
**HAMILTON COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD
MINUTES OF REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING AND DISCIPLINE HEARING
MONDAY, AUGUST 8, 2016**

The Hamilton County School Board met in the Board Room of the District Administration Building on Monday, August 8, 2016. Present were Superintendent Thomas P. Moffses, Jr., school board members Johnny Bullard (Vice-Chair), Jeanie Daniels, Cheryl McCall, and Suzette Wiggins, and board attorney, Jay Willingham.

Business Meeting

Call to Order - by the Vice-Chairman at 9:00 a.m. Mr. Bullard led the prayer; Ms. Daniels led the pledge to the flag.

Presentations

Representatives from contractors, Parrish McCall provided photos of the current construction work along with narratives of each. Everyone was pleased with how much has been accomplished in three weeks. Going forward aerial photos will be included each month along with updates.

Ms. Rebecca Laymen and Ms. Rita Dopp with the United Way Mentoring Program (Reading Pals) provided handouts and addressed the board regarding the program. Reading Pals is set to kick off in mid-September. They explained following successful background checks, volunteers will be brought in to attend a training orientation prior to helping the children. Each volunteer will work with one to two children to provide an hour of tutoring. Grant funds will enable them to buy "take home" books and supplies for the children.

Mr. Don Fenneman and Ms. Leslie Carter gave updates on the Education Foundation. They discussed the Education Foundation had provided monetary assistance for the 2014-15 Academic Banquet and awarded five college scholarships to seniors that year. In 2015-16 they were able award six college scholarships and are in the process of securing more money with Duke Energy to provide assistance with the Academic Banquet for 2016-17. Mr. Fenneman noted Duke Energy was able to come and see the students in action with the Robotics program and relayed how much they enjoyed seeing their money at work. Special thanks were given to Ms. Porter and her team for writing the grant for Robotics and Space Camp. The STARS program was also discussed and that applications and criteria for the scholarship will be provided. They are excited to have funds they did not know about and mentioned they will need a mentoring person from the school to help regarding students. The possibility was also discussed to have Art students prepare a graphic design for the logo for the Foundation.

On behalf of Mike Williams, Superintendent Moffses presented a ten thousand dollar check from Potash Corp. which is for the STEM programs.

Individual Appearances - None

Agenda Modifications

The Superintendent requested the agenda be modified by deleting Item # 7: Travel requests and Item # 8: Out of State travel requests; He also requested to add Item #14: MOU between NEFEC and HCSD; and Item #15: Career Pathways Articulation Agreement with Tallahassee Community College and HCSD. The Chairman deemed the modifications and additions for timely action by the Board. Motion to amend by Ms. Daniels and seconded by Ms. McCall; the motion carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda Items

The Vice-Chairman asked if there were any items to be pulled for discussion or separate action; there were none. Superintendent's recommendation: approval of the items listed on the consent agenda. Motion to approve by Ms. Daniels and seconded by Ms. McCall; the motion carried unanimously.

Minutes

Approval of minutes of June 2016.

Paid bills

Approval of paid bills for July 1-27, 2016.

Financial statements

Approval of financial statements for June 2016.

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Budget Amendment

Approval of budget amendment.

Attendance request(s)

Approval of several requests.

Personnel

Approval of personnel recommendations.

Travel Requests

This item was deleted.

Out-of-state travel request(s)

This item was deleted.

SSDCC Resolution & participation fees for 2016-17

Approval of the above referenced resolution.

Title II, Part A, Teacher & Principal training and recruiting fund for 2016-17

Approval of the above referenced item.

Regular Agenda Items

Contractual agreement with HCSD & Madison Co School Board/North Fl. Career Pathways Consortium

The Superintendent provided information on this item noting it had been slightly modified to provide a little more money for our county. Superintendent's recommendation: approval of the above referenced contract. Motion to approve by Ms. McCall and seconded by Ms. Daniels; the motion carried unanimously.

Agreement for Professional Services between HCSD & ED-TRAKK, Inc.(FDLRS)

The superintendent provided information on this item noting it was a continuation and recommended approval. Motion to approved by Ms. Daniels and seconded by Ms. Wiggins; the motion carried unanimously.

Master Inservice Plan for 2016-17 (annual renewal with updates)

The Superintendent provided information regarding the above referenced and recommended approval. Motion to approve by Ms. McCall and seconded by Ms. Wiggins; the motion carried unanimously.

MOU - NEFEC

The Superintendent provided information on this noting the MOU with NEFEC is a new grant dealing with health services and recommended approval. Motion to approve by Ms. Daniels and seconded by Ms. McCall; the motion carried unanimously.

Career Pathways Articulation Agreement

The Superintendent provided information on this item stating it is a continuation of agreement with Tallahassee Community College. Superintendent's recommendation: approval of the articulation agreement. Motion to approve by Ms. McCall and seconded by Ms. Wiggins; the motion carried unanimously.

Non-Action Items

- a. fuel consumption report
- b. attorney issues - none
- c. public records request(s)
- d. information from board members

Ms. McCall thanked the Education Foundation for sharing information with the Board. She was also impressed with the Reading Pals program and as a former Kindergarten teacher would be interested in helping.

Mr. Bullard also thankful for the Reading Pals program noting many of our children are faced with challenges and help in that type instruction is most welcome. He is appreciative of those who are willing

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to tackle those challenges and also for our bus drivers. He thanked those who do work on the school grounds and how well the facilities looked for the return of students and faculty. He asked that you give an encouraging word to the new teachers and to keep the school system in your prayers.

Superintendent Moffses noted “meet the teacher” is today at HCHS and tomorrow at all three elementary schools. He stated teachers are excited and are looking forward to meeting the parents. He thanked the staff for all their hard work in preparing for this day. He also appreciates the construction team for coming in with updates and thanked them for the hard work they have done in such a short amount of time. Everything is on time or ahead of schedule. He also appreciates all the board has done with the schools. He also mentioned our reading program and that he is excited to see our students starting on or ahead of grade level.

e. other

Discipline Reviews

The Hamilton County School Board conducted a discipline review beginning at 10:00 a.m. and ending at 11:00 a.m.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:01 a.m. based on a motion by Ms. McCall and seconded by Ms. Wiggins.

Thomas P. Moffses, Jr.
Superintendent

Gary Godwin
Board Chairman

Minutes pending board approval October 10, 2016.

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