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Agenda
HCA Executive Board Meeting
1/31/17
6:00p.m.
HCA Commons Area

Meeting called to order

- Mr. Edwards, President meeting called to order 6:00pm

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

- Ms. Rye, Vice President
- Moment of Silence
- Turn pledge over to Mr. Murray
- Mr. Edwards turn floor over to Renee Otero who discussed dress code (shirts & belts)

Parent Questions / Presentations

- Renee Otero - School Dress Code
 - Are you aware of the guidelines?
 - Yes
 - My name is: Renee Otero
 - I would like to talk about the shirts being tucked in next year.
 - o shirt being tucked in puts an emphasis on body type
 - o Some children are bigger than others pick on for their body type
 - o Smaller children cannot get their belts off to get to the restroom and have accidents
 - o Teen girls have changes going on with their bodies also and shirts being tucked in makes them feel uncomfortable. Please consider this before you do the dress code for next year.
 - Mrs. Murry will take note and get with you Mrs. Otero. – **Dr. Roberson**
 - Get with her she is standing in the back – **Mr. Brown**
- (Mr. Brown pointed Mrs. Otero to Mrs. Murray located in the back of the room)**

Announcements:

I would like to make an announcement:

The way votes are taken will change: The secretary Mrs. Jenny French will mark all votes made by the raising of hands of all in favor, not in favor, or abstention and turn into Mrs. Vance to add to minutes – **Mr. Edwards**

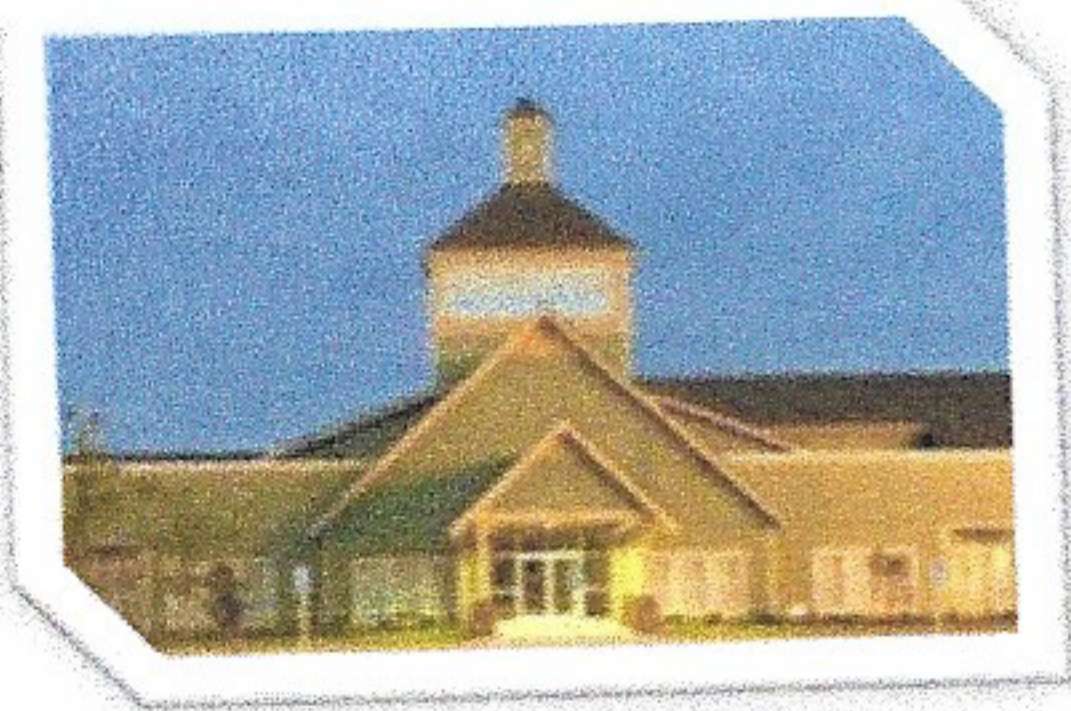
Mr. Edwards made the motion to approve minutes from January 03, 2017 meeting.

