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Agenda

HCA Executive Board Meeting Notes

2/28/17

6:00p.m.

HCA Commons Area

Board Members / Staff in attendance:

Ms. Wheeler, Mrs. French, Mrs. Bowman, Ms. Rye, Mr. Edwards,
Dr. Roberson, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Murry, Mr. Brown

Meeting called to order

- Mr. Edwards, President called meeting to order 6:01pm
Mr. Edwards welcomed parents to board meeting. Mr. Edwards then yielded floor to Mr. Taylor for the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Taylor yielded the floor to Dr. Roberson for the Invocation.
Dr. Roberson leads the board and audience in the invocation and yielded the floor back to Mr. Taylor for the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Taylor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Parent Questions / Presentations

- **There were no parent presentations. Mr. Edwards Closed that portion of the meeting. The parents were welcomed to remain as observers.**

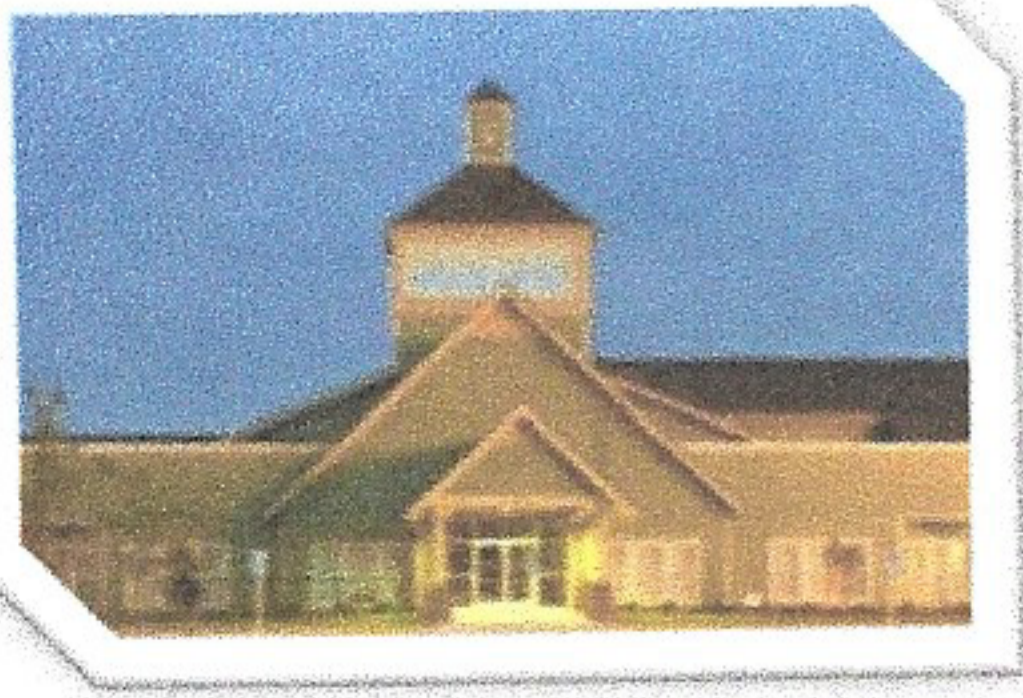
Announcements: (Review vote procedure Mr. Edwards)

- Approve minutes from January 31, 2017
 - o Call for vote to approve minutes – Ms. Rye
 - o Seconded the vote - Mr. Murray
 - Vote:
 - o Motion carries Unanimously
- New Q3 Interim date: Friday, 2/17- **Mr. Brown**
Due to the weather the dates had to be moved.
- Enrichment Summer Program - **Mr. Brown**
There have been many parents to approach Administration about looking for break week care. Child Care centers will not allow students to attend if it is not a scheduled ACPS break week. HCA offered this service last break week and had a good turn out; HCA will continue to offer break week care. HCA wants to have a program that will not be a daycare, but will target students and can help them grow academically. HCA will also have a Summer program.

