

HELEN THACKSTON CHARTER SCHOOL
MEETING OF THE TRUSTEES
Thursday, March 26, 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 March 26, 2015. Mr. Frank Hawkins, Senior Board Member called the meeting to order at 6:15 P.M.

2.0 ROLL CALL/ATTENDEES

The following individuals were in attendance: Board Members: Frank Hawkins, Paulette Hawkins, Paula March, Gregory Ford and Danyiell Newman via phone.

Absent: Dorothy Sweeney was excused due to health reasons.

Administrators: Sherry Roland-Washington, Denise Butts, Max Pierre-Louis, Oscar Rossum, Sr., Kari Weston.

Solicitor: Gregory Monskie

Staff: Angel Conley, Wendell Harper, Anne Clark, Tynisha Wilkes, Kerry Glover.

3.0 RECONGNITION OF GUESTS

NONE

4.0 PUBLIC/STAFF COMMENTS

NONE

5.0 APPROVAL

1. Be it resolved to approve the minutes from February 26, 2015. A motion was made by Paulette Hawkins and seconded by Michael Mehosky, and unanimously approved by the Board.
2. Be it resolved to hire Kenneth Medina as a contract financial consultant effective February 17, 2015. A motion was made by Paulette Hawkins seconded by Michael Mehosky, and unanimously approved by the Board.
3. Be it resolved to hire Selena Generett as Federal and State Grants Coordinator Consultant effective March 30, 2015. A motion was made by Danyiell Newman and seconded by Paula March, and unanimously approved by the Board.
4. Be it resolved to hire N. Mariano as a 7th grade Social studies Teacher, effective March 17, 2015. A motion was made by Paulette Hawkins and seconded by Paula March, and unanimously approved by the Board.
5. Be it resolved to hire J. Urey as a Special Education teacher, effective March 17, 2015. A motion was made by Paulette Hawkins and seconded by Paula March, and unanimously approved by the Board.
6. Be it resolved to hire K. Walton as an English Teacher, effective March 18, 2015. A motion was made by Paulette Hawkins and seconded by Michael Mehosky, and unanimously approved by the Board.
7. Be it resolved to hire R. Why as a Math Teacher, effective March 19, 2015. A motion was made by Paulette Hawkins and seconded by Michael Mehosky, and unanimously approved by the Board
8. Be it resolved to terminate R. Douglas as Tech Support, effective March 13, 2015. A motion was made by Michael Mehosky and seconded by Paula March, and unanimously approved by the Board
9. Be it resolved to approve the expulsion recommendation of student #932001268. A motion was made by Paula March and seconded by Danyiell Newman, and unanimously approved by the Board.
10. Be it resolved to change Helen Thackston Board of Trustee’s meeting from Thursday, April 30, 2015 to Tuesday, April 28, 2015. A motion was made by Michael Mehosky and seconded by Paula March, and unanimously approved by the Board.
Discussion: Budget will be presented and needs to sit for 30 days before the board can vote.

6.0 DISCUSSION ITEMS/NEW BUSINESS

The 2015-2016 staffing needs were discussed and moving forward. Mr. Medina is working on a budget to review revenue and what is needed. Looking at the current year cost for staffing, as that is 65 percent of the budget. There will be a meeting with the financial committee within the next 2 weeks. Board Policies will be submitted to the Administrative Team by May 1, the board would like to meet on June 19th to discuss them with the team. Teacher contracts are being reviewed by the attorney. Power school training was discussed with a cost of \$3,500.00 for two people to attend in July.

7.0 OLD BUSINESS

Reminder that Ethics Forms are due to the Board Secretary by Tuesday, April 28, 2015. All Board Members and administrators are required to submit this form. Act 24 forms need to be signed every year by employees.

8.0 PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Mrs. Roland's reported is attached. The board questioned what the three building subs are doing, they are on call and not in the building on a daily basis. Ready to Learn Block Grant was awarded to help pay for consultant fees.

9.0 FINANCIAL REPORT

Mr. Pierre reviewed the financial payments, Rabbit Transit bill was discussed and how students receive their bus passes, the process for receiving a bus pass will be looked into. Mr. Pierre will be handling the passes for now. Items #19 dollar amount was discussed and if this was the total for the year or a monthly amount, Mr. Pierre stated it was for the year.

11. Be it resolved to approve the Budget Report as presented. A motion was made by Michael Mehosky and seconded by Danyiell Newman, and unanimously approved by the Board.

10.0 CATAPULT LEARNING

Catapult report is attached. Dr. Weston and Mrs. Roland had a great day, progress needs to be made.

11.0 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Mr. Rossum's report is attached.

12.0 Motion was made by Frank Hawkins and seconded by Paula March, and unanimously approved by the Board to go into Executive Session at 7:22 PM to discuss personnel and real estate. Motion was made by Frank Hawkins and seconded by Paula March, and unanimously approved by the Board at 8:22 PM to return to public meeting.

13.0 SOLICITOR REPORT

Attorney Monskie reviewed the real estate concerns and personnel issues that the board needed to take action on.

12. Be it resolved to authorize Benn Law Firm to attempt to renegotiate the building lease with the current landlord. A motion was made by Michael Mehosky and seconded by Paula March, and unanimously approved by the Board.

13. Be it resolved to place Sherry Roland-Washington on unpaid administrative leave for five school days, including March 30, 31, April 7, 8, 9 with a return to duty on April 10, 2015. A motion was made by Paula March and seconded by Michael Mehosky, and unanimously approved by the Board.

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