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HCA Board Meeting – 03.23.21 Horse Creek Academy Commons 6pm

Kevin Murray, Chair- Present
Michele Bulmer, Vice Chair-Present
Ashley Pitts, Secretary-
Present
Jennifer Heverly, Treasurer-
Present

Susan Groseclose, Member-
Present
Dustin Ennis, Member-Present
Julie Jordan- Member- Present
Pete Frommer, Member- Absent
Brittney Jackson, Member- Present

Guests:
Cameron Runyan, Superintendent (CIE)
Tyler, Attorney-Absent

Meeting called to order - 6:00 PM (K. Murray).called to order @ 6pm.

- Dr. Ann Marie Taylor (Invocation)
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Ashley Pitts (Mission Statement): "Our mission is to create an innovative and challenging learning environment that teaches the whole learner through the pillars of connection, flexibility, and service".

Amendment made by Michelle to change the date for the budget workshop from 3/30 to 3/31- Jennifer seconded and motion passed.

Chair's Report: none

- CIE Fraud policy- Mr. Cameron Runyan, superintendent- Dr. Taylor introduced Mr. Cameron Runyan. Mr. Runyan spoke regarding Fraud policy. Complimented Dr. Taylor. Part of CIE's role is to authorize and create policies with IG. All policies are designed to make sure that financial responsibility is in place to ensure nothing goes "sideways". CIE worked with IG to develop best practices. Kevin talked with another representative regarding Fraud policy and board will discuss at next board meeting. Spoke regarding expansion- CIE excited about expansion. Kevin thanked Mr. Runyan and his staff for everything they have done to support the expansion. Would like to include some representatives to be a part of the State Culture Meeting. Mr. Runyan spoke about history of CIE- there was a need and opened with 9,000 students on day one. CIE is the 8th largest school district in state of SC. Spoke regarding how politicians see numbers and they see what charter schools are doing for the communities. HCA has really gotten the attention of the legislator and governor. This is going to help us bear fruit by helping put momentum in securing a permanent funding source. Dr. Taylor commended the board on making the decision to open back up face to face. If we can secure permanent funding there are a lot of things we can do beyond that but we must get permanent funding first as the foundation. Thanked the board and Dr. Taylor for everything we have done.

Vice Chair's Report:

- Plumbing Repairs-Must be discussed in executive session and will vote back in public session
- Budget Workshop- Scheduled for 3/30-voting item- Move the board meeting to Wednesday, 3/31 @ 6pm-8pm: motion made by Michelle, Dennis seconded, voted to change date to 3/31.

Committee Reports:

- Non-Profit Committee Report- Michelle and Susan with Brittany made a push to sell horseshoes- Going well. Pizza party for each top selling class in each hallway. Dennis, Kevin and Brittany will sponsor hallways. Top seller of all students get to be principal of the day with Dr. Taylor. Next fundraising event is the Dinner Theatre.
- Growth Committee Report-none

Secretary's Report:

- Approval of last meeting minutes- motioned to approve meeting minutes, Dennis seconded- motion passed.



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Treasurer's Report: New accountant- Andrew. He will prepare a spreadsheet that Jennifer will get a few times a month. This will help with the program that Dr. Taylor is doing with federal funding of \$749,000. Right now as of today we would have \$197,000 cash on hand. This funding is reimbursable by CIE.

- **Adding additional signs to afternoon carline-** Spoke about afternoon carline. There are a group of kids that come out around 130-2 to play on the playground. Kids are running across the carline chasing balls and not looking for cars. Ideas? Coordination with teacher that is out on playground with kids or put signs out that are portable. Dr. Taylor suggested going to admin team to ask about safety issue. Board suggested temporary fence. Dr. Taylor to meet with admin team tomorrow and brief board on concern.

Executive Director's Report:

- **Monthly Financials-** Dr. Taylor said we are actually in a really good spot. Made the estimation today that we may have a couple \$100,000 to spare this year. No reimbursement from the bond yet but it is coming.
- **ESSR II Discussion-** \$749,000 federal funding from CIE. Going to do summer reading programs, looking to create additional intervention places, Pending approval of devices for each student, safety and air cleaning, learning loss curriculum, smart technologies, Flooring for upgrades that haven't had the floors redone, 3 nights week moving next year with sanitation crew, additional math curriculum, mats for 4K, school nurse's salary.
- **Dr. Taylor Eval- Brittney Jackson present-** We are moving through the SC LEAD training to get qualified to do Dr. Taylor's eval.
- Michelle motioned to go to executive session- Jennifer seconded.

Questions/Comments from Board Members: none

Executive Session: Legal Matters

0633- Executive session started

0730- Brittany Jackson motioned to come back to public session, Jennifer seconded, motioned passed

Open Session: Michelle Bulmer made a motion to repair the plumbing issues according to HCA's fiscal policy. Julie Jordan seconded, motion passed.

0731 Michelle motioned to end board meeting, Dustin seconded, motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 0732.