

HELEN THACKSTON CHARTER SCHOOL
MEETING OF THE TRUSTEES
Monday, December 17, 2013
“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 December 17, 2013. Mr. Michael Mehosky, Board President called the meeting to order at 7:10 P.M.

2.0 ROLL CALL/ATTENDEES

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

Administrators: Khaleel Desaque, Denise Butts, Lee Bostic, Max Pierre-Louis, Chivonne Shockley-Moore, Gary Hollenbaugh, Daniel Fennick, Rosalind Brooks, Kari Weston.

Staff: Stephani Brown, Kelly O’Shea, Steve Clutter, Wendell Harper, Ed Jauss, Patrick Lynn, Lucas Mattera, Jonathan Kern.

3.0 PUBLIC/STAFF COMMENT

Mr. Jauss and his Social Studies team made a presentation regarding curriculum and making changes to show Homeless people, Living History, Ancient Greece.

4.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Be it Frank Hawkins seconded by Dorothy Sweeney. Approved unanimously by the board.

5.0 DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Administrative Team – Ms. Shockley-Moore talked about how a group of student along with the help of Herman McElveen went to the Salvation Army, community clean up. Mr. Desaque reviewed the student enrolment report.
Leadership – Mr. Desaque reviewed Cycle 1 for Formal Observations will be completed on/by January 15, 2014, currently 50% complete. On-going informal observations are being done, development of Strand Leads and Lead Teachers on administering and receiving appropriate feedback to staff.
Recognized Mrs. Linda Albright – passed Certification Exam in November, we have two Para educators without certification at this time. Currently we have four instruction vacancies remain.
Learning Environment – Student Attendance was reviewed. Training of behavioural staff was on December 5th on gathering Actionable Intelligence with Georsource, in final stages of creating our first, self-contained Special Education classroom for students who require a more restrictive environment, In School Suspension room will be operational January 2014.
Current Trend: Most referrals are uniform violations and/or refusal to comply with the policies regarding Uniforms/Electronics.
Pedagogy & Curriculum –School leaders and staff have a clear and common understanding of the key competencies that teachers need for effective teaching. Senior leaders have an accurate and detailed knowledge of the quality of teaching and learning.
Assessment For Learning - Ms. Butts reviewed testing, Learning Lab to be created to use for smaller group sessions. Reading eValuate Averages by Grade. Students are trending in the right direction.
2. Budget – Mr. Bostic reviewed the financial payment report. Accounts receivable reviewed with 2nd quarter title funds. Deposit for York City will come in on December 27, 2013.
3. Edison Learning – Dr. Weston highlighted leadership team focused on powerful teaching, learning and instructional improvement. She will continue leadership team development using “The Five Disciplines of PLC Leaders” conduct learning walks with Mr. Desaque to review lesson plans and learning environment.

4. HTPAC – No Report was given.
5. Solicitor Report – Attorney Fennick reviewed the recommendations made by the Discipline Committee on the students listed below for resolutions.

6.0 OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Morris talked about the homeland security program and that the board has instructed him to move forward with the plan.

Piercing and Tattoos for staff members will be tabled for another month.

7.0 NEW BUSINESS

Moving forward to create the position of ESL Coordinator.

8.0 RESOLUTIONS TO BE ADOPTED

1. Be it resolved to accept the resignation of Neil Groff, Full Time Teacher effective November 27, 2013. Motion approved by Greg Ford seconded by Danyiell Newman. Approved unanimously by the board.
2. Be it resolved to hire Lucas Mattera, MS Math Teacher effective December 11, 2013. Motion approved by Greg Ford seconded by Danyiell Newman. Approved unanimously by the board.
3. Be it resolved to hire Jonathan Kenn, MS Math Teacher effective December 16, 2013. Motion approved by Greg Ford seconded by Danyiell Newman. Approved unanimously by the board.
4. Be it resolved to accept the resignation of Lee Bostic, effective January 1, 2014. Motion approved by Greg Ford seconded by Danyiell Newman. Approved unanimously by the board.
5. Be it resolved to accept the resignation of Victor Chaney, effective January 1, 2014. Motion approved by Greg Ford seconded by Danyiell Newman. Approved unanimously by the board.
6. Be it resolved to create a position of Full Time In School Suspension Monitor. Motion approved by Greg Ford seconded by Danyiell Newman. Approved unanimously by the board.
7. Be it resolved to create a position of Special Education Teacher. Motion approved by Greg Ford seconded by Danyiell Newman. Approved unanimously by the board.
8. Be it resolved to abolish the position of Director of Culture and Climate. Motion approved by Greg Ford seconded by Danyiell Newman. Approved unanimously by the board.
9. Be it resolved to create an ESL Coordinator. 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 Greg Ford seconded by Frank Hawkins. Approved unanimously by the board.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the public meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM.

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