- Mr. Murray – made the motion to approve the minutes
- Ms. Rye – Seconded
- o The motion passed Unanimously

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- The President yields the floor to **Mr. Ameet Bosmia**
- Student Achievement / Benchmark Process:
 - Slide show see attached copy:**
 - o ACPS spends 4million dollars on reading programs.
 - o 60% are at or below grade-level in reading across Aiken co.
 - o There are 4 types of Assessments: EasyCBM, Progress Monitoring, Diagnostics, Outcome
 - o Mr. Bosmia recommended the following steps for reading intervention:
 1. Identify
 2. Monitor
 3. Collect
 4. Assess
 - o Benchmarking Results:
 - 3times a year
 - Fall, Winter, and Spring
 - o Teacher led instruction, pull out, small groups
 - o EIS (Early Intervention Services)
 - o Mislabeled students: If you are behind the student will continue to be behind:
 - o Response Intervention (Tier 1)
 - o Behind a little bit (Tier 2) – Tear 2 is tried out before going to special education
 - o Tear 3 special education services for those students who truly need it.
 - o **MTSS** What is important:
 - Teaching what is important
 - Keeping track of student progress
 - Making changes when needed

As a dyslexic person – how do we help dyslexic students here?- **Mr. Taylor**

Teacher is collecting regular data – if the student is behind- send to Ms. Enos for a small group risk instruction, and working with parents. Then psychologist gets involved and starts getting special services.

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Very impressed with your presentations and only see it going up and I appreciate it. – **Mr. Murray**

Mr. Bosmia, I appreciate your time and your time away from your family. You have walked us through the facts. – **Mr. Edwards**

Outstanding Job, Mr. Bosmia works very closely with the principal and director of instruction – **Dr. Roberson**

HCA Board Operations Manual: **Board President Mr. Edwards**

- I have heard multiple comments that it would be better if everyone worked on this document.
- I would like to hand this document off to Mr. Taylor and bring it back to the board in February.

You can put a small group of people together to work on the manual and then come back together with the entire board to work on it together.

Mr. Taylor - I would like a new member and existing member
Mrs. Rye – I can help
Ms. Wheeler- I can help

Reports

Finance Report:

Board Treasurer: Mrs. Bowman

- Monthly Finance Report: **Bill Moser**
- We did not get charged for back payments for water
- **See attachment:**

Turn floor over to Dr. Roberson

- Board Member Services Remuneration: **Dr. Roberson**

Cognitive Activity –

Read first paragraph in a medium voice
This is to show you value not to compensate you, regarding the stipend.
There are options you can take if you choose to or not
Take the stipend; via e-mail, text, or telephone, let Ms. Vance know.

Do you have any questions? – **Dr. Roberson**
No questions

Mr. President may I have the floor; this month is board appreciation month and we would like to give you a small gift to show our appreciation and our thanks for all you do. – **Mr. Brown**

Yield the floor to Ms. Wheeler

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Education Report:

Education Chair: Ms. Wheeler

-HCA Student Achievement Data
I Brought the data you ask for last week that came from the much larger sheet of Data.
How do we compare to the schools we bump up against? **W. Taylor**
We are below Chucker Creek, we are slightly above some of the other – **Mr. Brown**
We are going to focus on reading and then kick in with math. – **Mr. Brown**
We are in the top 5% in most categories

Secretaries Report:

Board Secretary: Mrs. French

- The changes have been made to the parent presentation process. Parents can now request to be on the board agenda by noon the day of the board meeting.

- Question: Does the request need to be emailed at noon with attachments or documents here by site at noon? - **Andra Vance**

Facilities Report:

Facilities Chair: Mr. Murray

-Last Meetings Parent presentation: School playground – I am still working on moving the playground equipment, cleaning up and moving up around the school.

-MVP Campus Report and Update: We can sell the trailers in the back of the MVP property if we choose to do so. That is something we can look at if it comes up.

As far as the architect contract, I looked at it a little closer and would like to do some investigating and some more research before we pay this amount. I have asked the senior administrative assistant Andra Vance to look through the minutes to see what can be found.
The contract states the architect will oversee the completion of the gym, meet with the contractor and owner as well as making a final visit throughout the gym completion.

