

HELEN THACKSTON CHARTER SCHOOL
MEETING OF THE TRUSTEES
Tuesday, February 20, 2014
“Our Schools, One Team, One Vision”

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

A Meeting of the Thackston Charter School Board of Trustees convened at Thackston Charter School on February 20, 2014. Mr. Michael Mehosky, Board President called the meeting to order at 7:15 P.M.

2.0 ROLL CALL/ATTENDEES

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

Absent: Gregory Ford was excused because of health reasons.

Administrators: Leonard Hart, Denise Butts, Max Pierre-Louis, Gary Hollenbaugh, Daniel Fennick, Rosalind Brooks, Kari Weston.

Staff: Kelly O’Shea, Steve Clutter, Wendell Harper, Chiovenne Shockley – Moore, Brenda Garcia, Chris Moore.

Guest: Paula March, Ed Wagner, Lynn Craig

3.0 PUBLIC/STAFF COMMENT

SF & Company presented a brief review of the audit findings.

4.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Be it resolved to approve the minutes from January 30, 2014 and February 17, 2014. Motion approved by Danyiell Newman seconded by Dorothy Sweeney. Board voted unanimously to approve.

5.0 DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Administrative Team – Mr. Hart reviewed the enrollment of the building discussed attendance for both students and staffs are up. Assured that Homeland security initiatives were implemented and made top priority of the instructional program. Met with SPED department chair to discuss department needs and expectations. Met with the ESL department and Instructional team to continue discussions of ESL concerns and create a plan of action. Created and incorporated board adopted school-wide positive progressive discipline plan.
Achievement – Ms. Butts reviewed the Data on ESL showing steadily growth. Eight graders started strong. Fifth grade is struggling in both areas. We see a problem with not pushing literatures; students are not exposed to novels. We are in the process of addressing the literatures concerns.
Learning Environment – Moving forward with Progressive Discipline Process and with CPI Training.
Pedagogy & Curriculum – Junior Academy – Developed an action Plan for Testing Skills Intervention. Created a Junior Academy Meeting Schedule and Assisted with Close Reading Professional Development Sessions with Jackee Bell.
Senior Academy – High school teams received training on how to implement the close reading strategy with all core content. Conducted walk-throughs/information observations of teachers. Organized high school midterm assessments.
Student & Family Support Services – HACC York Campus is scheduled to talk with the 11th grade students. Attended Challenge Academy’s mid-year review meetings to get updated progress on our students placed there. We continue to monitor attendance with sending warnings letters and citations were issued. Created schedules for students to begin Credit Recovery.
Technology – Training on swipe system is to be completed on February 21st. Finalizing Verizon contract, phones should be at the school by the end of February. IT migrations continue with weekly meeting with Edison.

2. Budget – Mr. Pierre reviewed the financial payment report with questions regarding Rabbit Transit and Three Cord Youth Services. Accounts receivable bill was sent to York City, December and January billed before next month.
3. Catapult Learning – Dr. Weston reported that the past two month is creating a great partnership with the new leadership. Dr. Weston will help Mr. Hart with his goals. Moving forward will be creating a tool to help with the interviews. She is also looking into summer school programs.
4. HTPAC – No Report was given.
5. Solicitor Report – Attorney Fennick – Mr. Fennick reported that the Charter is renewed for the next five years, with the request of new policies in place and a survey to parents needs to be done. Property for the two parcels should be received by the next month. Reviewed two students for expulsion hearings.

6.0 OLD BUSINESS

None

7.0 NEW BUSINESS

Edison payment is due, we are requesting the amount in writing for the line of credit.

8.0 RESOLUTIONS TO BE ADOPTED

2. Be it resolved to approve Staff CPI Training in the amount not to exceed \$6,980.00. Motion approved by Frank Hawkins seconded by Danyiell Newman. Approved unanimously by the board.
3. Be it resolved to hire Mackenzie Lehman as FT nurse effective March 4, 2014. Motion approved by Frank Hawkins seconded by Danyiell Newman. Approved unanimously by the board.
4. Be it resolved to hire Yolanda Murrey as FT Tech Support effective February 3, 2014. Motion approved by Frank Hawkins seconded by Danyiell Newman. Approved unanimously by the board.
5. Be it resolved to hire Alisha Shockley as FT Emotional Support Teacher effective February 10, 2014. Motion approved by Frank Hawkins seconded by Danyiell Newman. Approved unanimously by the board.
6. Be it resolved to hire Karla Rupp as FT Art Teacher effective February 24, 2014. Motion approved by Frank Hawkins seconded by Danyiell Newman. Approved unanimously by the board.
7. Be it resolved to hire Julio Rivera effective January 29, 2014, Stacey Adams effective February 11, 2014, and Gabriel Tyler effective February 18, 2014 as PT cafeteria support staff. Motion approved by Frank Hawkins seconded by Danyiell Newman. Approved unanimously by the board.
8. Be it resolved to approve a stipend for the following staff members as present: Isihia Moye, Shannon Hare, Maria Dejesus, Marilez Velez, David Paul, Monica Green, Maribel Oquendo, Linda Albright and Denise Butts. Motion approved by Frank Hawkins seconded by Danyiell Newman. Approved unanimously by the board.
9. Be it resolved to accept the resignation of Ruth Cortes effective February 20, 2014. Motion approved by Frank Hawkins seconded by Danyiell Newman. Approved unanimously by the board.
10. Be it resolved to approve the Financial Payment Report. Motion approved by Frank Hawkins seconded by Danyiell Newman. Approved unanimously by the board.
11. Be it resolved to approve expulsion adjudications on student number 932000059 as presented. Motion approved by Frank Hawkins seconded by Danyiell Newman. Approved unanimously by the board.
12. Be it resolved to approve expulsion adjudications on student number 932000388 as presented. Motion approved by Frank Hawkins seconded by Danyiell Newman. Approved unanimously by the board.

13. Be it resolved to approve the audit presentation. Motion approved by Frank Hawkins seconded by Danyiell Newman. Approved unanimously by the board.
14. Be it resolved to approve Mr. Pierre-Louis to make a payment to Edison Learning when he receives receipt in writing. Motion approved by Frank Hawkins seconded by Danyiell Newman. Approved unanimously by the board.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the public meeting was adjourned at 9:10 PM.

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