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-What is the cost of running the building compared to what we will bring in? – **Mr. Taylor**
The administrative staff and some other staff members will be in the building during Summer hours. The building will already be in use. Therefore, there should be no impact on the budget. – **Mr. Brown**

- Have you looked at Odel Weeks charges? **Mr. Taylor**

We are going to look at different ideas but we are looking at enrichment and looking at targeting students that need help to grow academically, according to Mrs. Scott- Murray.

- Hope you have pamphlets ready for when we have open house. - **Mr. Murray**

- Can we get a link on web page? - **Ms. Rye**

We are trying to go electronic – **Mr. Brown**

We are going to move into reports, I yield the floor to Mrs. Bowman for Financials

– **Mr. Edwards**

Reports

Finance Report : **Board Treasurer : Mrs. Bowman**

I will yield the floor to Mr. Brown for the monthly financial report.

Mr. Moser is sick tonight so I will go over the financial – **Mr. Brown**

When will the 135 day money be expected? – **Ms. Rye**

They will make the 135 day adjustment on March 31st;

On 135 we may be around 500 students – **Mr. Brown**

How many rooms do we have that can be utilized that are used for storage? - **Ms. Rye**

Every room will be utilized next year. - **Mr. Brown**

Thank you Mr. Brown; I would like to now yield the floor to Ms. Wheeler - **Mr. Edwards**

Education Report: **Education Chair: Ms. Wheeler**

I will yield the floor to Dr. Roberson – **Ms. Wheeler**

I would like to ask the board to approve the HCA Matriculation Schedule (High School Program)

– **Dr. Roberson**

Is there any discussion before I ask for the Motion to approve the HCA Matriculation Schedule?

– **Mr. Edwards**

o Is there any cost to this? **Ms. Wheeler**

Mr. Moser and I have put it into a program, however, we only have continuing numbers. We need open enrollment numbers to add to that to make a calculation- **Mr. Brown**

Before any of this can happen, we need to vote on having a 9th grade. – **Ms. Rye**

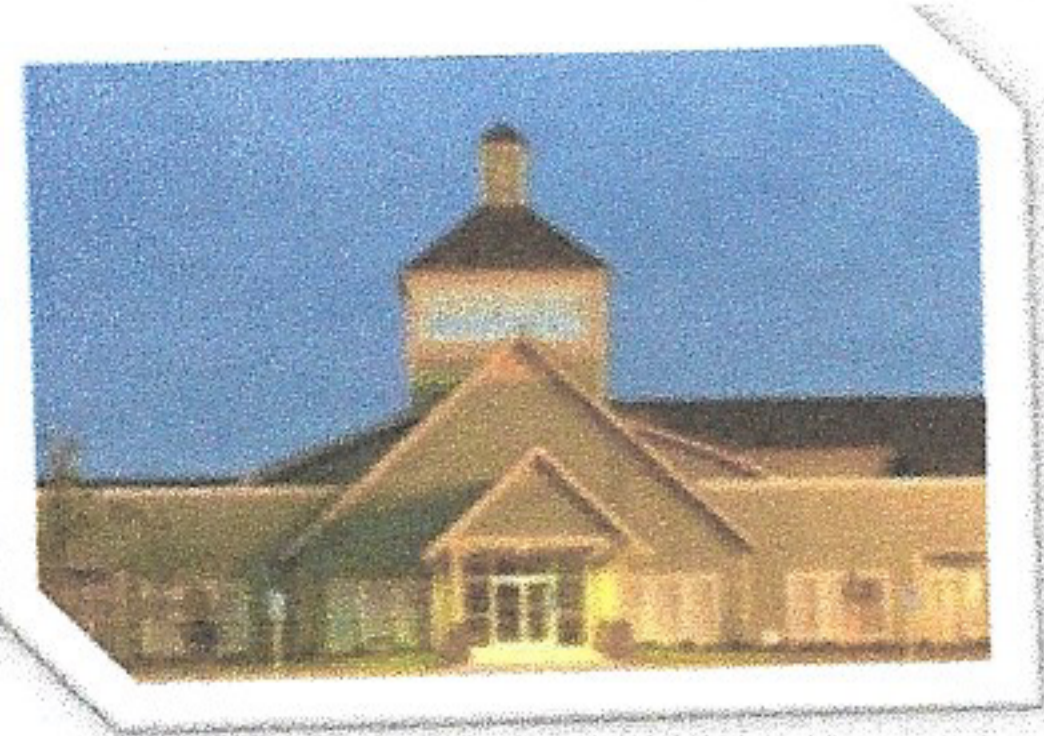
We have 8th graders completing IGP's to attend to another school. – **Ms. Rye**