-Addressing HCA Driveway Maintenance and Paving

I think we can make this happen and you can help.
300 families \$100.00 – 30,000.00
We can get a go- fund- me account.
It can go to parent hours.
The drainage issue will be taken care of? – **Ms. Rye**
The company will take care of it

- Mr. Taylor was yielded the floor

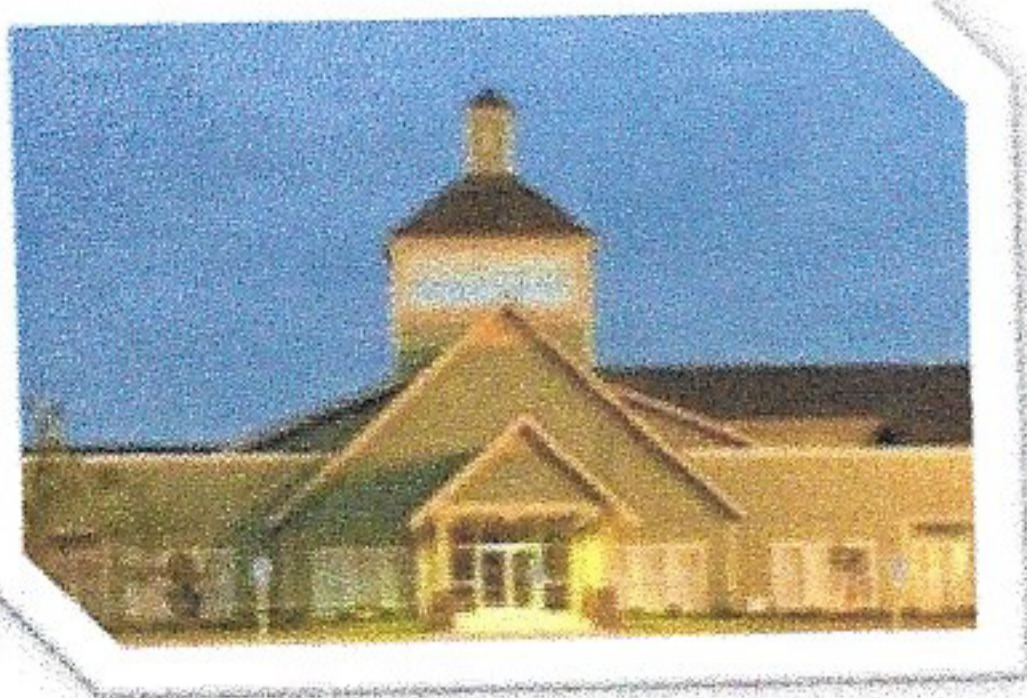
-HCA activities bus: Mr. Taylor

Field Trip – activity bus
66 passenger bus 60,000.00 new
80,000.00 new
30,000.00 used bus

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More as a parent than a board member I think this is something we need. I don't think it is fair for our parents.

Does it have to be paid for all at once? Can't we make payments? - **Mr. Murray**

Have you looked at Columbia? - **Ms. Rye**

We are waiting on a response back for the vehicles they have available

I have two certified mechanics that can go over the bus for us - **Mrs. French**

Where will it be stored? - **Ms. Wheeler**

Working with the UPS grant, we are hoping to get the school fenced in. - **Mr. Brown**

Thank you for the information sounds like we are on the ten-yard line, let us know when you are ready to bring the full presentation to the board for a call to vote. - **Mr. Edwards**

- **Facility Funds** - I made contact and they have tagged our school as one of the schools that will have funds coming directly to HCA to do what we need to do improve our facility - **Dr. Roberson**
- We are being discussed all the way in Washington DC; we have a prototypical model, there are no other schools that have a 4K- pre-college program.

Motion to move to executive session - **Mr. Edwards**

Motion to move: **Mr. Murray**

Seconded **Mrs. Rye**

The motion passed Unanimously

Executive Session:

Breach of Confidentiality Agreement

Session: Adjourn

Out of executive session 8:07

Motion made to return to Open Session- **Mr. Edwards**

Second - **Ms. Rye**

Back in open session 8:09pm

yield the floor to Ms. Rye

~~How many parents and students have we had interested in (interruption)~~

We need to strike that question as it was not on the agenda and we have not adjourned.

Mr. Edwards made the Motion to adjourn

Mr. Murray seconded

The motion passed unanimously

Adjourn 8:10pm

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