Jimenez, Laura Bloss, Wendell Harper, Stacey Henderson, Tynisha Wilkes, Kylie Heath, Kristen Derr, Kerry Glover.

Guest: Nicole Gaines

Ms. Gaines talked to the board regarding Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Youth Symposium.

Mr. Glover talked to the board regarding the Basketball Program wanting to use the building on Saturdays and Sundays.

3.0 APPROVAL

1. Be it resolved to approve the minutes from December 11, 2014. Motion approved by Paulette Hawkins and seconded by Michael Mehosky. Board voted unanimously to approve.
2. Be it resolved to approve Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority to use the building on March 7, 2015 for a Youth Symposium. Motion approved by Paulette Hawkins and seconded by Michael Mehosky. Board voted to approve once proof of insurance is received.
3. Be it resolved to hire A. Klugh as the 8th Grade Science Teacher at Step 2. Motion approved by Michael Mehosky and seconded by Paulette Hawkins. Board voted unanimously to approve.
4. Be it resolved to transfer F. Spells from a day to day sub to Biology/Chemistry Teacher at Step 1. Item was tabled.
5. Be it resolved to transfer A. Wright from day to day sub to High School English Teacher at Step 5. Motion approved by Michael Mehosky and seconded by Paula March. Board voted unanimously to approve.
6. Be it resolved to transfer S. Morrison from a day to day sub to the High School Special Education Teacher at Step 1. Item was tabled.
7. Be it resolved to permanently expel student number 2326820096 from Helen Thackston. Motion approved by Paulette Hawkins and seconded by Paula March. Board voted unanimously to approve.
8. Be it resolved to transfer Ishia Moyer from Para Educator to Emergency Certificate Teacher. Motion approved by Michael Mehosky and seconded by Paulette Hawkins. Board voted unanimously to approve.

4.0 DISCUSSION ITEMS/NEW BUSINESS

None.

5.0 OLD BUSINESS

None.

6.0 PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Mrs. Roland's reported enrolment is at 613. Draft copy of the asthma, bullying policy was reviewed along with the Student/Parent Handbook, new to the Handbook is the part about public records. Mrs. Roland is requesting the board to approve her to be able to E-Sign for Federal Programs. Ms. Jimenez updated the board regarding senior progress. Ms. Clark updated the board regarding Homeland Security and Internships, as well as

updated the progress on Graduation. Prom will be held on Thursday, May 21st, Herman explained that they have upcoming fund raisers to offset the cost. Mrs. Roland report is attached.

9. Be it resolved to approve the request for E-Signature usage for Federal Programs and explained. Motion approved by Paula March and seconded by Paulette Hawkins. Board voted unanimously to approve.

7.0 FINANCIAL REPORT

Mr. Pierre reviewed the financial payments, monthly payments to Edison, Catapult and Line of Credit payments are being made. Over-billing the School District of the City was discussed and the reporting system needs to be cleaned up by February 13, 2015. Mr. Pierre report is attached.

10. Be it resolved to approve the Budget Report as presented. Motion approved by Frank Hawkins and seconded by Paulette Hawkins. Board voted unanimously to approve.

8.0 CATAPULT LEARNING

Dr. Weston outlined area for growth, no progress has been made. Next month she will report on a plan to develop the growth. Catapult report is attached.

9.0 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Mr. Rossum reported on TIMS reporting which is required for certificate teachers. He suggested that the principals should be responsible for this information. A meeting is scheduled with M & T Bank regarding the line of credit. Mr. Rossum's report is attached.

10.0 SOLICITION REPORT

Attorney Benn reviewed the issue with the Board Secretary and Board Treasurer regarding bonding. State law requires these positioned to be bonded and has made note of this to the board.

11. Be it resolved to approve bonding for the Board Secretary and Board Treasurer in the amount of \$50,000 - \$100,000 and not to exceed \$250.00 a year for the policy. Motion approved by Paula March and seconded by Michael Mehosky. Board voted unanimously to approve.

Motion was made to go into executive session for personnel and legal matter at 7:20 PM.

11.0 PUBLIC/STAFF COMMENTS

Meeting was called back into session at 8:00 PM.

Ms. Henderson updated the board on PIMS reporting.

12. Be it resolved to deny the weekend request to use the gym made by the Basketball Program, the request is still granted to use the gym up until February 15, 2015. Motion approved by Michael Mehosky and seconded by Paula March. Board voted unanimously to approve.

13. Be it resolved to approve the 2014 Student/Parent Handbook as submitted. Motion approved by Paula March and seconded by Paulette Hawkins. Board voted unanimously to approve.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the public meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM. Motion approved by the board.

Respectfully submitted,

Joann M. Brown
Helen Thackston Charter School Board Secretary