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HCA Board Meeting – 07.25.2023- HCA Commons-6pm

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

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

Meeting called to order- Kevin called to order at 0600p.

- 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:

- Mrs. Busbee – Limestone District Teacher of the Year-**Dr. Taylor presented Mrs. Busbee in regards to being awarded the Limestone Teacher of the Year. She is currently in the running for SC Teacher of the year! Kevin presented Mrs. Busbee with a congratulatory gift from the HCA board.**

Chair’s Report:

Vice Chair’s Report:

- Board Training Date- **5 spots open for September, elections set for beginning of September. Proposed date for election dates is September 12th. Proposed Board Training Date is September 19th at 630pm possibly at the Fuse- Dr. Taylor to ask if we can use their private room.**

Committee Reports:

- Non Profit Committee- **No updates. Sarah presented about Village Partners will launch August 1st. 18 new business signed up to be featured in the school store each month.**
- Charter Rewrite Committee
- Athletic Committee

Secretary’s Report:

- Approval of last month’s meeting minutes- **Ashley made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from last month, Michelle seconded, motion carried.**

Treasurer’s Report:

- Monthly Update- **Jared presented- ending the year with 66 days for cash on hand. Surplus of roughly \$600,000 to start the year off with.**

Executive Director’s Report:

- Items over \$7,500- voting item- **Security update- Caryn and Dana are both serving on the committee with**



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Mr. Martinez, there is drill training for all staff in Augusta, ACSD coming on Monday for intruder training, Chris is looking into a possible 911 assist, Michelle wanted some quotes on replacements on the doors and windows for the elementary building. Chris Martinez spoke to the security system needs. There are some blind spots that was not identified until the expansion. Map handed to board in regards to blind spots and plan. Cameras need to have facial recognition- need to have more for the other “newer” buildings. Jared ask what the expected lifespan on the cameras was? Chris stated that it is probably 7-10 years. Jared was asking about ensuring we have a capital fund (R&R Fund) to replace the system in 10 years. Dr. Taylor stated that we have funds and continue to build that fund. Dr. Taylor spoke to Mr. Martinez’s ingenuity for the security system. Kevin made a motion to spend \$29,000 to update the security system, Phyllis seconded, motion carried.

- **Field Proposal- voting item- RFP** was put out and Mr. Windham immediately sent in for it. The board asked for him to be present to introduce himself. Kevin Windham since 1988- been building ball fields since 2008- they maintain and build, they do not use subcontractors except their fence guy. Plan is to add 4-6 inches of grade/root zone mix, put a sprinkler in. Pictures shown of previous fields that were built. Mr. Windham built Ridge Spring Monetta fields. Mr. Windham spoke to the need of overseeding in regards to timing. Michelle asked about the estimate for the softball fields of \$165,000. Fencing is separate from the \$165,000. Kevin spoke to the need of netting vs chain link fence. Michelle asked why the soccer field is more expensive vs the softball/baseball. Mr. Windham spoke to the square footage of a soccer field being over 2 acres. Katie spoke to the high need of a soccer field due to not being able to secure a practice field. Dana asked about a 2-3 year plan to have. Dr. Taylor stated the committee could work with Mr. Windham to get a 2-3 year plan. Mr. Howard spoke to how nice Ridge Spring Monetta facilities was. Michelle’s biggest concern is dugouts. Michelle confirmed that all fields would be completed by Jan. 1 and if we had the money in the budget. Dr. Taylor stated that we have it but we will be fundraising. Kevin asked if we should vote baseball vs soccer? Katie stated that we have lost roughly 10 good athletes due to not having the fields. Sarah spoke to grant programs being out there but they need a plan in place. Ashley made a motion to approve the RFP to include fencing, Jared seconded, motion carried.
- **Local Board Approved Courses- voting item-** Dr. Taylor presented the LBA’s to approve. LBA’s requiring approval are: Social Emotional Learning Elementary; SEL- 6th; Introduction to Exceptionalities; Criminology; Psychology of Happiness; Skin Care and Makeup Artistry; Graphic Design 2; Film and TV; Service Learning 2; Strength Training

Ashley made a motion to approve SEL for elementary, Dana seconded, motion carried.

Ashley made a motion to approve SEL for 6th grade, Dana seconded, motion carried.

Ashley made a motion to approve Introduction to Exceptionalities, Dana seconded, motion carried.

Ashley made a motion Criminology, Dana seconded, motion carried.

Ashley made a motion to approve Psychology of Happiness, Dana seconded, motion carried.

Ashley made a motion to approve Skin and Make Up Artistry, Dana seconded, motion carried.

Ashley made a motion to approve Graphic Design 2, Dana seconded, motion carried.

Ashley made a motion to approve Film and TV, Dana seconded, motion carried.

Ashley made a motion to approve Service Learning 2, Dana seconded, motion carried.

Ashley made a motion to approve Strength Training, Dana seconded, motion carried.

- **Charter Rewrite Approval to send to Limestone- voting item-** Dr. Taylor spoke to the charter rewrite and Tyler’s revisions. Kevin made a motion to approve the Charter Rewrite and get it sent to Limestone with the below adjustments, Jared seconded, opened for discussion- Dana brought up that Chris Hagan was still



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listed as a current board member and needed to be removed, Dr. Taylor to fix that prior to sending to Limestone, Michelle asked about the specificity of the career choices, Dr. Taylor stated that the longevity is okay and Limestone requested it to be specific. Michelle asked about the Special needs and does the GT need to be listed in the charter due to us offering it. Dr. Taylor stated that no it is more just advertising that HCA offers the GT program. Jared asked about that it does not include our 12th grade, wording is "adding 12th grade". We just need to add 12th grade and the number of students in the charter since we will have 12th grade. Motion carried.

- Lawn Maintenance Quotes- voting item- Dr. Taylor stated that we have new quotes to maintain grounds- one is \$4,000/month, another one is \$7,000/month and the other one is \$2,000/month. All this includes the sports fields. Dana asked if we had cameras to ensure that all workers are doing their jobs. Kevin made a motion to approve Cold Creek to do the lawn maintenance, Phyllis seconded, motion carried.

Questions/Comments from Board Members:

- Bus for Field Trips- Dana Cook- Dana spoke to that field trips are done by parents and students are all traveling together. Dana wanted to have an open discussion regarding having a bus for field trips. For bigger field trips we do charter buses. Dana asked from a safety perspective. Dr. Taylor stated that their insurance covers a portion and HCA insurance covers a portion as well. Sarah spoke to exploring it getting a bus. Dr. Taylor and Sarah to explore ideas and bring it back to the board.

Public Comments:

Executive Session:

Michelle made a motion to end the meeting, Kevin seconded, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 0702p.