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## HCA Board Meeting – 06.27.2023- HCA Commons-6pm

Kevin Murray, Chair-**Present**  
Michelle Bulmer, Vice Chair-**Present**  
Ashley Pitts, Secretary-**Present**  
Jared Chambliss, Treasurer-**Present**

Audrey Decker, Member-**Present**  
Phyllis Smith, Member-**Absent**  
Dana Cook, Member-**Present**  
Caryn Butler, Member-**Present**

### **Meeting called to order**-Called to order at 6p

- Dr. Ann Marie Taylor (Invocation)
- Pledge of Allegiance (K. Murray)
- 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".

### **HCA Celebrations:**

- 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Authors (Mrs. Richardson)-**Dr. Taylor introduced Mrs. Richardson to introduce and tell about how these 6<sup>th</sup> graders have been published. A group of sixth graders have been published at the work of Mrs. Richardson. Mrs. Richardson and Dr. Taylor presented the boys with the book and certificate. Dr. Taylor recognized Mrs. Richardson.**
- Nomination for Best Place to Work and Best Place for Continuing Education-**Dr. Taylor presented stating that we were nominated for the second year in a row for the Aiken's Best Place to Work.**
- 60 Days Cash on hand-**Big accomplishment for the Board and school.**

### **Chair's Report:**

### **Vice Chair's Report:**

- Board Training Date- July-**Michelle proposed that we have a board training day in July due to some open vacancies coming open and the board needing a refresher. Proposed date are: 7/15/23 at 1130a. Michelle to look around to make reservations. Possibly Village Café? Michelle to update the board.**
- High School Survey- **Michelle discussed the MS/HS survey that was sent out to parents. Michelle spoke to the reason behind sending out the survey. As a board we wanted to be proactive in addressing issues that may or may not be occurring in MS/HS. Board discussed the survey. Mrs. Lynch presented the High School Academic options. Two schools that HCA participates in Dual Enrollment with- USCA, University of Alabama, SC Governors School for Science/Math and Aiken Tech. HCA has on campus career readiness program with CATE completers such as- Horticulture, Nail Technology, and Digital Media Marketing- along with community relationships that offer work-based learning. Michelle asked about Dual Enrollment and AP offerings. Mrs. Lynch spoke to the future plans. Michelle asked about advertising for HS students.**
- Advanced Classes/Programs- **Discussed in the previous topic.**

### **Committee Reports:**



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- Non Profit Committee- **Nothing to report**
- Charter Rewrite Committee- **Board has not approved new Charter and will need to approve the rewrite prior to Limestone.**
- Athletic Committee-**no update**

#### Secretary's Report:

- Approval of last month's meeting minutes- **Ashley made a motion to approve last month's meeting minutes, Audrey seconded, Motion carried.**

#### Treasurer's Report:

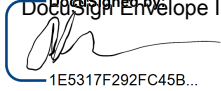
- Monthly Update- **Jared presented Veri's report regarding the monthly financials and all looks really well.**

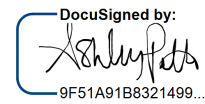
#### Executive Director's Report:

- Pay Scale (State Increased Certified Teacher Scale by \$2500 in July allotment)- **voting item-** **Dr. Taylor presented the new pay scale for teachers. Kevin made a motion to approve the updated pay scale, Jared seconded, motion carried.**
- Policies- **voting items**
  - Discipline(2<sup>nd</sup> Reading)-**To add "vape, tobacco, drug or alcohol use on campus" to the discipline policy. Michelle motion to approve the discipline policy with the above addition, Kevin seconded, motion carried.**
  - Uniform(2<sup>nd</sup> Reading)-**Michelle made a motion to approve the uniform policy, Jared seconded, further discussion had on the discipline policy regarding "oversized" shirt, motion carried by majority vote, Kevin did not vote to approve uniform policy.**
- Sports Fields RFPs- **voting item-****Windham Turf Services of South Carolina submitted an RFP. Total cost for all fields and fencing would cost approx. \$890,000. Kevin requested pictures and more information regarding. Board requesting that representative come to July board meeting. Kevin made a motion to table the Sports Field RFP til July meeting, Michelle seconded, Motion carried.**
- 23-24 Budget (2<sup>nd</sup> Reading)- **voting item-** **proposed budget in One Drive and nothing has changed to the budget. Kevin motion to approve the 23-24 budget, Jared seconded, motion carried.**
  - Purchases over \$7500 board limit- **voting item-** **A few items for the board to approve due to the amount being over \$7500. Boyd Fencing- to build a fence around the new playground out front, cost is roughly \$10,000. Fencing would go around the whole front side of the building. Caryn asked about possibly doing a privacy fencing? Further discussion had on location of playground. Discussion had about long term plans for fencing entire property. Michelle made a motion to approve all three RFPs (Boyd Fencing- approx \$10,000; Learning A-Z- approx \$9,000 and MAP- approx \$15,000), Kevin seconded, motion carried.**

#### Questions/Comments from Board Members:

- Grounds Upkeep- Audrey Decker- **Audrey discussed the overgrowth of grounds and possibly of grounds upkeep, possibly having landscaping company come in and keep up the grounds. Dr. Taylor to have 3 quotes for the board at the next board meeting.**

  
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**Public Comments:**

**Executive Session:** Kevin made a motion to end public session at 741p, Michelle seconded, motion carried. Public session ended at 0741p.

Kevin made a motion to begin executive session at 0741p, Jared seconded, motion carried. Executive session began at 0741p.

- Contractual

Kevin motioned to end executive session, Audrey seconded, motion carried. Executive session ended at 0757p.

Kevin made a motion to come back in public session, Jared seconded, motion carried. Public session began at 0758p.

Kevin made a motion to approve the new contract for Dr. Taylor, Jared seconded, Motion carried- Michelle Bulhmer recused herself from vote. Kevin discussed details of contract with Dr. Taylor and new contract was signed.

Kevin made a motion to end the board meeting, Jared seconded, Motion carried. Board meeting ended at 0759p.