We must have an approved program first before we can offer these students anything. - **Ms. Rye**

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For the program to go with modular it is way out of our budget. We need to try to house 9th grade in house

– **Mr. Murray**

- o Your adding a 3rd grade, so where are you going to house people in 10 years?

- **Mr. Taylor**

We must get modular buildings to house the higher grades later, it's just not in the budget now. – **Mr. Murray**

- o Why is a parent with an AP student going to send their student here? – **Mr. Taylor**

We put great teachers in place, and we have great teachers to give their student the best education out there.

– **Mr. Brown**

- o We have 7th & 8th grade students that are catching up from the mistakes of past confusion in the school. It is not fair to not give them a chance to continue their education here and make progress. - **Ms. Rye**

- o You cannot bring students that have gotten their education into a classroom with lower students. – **Ms. Wheeler**

Dr. Roberson, maybe you can help explain the vision behind the matriculation schedule – **Mr. Edwards**

Let me see if I can help us with our mental culture. We are a "want it now" society; we want it yesterday. We are going to assess, learn, and teach. It is not the students learning but the teachers leaning. The test scores are not there. We are building from early childhood education through high school. Will it take time? Yes. Will it take patients? Yes, Ms. Morris is working hard with our teachers. You must scale down your microwave mindset and let Mrs. Morris and the teachers do the work that needs to be done. Patience is a war strategy; the enemy defeats us because we are not patient. We want it done yesterday, but we must check ourselves and know that it takes patience. Mr. Brown, Mrs. Morris, and I meet and discuss education and the expected outcome. – **Dr. Roberson**

- o Has anyone talked to an architect show the community what the campus will look like? – **Mr. Taylor**

Let's table this and come back under facility, I don't think this fits under the matriculation schedule.

- **Mr. Edwards**

- o I think it does, what is it we are voting on? – **Mr. Taylor**

We sit on 30 acres of land. I love to draw, I can draw up all kinds of plans. – **Mr. Brown**

- o Mr. Brown, how many 8th graders do we have? – **Ms. Rye**

The count now is 20 continuing students. It's all about 1 student and I will fight for that one.

– **Mr. Brown**

- o What about Fundraising? – **Mr. Taylor**

We cannot address that now because it is not on the agenda – **Mr. Edwards**

We agree to disagree – We cannot have a high school without fundraising. -**W. Taylor**

This is not on the agenda. I'm sorry. – **Mr. Edwards**

This is why we hired Dr. Roberson, to move HCA in this direction. – **Mr. Edwards**

