The Hamilton County School Board met in the Board Room of the District Administration Building on Monday, July 11, 2016. Present were Superintendent Thomas P. Moffses, Jr., school board members Gary Godwin (Chair), Johnny Bullard (Vice-Chair), Jeanie Daniels, Cheryl McCall, and Suezette Wiggins, and Board attorney Jay Willingham.

**Discipline Review**

The Hamilton County School Board conducted a discipline review beginning at 5:40 p.m. and ending at 5:55 p.m.

**Business Meeting**

**Call to Order** – by the Chairman at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Bullard led the prayer; Mrs. Daniels led the pledge to the flag.

**Presentations**

Special Olympics Project Unify Director, Herley Pellew, Akin Joseph, Sports Training Director, Cherie Cain, Regional Director, Helen Udell, Special Olympics Coordinator and Mike Cohen, Athletic Director were in attendance for the presentation of the State Basketball Championship rings to Special Olympics Team Unify. Each player was called to come forward by the Superintendent and rings were individually presented by Ms. Udell and Mr. Cohen.

Mr. Kip McLeod and Ms. Peggy Hasty addressed the Board and provided handouts regarding school finances and teachers.

**Individual Appearances**

Ms. Mary Ann Hughes addressed the Board regarding her concerns with the possible transfer of agricultural department animals to the old JRE Lee school site. She also addressed concerns regarding soil contamination. Ms. Mary F. Hughes also expressed her concerns on these issues.

Ms. Jennifer Hand, Mr. Doug Clayton, and Mr. Richard Bennett addressed the board regarding their concerns over the potential transfer of Mr. Clayton from the Agricultural Department to another position. Ms. Susan Hines expressed her concern that there was a lack of support for the FFA.

**Agenda Modifications**

The Superintendent requested the agenda be amended to delete items #1: Minutes and #6: Trip Requests of the Consent Agenda and #19: Pupil Progression Plan and #24: Coke Contract of the Regular Agenda as these items are still pending. Motion to amend by Mr. Bullard and seconded by Mrs. McCall; motion carried unanimously.

**Consent Agenda Items**

1. **Minutes**
   
   This item was deleted.

2. **Paid bills**
   
   Approval of paid bills July 1, 2015 to June 29, 2016.

3. **Financial statement**
   
   Approval of the financial statements for May 2016.

4. **Attendance request(s)**
   
   Approval of several requests.

5. **Personnel**
   
   Approval of personnel recommendations.

6. **Trip request(s)**
   
   This item was deleted.

7. **Out-of-state travel request(s)**
   
   Approval of the travel requests for Steven Hawkins and Col. Stephen O’Rear to Citadel Cadet

If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board, with respect to any matter considered at this meeting, that person will need a record of the proceedings; and for such purpose that person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

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Leadership Course ROTC in Charleston, SC (6/5-10/16); Rachel Budwick to SCAD Educator Essentials Conference in Savannah, GA (7/10-15/16).

8. Approval of attachment #17-035-A47 to NEFEC Contract #731-17-035 for 2016-17
   Approval of the above referenced attachment to contract.

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10. Title I, Part A, Improving Academic Achievement for the Disadvantaged for 2016-17
    Approval of the above referenced application.

11. Title III, Part A, English Language Acquisition for 2016-17
    Approval of the above referenced application.

12. Adult Education & Family Literacy Adult General Education for 2016-17
    Approval of the above referenced application.

13. English Language Learners (ELL) Plan for 2016-2019
    Approval of the above referenced plan.

14. Voluntary Pre-K Education Statewide Provider Agreement with Early Learning Coalition for 2016-17
    Approval of the above referenced agreement.

15. Approval of advertised policy 5.101
    Approval to advertise the above referenced policy.

Regular Agenda Items

16. Parrish McCall Contract
    The Superintendent asked Mr. Michael Walsh of Parrish McCall to come forward noting Parrish McCall had been working closely with board attorney Mr. Willingham to insure all was in order. Mr. Walsh stated everyone is in agreement and they are ready to proceed with construction. Superintendent’s recommendation: approval of Parrish McCall contract. Motion to approve by Mrs. Daniels and seconded by Ms. Wiggins; the motion carried unanimously.

17. Varsity Football Schedule for 2016-17
    The Superintendent provided handouts with summary notes regarding homecoming activities and parade time. The Superintendent’s recommendation: approval of the Varsity Football schedule for 2016-17. Motion to approve by Mrs. Daniels and seconded by Mrs. Wiggins; the motion passed unanimously.

18. Bell schedules for 2016-17
    The Superintendent provided information regarding the above referenced item. Superintendent’s recommendation: approval of the bell schedules for 2016-17. Motion to approve by Mrs. Daniels and seconded by Mr. Bullard; the motion carried unanimously.

19. Student Progression Plan for 2016-17
    This item was deleted.

20. Approval of 2015-16 Salary schedules for 2016-17 pending negotiations
    The Superintendent provided information for the above referenced. Superintendent’s recommendation: approval of the 2015-16 Salary schedules for 2016-17 pending negotiations. Motion to approve by Mrs. Daniels and seconded by Mr. Bullard; the motion carried unanimously.

21. Proposed Budget Advertisements for review and approval to advertise
    The Superintendent provided information regarding the above referenced item. It was noted the meeting will be held on July 25, 2016 at 5:05 p.m. Superintendent’s recommendation: approval of the Proposed Budget Advertisements. Motion to approve by Mr. Bullard and seconded by Mrs. McCall; the motion carried unanimously.
22. Job description – Coordinator-Special Project/Title I Family and Community Outreach
The Superintendent provided information on this item. Superintendent’s recommendation: approval of job description for Coordinator-Special Project/Title I Family and Outreach. Motion to approve by Mrs. Wiggins and second by Mrs. McCall; the motion carried unanimously.

23. Amendment to HCSB Section 504 Procedures/Plan
The Superintendent provided information on the above referenced item. Superintendent’s recommendation: approval of amendment to HSCB Section 504 Procedures/Plan. Motion to approve by Mr. Bullard and seconded by Mrs. Daniels; the motion carried unanimously.

24. Approval of Coke Contract for 2016-17
This item was deleted.

Non-Action Items
a. fuel consumption report
b. attorney issues
c. public records request(s)
d. information from board members
   Mr. Bullard noted the information from Mr. McLeod should be an eye opener and something will have to be done to improve the retention of good teachers. He appreciates the information provided.

   The Superintendent stated over the last 3 years, a little over 45% of ongoing teachers that had been here for years, have retired and not many locals are in the pipeline for education. He did note one of the things we are excited about is to have six seniors who are interested in pursuing a teacher career and want to come back to Hamilton County to teach. He agreed with Mr. McLeod that one of the biggest issues we face is we do not have housing and folks will come here but do not like the long drive. He also stated the day had started out very well with the groundbreaking and expressed thanks to those who participated and how encouraging it is to see the contract finalized and the opportunity to move forward.

   Mr. Godwin stated he appreciated those who had appeared before the Board conducting themselves in an appropriate manner.

e. other

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:08 p.m. based on a motion by Mrs. Daniels and seconded by Mr. Bullard.

Thomas P. Moffses, Jr.                                Gary Godwin
Superintendent                                      Board Chairman

Minutes pending board approval September 12, 2016.

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