

HELEN THACKSTON CHARTER SCHOOL  
MEETING OF THE TRUSTEES  
Wednesday, November 19, 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 Lincoln Charter School on November 19, 2014. Ms. Danyiell Newman, Board President called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M.

2.0 ROLL CALL/ATTENDEES

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

Absent: Gregory Ford was excused because of health reasons.

Administrators: Sherry Roland Washington, Denise Butts, Oscar Rossum, Sr., Greg Monskie, Kari Weston, Rosalind Brooks.

Staff: Steve Clutter, Wendell Harper, Stacey Henderson, Tynisha Wilkes.

Guest: Kenny Mehechas’s mother.

Michael Mehosky made a motion to go into Executive Session at 7:30 PM seconded by Paula March. At 8:12 PM a motion was made to come back from Executive Session.

3.0 APPROVAL

1. Be it resolved to approve the amended minutes from October 30, 2014. Motion approved by Paula March seconded by Paulette Hawkins. Board voted unanimously to approve.
2. Be it resolved to approve the Budget Report. Motion approved by Paula March seconded by Paulette Hawkins. Board voted unanimously to approve.
3. Be it resolved to complete the carpet issue at the Unity Church in the amount not to exceed \$2,000.00. Motion approved by Paula March seconded by Paulette Hawkins. Board voted unanimously to approve.
4. Be it resolved to accept the resignation of Matthew Mealey effective November 7, 2014. Motion approved by Paula March seconded by Frank Hawkins. Board voted unanimously to approve.
5. Be it resolved to accept the resignation of Karla Rupp Art Teacher effective November 20, 2014. Motion approved by Paula March seconded by Frank Hawkins. Board voted unanimously to approve.
6. Be it resolved to accept the resignation of Patricia Lackey, Special Education, effective December 9, 2014. Motion approved by Paula March seconded by Frank Hawkins. Board voted unanimously to approve.
7. Table the motion on Briana Kempton, pending letter in writing.
8. Be it resolved to hire Kerry Glover as Dean of Student. Motion approved by Frank Hawkins seconded by Paula March. Board voted unanimously to approve.
9. Be it resolved to hire Corrine Latkos as Algebra 1/Geometry teacher. Motion approved by Frank Hawkins seconded by Paula March. Board voted unanimously to approve.
10. Be it resolved to hire Anthony Wright as Keystone English 10 teacher. Motion approved by Frank Hawkins seconded by Paula March. Board voted unanimously to approve.
11. Be it resolved to hire Alice Franze as 8<sup>th</sup> grade Science teacher.  
Discussion: Mrs. Roland will meet with the committee to discuss salaries. As of now three full time teachers are still needed.  
Motion approved by Frank Hawkins seconded by Paula March. Board voted unanimously to approve.
12. Be it resolved to hire Lauren Miller as 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Art teacher. Motion approved by Frank Hawkins seconded by Paula March. Board voted unanimously to approve.
13. Be it resolved to hire Judith Diaz as ESL teacher. Motion approved by Frank Hawkins seconded by Paula March. Board voted unanimously to approve.

14. Be it resolved to hire Sonia Morrison as substitute teacher. Motion approved by Frank Hawkins seconded by Paula March. Board voted unanimously to approve.
15. Be it resolved to hire Robert Williams as substitute teacher. Motion approved by Frank Hawkins seconded by Paula March. Board voted unanimously to approve.
16. Item was removed from agenda.
17. Be it resolved to expel student 932000443 from Helen Thackston Charter School for violation of student code of conduct and the alleged distribution of narcotics. Discussion: Recommended by Attorney Gregory Monskie to send student to alternative placement (Challenge Academy) for 60 days. In January they will look at attendance, behavior, academics and decide if student can return to Helen Thackston.  
Motion was made to approve the recommendation that was presented, approved by Michael Mehosky seconded by Frank Hawkins. Board voted unanimously to approve.
18. Be it resolved to expel student 932000852 from Helen Thackston Charter School for violation of student conduct. Discussion: Recommended by Attorney Gregory Monskie to send student to alternative placement (Challenge Academy) for 60 days. In January they will look at attendance, behavior, academics and decide if student can return to Helen Thackston.  
Motion was made to approve the recommendation that was presented, approved by Michael Mehosky seconded by Frank Hawkins. Board voted unanimously to approve.

#### 4.0 DISCUSSION ITEMS/NEW BUSINESS

Teacher summer pay regarding the 11 month contract was discussed as to who authorized them, Mr. Hart handed out contracts given by Attorney Fennick. Attorney Gregory Monskie commented: "If they worked they must be paid."  
Building Permits – Mr. Harper will check dates.  
Mr. Weary drama club does not need approval since it is already added in with Title I funds.

#### 5.0 OLD BUSINESS

The board would like to receive a text message if school is going to be delayed.

#### 6.0 PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Mrs. Roland reported that SPP replace AYP and the school is showing growth. Reported that the students who walk out of the building will receive a 2 day suspension. Waiting on more quotes to repair the buzzer on the door.  
HPAC meeting: Ms. Kennedy and Mrs. Fitch held the meeting and a family friendly walk through is scheduled for November 25<sup>th</sup>. They are working on an Anti-Bullying Program to be presented here.

#### 7.0 FINANCIAL REPORT

The financial payment report was questioned with item #1 being removed and the bill being forwarded to the YMCA. Item #30 was reviewed with how many cell phones are on the plan, currently have 14 phones they are looking to reducing that number.  
Motion was made by Paulette Hawkins to approve the financial payments with Item #1 removed, seconded by Frank Hawkins. Board voted unanimously to approve.

#### 8.0 CATAPULT LEARNING

Dr Weston reported that lots of work to do at Thackston and not sure if students are making progress. A school wide discipline plan is need to control behaviour before learning can take place. Ms. Newman wanted to know how we can move forward. Possibilities: Becoming just a middle school, rent Smith Middle School. York City School District came and did a walk thru on November 18, 2014, possibly due to alleged bed bug issue on November 17, 2014. City said school is 280% better than last year. We need to get reports finished so we do not lose money and can figure out finances to see if we can hire any more staff.

9.0 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Mr. Rossum reported that he is trying to get Safety Plan into effect by the Holiday Break so it can start right after that. Staff at both schools need medical exams and TB shots.

10.0 SOLICITION REPORT

No Report

11.0 PUBLIC/STAFF COMMENTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the public meeting was adjourned at 10:10 PM. Motion approved by the board.

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