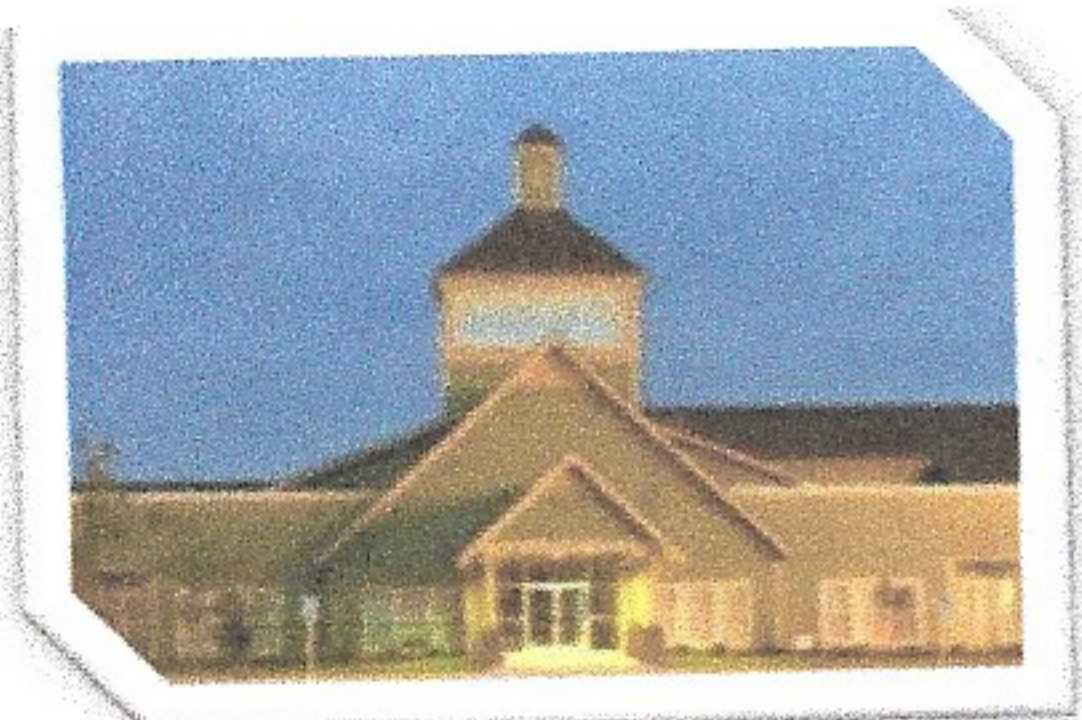
- o I feel it is not responsible to vote for four years, why not just vote for one year?

– **Ms. Wheeler**

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Close your eyes, signify by the raising of the hand, how many of you know what a strategic plan is?

- Dr. Roberson

That's what this (Matriculation Schedule) is a strategic plan to move towards a goal. A strategic plan has provisions to adjust. If we see we can't go here this year, we back up and update the board. Every organization that is doing anything in the community has a strategic plan. It is a wish plan, all the people are not there, all the money is not there. No all the money is not all there and the people are not there but, the plan will be out there. Faith is a strategic plan, this is what we need to move our students where they need to be, I am going to make a leap and ask you to trust us until you see that you can't. We are excited about where we are going and where we are going in the community. **- Dr. Roberson**

- o Its good and we have the money I feel we should vote on the 9th grade and bring it back to the board for the 8th approval. **- Mr. Murray**

Here is the thing we already have the staff to teach the high school **- Mr. Brown**

- o If we can't go to 9th grade how will that look to parents? **- Mrs. French**
- **Motion to vote for the Matriculation Schedule - Mr. Edwards**
- **I second to vote for the Matriculation Schedule - Ms. Rye**
- **All IN favor for the Matriculation Schedule - Bowman, Murray, Rye, Edwards (Yes)**
- **All NOT in favor of the Matriculation Schedule - Taylor, Wheeler, French (No)**
- **Motion passes 4/3**

- Approval to send memorandum to the U.S. Secretary of Education **- Dr. Roberson**

I would like to have the board read in a low volume whisper read the first page. Turn the volume up a little bit please, increase the volume. We are asking the new secretary of education to help us get bus transportation for Aiken County students whose parents are not able to drive them to HCA **- Dr. Roberson**

- Approval HCA administration to Explore License to operate a 1K, 2K, 3K 4K Jump Start Program **- Mr. Murray**

