

HELEN THACKSTON CHARTER SCHOOL
MEETING OF THE TRUSTEES
Wednesday, December 11, 2014
“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 December 11, 2014. Ms. Danyiell Newman, Board President called the meeting to order at 6:10 P.M.

2.0 ROLL CALL/ATTENDEES

The following individuals were in attendance: Board Members: Danyiell Newman, Frank Hawkins, Paulette Hawkins, Paula March, Michael Mehosky.

Absent: Gregory Ford was excused because of health reasons, Dorothy Sweeney due to personal reasons.

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

Staff: Steve Clutter, Angel Conley, Rita Jiminez, Laura Bloss, Wendell Harper, Kathy Sears, Jennifer Luckenbaugh, Stacey Henderson, Tynisha Wilkes.

3.0 APPROVAL

1. Be it resolved to approve the minutes from November 19, 2014. Motion approved by Michael Mehosky and seconded by Frank Hawkins. Board voted unanimously to approve.
2. Be it resolved to approve the summer (2014) payment to the following individuals: K. Derr, K. Heath, S. Yoder, and J. Roth.
Discussion: The total dollar amount was reviewed by Mr. Pierre and if the funds are available to pay on December 19, 2014. Motion approved by Paulette Hawkins and seconded by Paula March. Board voted unanimously to approve.

4.0 DISCUSSION ITEMS/NEW BUSINESS

An expulsion hearing was held with Mr. Monskie present and the recommendation was made to the board from the committee.

3. Be it resolved to accept the recommendation on student #7671122327 from the disciplinary committee. Motion approved by Frank Hawkins and seconded by Michael Mehosky. Board voted unanimously to approve.

5.0 OLD BUSINESS

Ms. Newman discussed the cell phones that are being used at the school, currently we have 14 cell phones, 3 of which are unused. The school is going over a total of \$800.00 per month in minutes. We receive the E rate grant which covers the cost of the cell phones but not the overage charges.

6.0 PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Mrs. Roland reported enrolment is at 627 students with 8th, 10th and 12th grade closed. We currently have three positions which are being covered within the building. See attached report.

7.0 FINANCIAL REPORT

Mr. Pierre reviewed the financial payments, proposed payment to Edison and M & T Bank.

4. Be it resolved to approve the Budget Report as presented. Motion approved by Michael Mehosky and seconded by Frank Hawkins.

8.0 CATAPULT LEARNING

Dr. Weston reported that they have concerns over the progress of students. Students are not where they need to be at this point. Ms. Brooks shared her concerns with when the team is here to work with teachers and give suggestions they are not following through. Implantation of the suggestions needs to be given so they can come back with suggestions on different ways to help student achievement. Catapult report is attached.

9.0 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Mr. Rossum's report is attached. Mr. Rossum reported that a new bank account will need to be created for the cafeteria fund. In addition, he will be looking into what activity is done with the fraudulent account.

10.0 SOLICITION REPORT

No Report

11.0 PUBLIC/STAFF COMMENTS

Ms. Henderson reported on PIMS and that she is trying really hard to get the information corrected in the computer. Ms. Jiminez, High School Counselor, reported that we have 43 seniors to graduate and 90 percent of the students have taken the SAT's or looking into the military. Students have scored amazingly on the test; we had 30 students apply to colleges and scholarships are coming in. Ms. Bloss reported that the Middle School is working on Career Day and is looking for volunteers.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the public meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM. Motion approved by the board.

Respectfully submitted,

Joann M. Brown
Helen Thackston Charter School Board Secretary