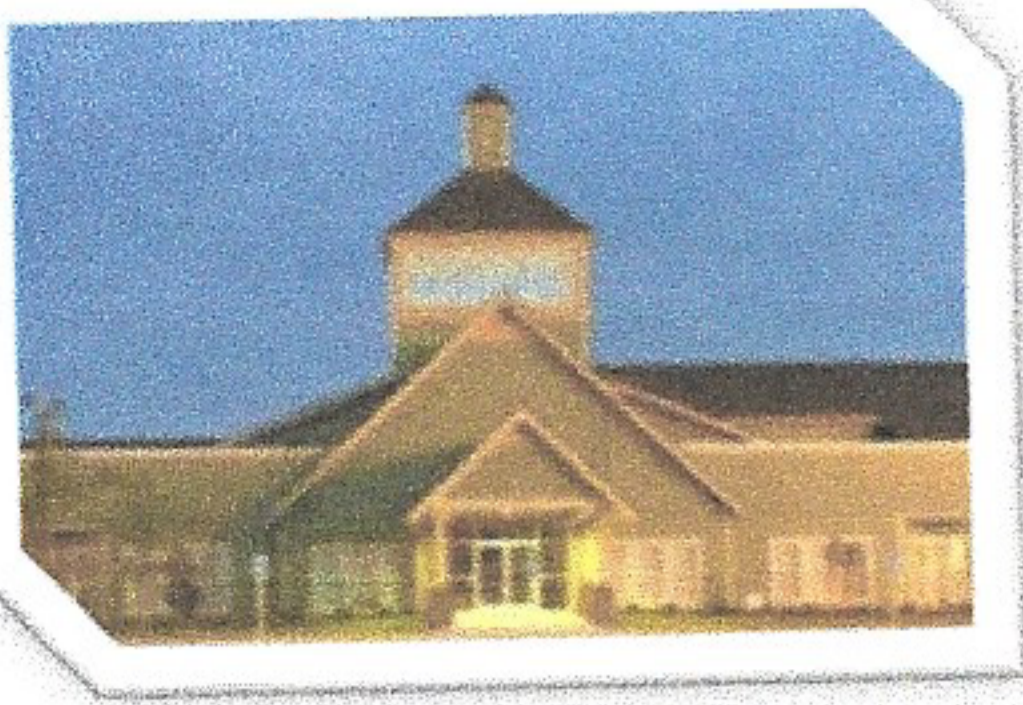
We have parents calling and asking everyday about 1K, 2K, 3K. We are looking for the opportunity to explore the opportunity to consider this type of program. How can we have a program not housed in this building. We want them to be learning. **-Mr. Murray**

- o **Are you thinking of bringing 3K back here? - Mr. French**

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We cannot house 3K here because the program here is funded under certain criteria.

HCA Jump Start Program— **Dr. Roberson/ Mrs. Scott- Murray**

- I will yield the floor to Mrs. Murray to review the details of the program. - **Dr. Roberson**
The HCA administration would like to investigate the possibilities of starting a Jump Start program that would cater to children ages one – three years of age. This program will give children the academic foundation they need before they enter 4K. HCA does not want to start with the sprout but the seed and nurture it all the way through to the flower. We feel this gives children the best learning environment. – **Mrs. Scott-Murray**

I don't think we need a vote, until we get more details from the investigation and are ready to move forward with obtaining the license for operation. – **Mr. Edwards**

Approval to extend Mr. Ameet Bosmia contract with HCA as Intervention Lead Specialist for the remainder of the school year. – **Mr. Brown**

- o What amount of money are we talking about? - **Ms. Rye**

The maximum amount would be \$ 2,000.00 a month - **Mr. Brown**

- o I will entertain a motion to continue the contract for Mr. Bosmia through the end of the 2016-2017 academic year - **Mr. Edwards**
- o I make the motion to continue the contract for Mr. Bosmia through the end of the 2016-2017 academic year - **Ms. Rye**
- o I Second the motion. - **Mrs. Bowman**
- o Motion carried unanimously

Results of SRI and SMI testing – **Mrs. Morris**

Secretaries Report: **Board Secretary: Mrs. French**

I have no reports tonight

Facilities Report: **Facilities Chair: Mr. Murray**

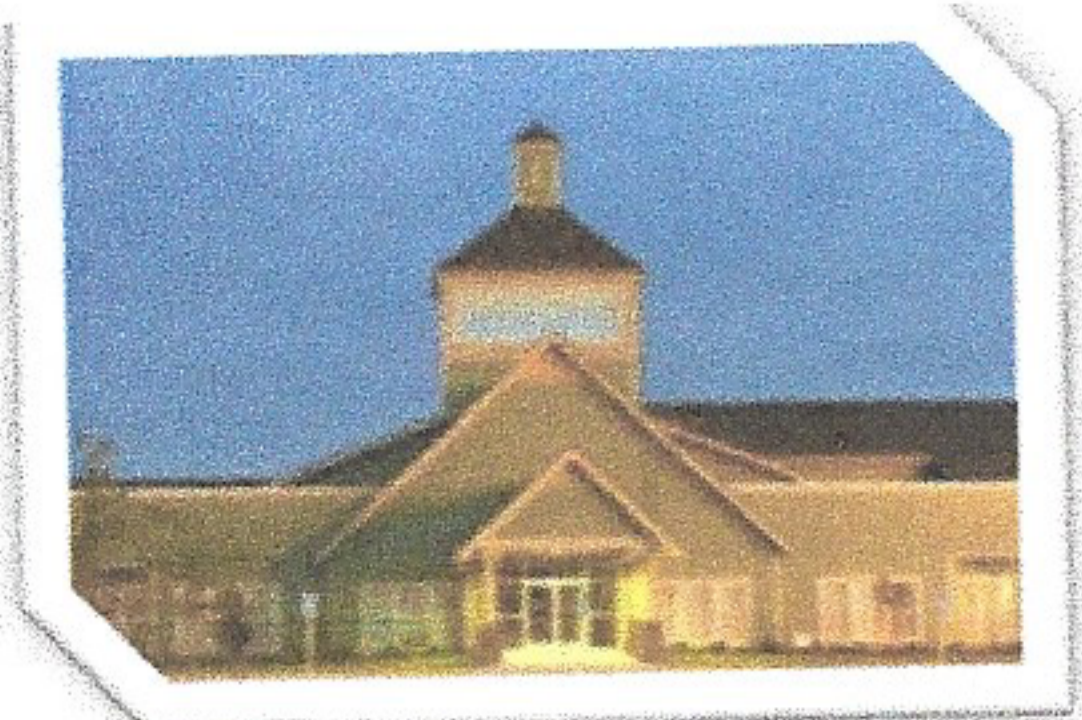
Mr. Steve Earnhardt presenting modular building brief – **did not show**

- o Update Pave the way update
 - On the Pave the Way donations the school has received around \$3,000.00

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- o I am also asking for approval to look at housing for the 1,2,3K program.
- o I would also like to ask permission to work with Mr. Brown and Dr. Roberson to work on the exploring modular plans for the high school. – **Mr. Murray**
 - I do not think it requires a vote now for approval to explore modular plan for high school – **Mr. Edwards**

Approve to explore plan for MVP property

- o After further research and talking with Mr. Turner it is my recommendation to Dr. Roberson that the last \$10,000.00 be paid to the architect and clear that bill from HCA. – **Mr. Murray**

Governance Report:

Governance Chair: Mr. Taylor

- First draft presentation of Board Operation Manual
- o Looked at other manuals but we cannot move forward until we have a **policy procedure policy** - **Mr. Taylor**
- o We all need to look at these policies, edit them and consider tonight a first reading and vote on them next board meeting. – **Ms. Wheeler**
- o It would be better to do a second reading before we sending to Mr. Turner – **Ms. Wheeler**
- o The board reviews the document for edits
 - Motion to pass the document – **Ms. Wheeler**
- o We will review the document next month
 - The President entertained the motion to move out of session offered by -**Mr. Murray**
 - The motion to move out of session was Seconded by - **Mrs. French**
 - The motion passed unanimous

Questions or Comments: Board President will entertain comments from Board Members after each report.

Executive Session:

Open Session: Adjourn

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