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HCA Board Meeting – 09.26.2023- HCA Commons-6pm

Kevin Murray, Chair- Absent	Audrey Decker, Member- Present
Michelle Bulmer, Vice Chair- Present	Phyllis Smith, Member- Present
Ashley Pitts, Secretary- Present	Dana Cook, Member- Present
Jared Chambliss, Treasurer- Present via Zoom	Caryn Butler, Member- Present

Meeting called to order- Called to order by Michelle at 0615p

- 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”.
- **Ashley made a motion to move Mini Grant Updates from Treasurer’s Report to HCA Celebrations, Phyllis seconded, motion carried.**

HCA Celebrations:

- Groundbreaking of Athletic Fields- **Groundbreaking ceremony held at baseball field at 6p.**
- Out going board member celebration (Kevin Murray, Michelle Bulmer, Phyllis Smith)- **Dr. Taylor gave thank you’s and gifts to the outgoing board members.**
- New board member induction (Samuel Grimes, Matthew Shackleton, Ashley McCormick, Audrey Decker, Jared Chambliss, Justin Goodwin)- **Tyler swore in the new and returning board members. New board members take office starting October 1, 2023.**
 - New Executive Board elections- **New board members voting on open offices.**
 - **Tyler presented the four officer positions on the board: Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer.**
 - **Floor opened for nominations for chair of the 2023-2024 board. Caryn nominated Jared Chambliss for Board Chair, Dana seconded, Jared accepted, nomination passed. Jared Chambliss new Board Chair.**
 - **Jared nominated Caryn Butler for Board Vice Chair, Dana seconded, Caryn accepted, nomination carried. Caryn Butler is the Vice Chair of the 2023-2024 Board.**
 - **Samuel Grimes nominated Ashley Pitts for Secretary, Justin seconded, Ashley accepted, nomination carried. Ashley Pitts is the Board Secretary for 2023-2024 Board.**
 - **Audrey Decker nominated Dana Cook for Treasurer, Caryn seconded, Dana accepted, nomination carried. Dana Cook is Treasurer for 2023-2024 Board.**
- School Wide Celebrations- **Dr. Taylor presented a Facebook post that our new Drama teacher posted on FB to celebrate all the things that we are getting right here at HCA. Kudos given to all staff. Dr. Taylor spoke to changes that are happening. 1st and 2nd graders in Montessori not reading on grade level and have placed them different classrooms with reading interventions in place. Two days in a parent and teacher have celebrated the strides that the students are making. HCA made a Collective Leadership**



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Strategies for Schools and Districts book and are chapter 5.

- Mini Grant Updates- Phyllis presented the HCA mini grants that are being presented to three different recipients. The three categories that we awarded based on their mission. First award goes to Aiken Free Medical Clinic- awarded \$500. Second award goes to Young Kappa Foundation- awarded \$500. Third award goes to Bralyn Aubrey Foundation- awarded \$1000.

Chair's Report:

Vice Chair's Report:

- Carline/DOT- Michelle spoke to carline and DOT situation. Spoke to the fact that a representative from DOT come out and raise concerns. DOT had to approve the carline loop prior to building the new MS/HS buildings. Michelle discussed how everywhere there are lines during school carline hours. Michelle commended the HCA staff for how they handle carline. Dr. Taylor spoke to the fact that due to DOT requirements HCA paid approx \$1.5 million dollars for the Toolebeck expansion and approx \$1M worth of concrete for the carline loop. The biggest issue and concerns are the cars lining up too early along the side of the road. As a recommendation from the HCA staff and board it is suggested that parents don't show up prior to the allotted time for pick up. Audrey Decker asked why we couldn't open up the back carline for a second carline, Michelle and Dr. Taylor stated that due to those lanes being fire lanes we are not legally able to open up the fire lane as a carline. Audrey asked who's jurisdiction it was and Dr. Taylor stated it was county and they can not ticket anyone, all HCA can do is ask parents not to park along the side of the road.
- MS/HS PA System- Michelle asked about a PA system in the MS/HS- Dr. Taylor stated that the PA system is a phone call on a speaker system. Michelle asked why we don't have bells- Dr. Taylor deferred to Sarah- Sarah stated that due to the MS and HS being mixed in with different schedules it would be confusing. Michelle asked for the new board to continue this discussion to have a traditional PA system. Dr. Taylor stated that we do announcements via Google Smart Board. Michelle asked how emergencies asked. Dr. Taylor asked if her staff heard all call announcements, staff agreed. Announcements are done for HS/MS in homeroom. Dr. Taylor mentioned that we have several walkies for emergencies. Every admin and office person, security/monitor hallways- staff communicates to via walkies. Michelle spoke to having traditional bells and PA system.
- Filed Towers/Dugouts/Bleachers/Equipment- **voting item**- Michelle spoke to needing to finish the fields now that we have officially broke ground. Michelle reached out to Landon, HCA Athletic Director get rough estimates for 2 Field Towers, 4 Dugouts, 4 Bleachers and maintenance Equipment to include the gator. Michelle made a motion to set aside an additional \$250,000, pending accountant approval, Audrey seconded, Dr. Taylor asked where it the money would come from, Michelle stated that we have plenty of money in the savings and she feels that there isn't any wiggle room, or she can take from a different program. Dr. Taylor spoke to money items that are big items- Dr. Taylor stated that she would be scared to approve it- Erica asked about soccer equipment and practice equipment- Dr. Taylor spoke to supporting the soccer program as well- Erica asked about lights- Dana asked about tabling the idea to another meeting- Ashley clarified motion- Dana asked for actual figures- Ashley explained that we are speaking strictly for structures not practice equipment- Michelle spoke to the reason for needing the structures for the fields, in order to need it for a fully functional field- Dana wants to ensure that we have



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all need- Samuel mentioned that it is a safety concern for the players without dugouts- Caryn asked about having a meeting with the accountant prior to deciding to spend it- Michelle called Kevin and Caryn called Jared into the meeting due to HCA internet going down-Michelle explained what the motion on the floor is- Jared, Dana, Caryn, Audrey voted no and Michelle, Ashley, Phyllis, Kevin voted no- motion did not carry.

Committee Reports:

- Non Profit Committee- Sarah spoke to the upcoming fundraisers- Trunk or Treat- Softball fundraiser- Pumpkin Fest- Soctober Fest- Free vision screenings- Staff flu shots on site- Sponsoring the October Turnk or Treat- PTO built blessing box.
- Charter Rewrite Committee- Charter Rewrite approved- committee disbanded
- Athletic Committee- no updates
- Security Committee- Caryn presented on behalf of the security committee- Quotes that were requested for the windows and doors- meeting to discuss the issues/concerns of the board. Dr. Taylor stated that we wrote a grant to get money for security for window tinting- Sarah stated that the State is giving a grant for security, submitted today and should hear an answer. Window Tint Film to placed on doors and windows that help reinforce the safety and makes the windows and doors bullet proof.
 - Updates on concealed carry on campus- tabled til next board meeting

Secretary's Report:

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

Treasurer's Report:

- Monthly Update- Jared presented and we are still in the red due to not all of our outside funding has come in. We are back in good state compliance for the bond compliance. Plenty of money in savings approx \$670,000 in savings.
- ~~Mini Grants Update~~
- Approval of items over \$7,500- Ashley brought to the board the proposal for the new curtain system and upgrades to the current stage. Drama and Fine Arts department asking for roughly \$14,000- Phyllis made a motion to approve the cost of the curtains, Dana seconded, opened for discussion, motion carried.

Executive Director's Report:

- Statement of Economics Filing- Tyler Turner- Dr. Taylor asked Tyler to explain the Statement of Economics Filing. Tyler spoke to SC Statues that require in most situations to disclose financial statements of economic interests, this has been an ongoing conversation in SC. It was asked of the State Ethics Board, specifically the Attorney General- he is of the opinion that no the State Ethics Commission can not file a Statement of Economic Filing that Charter School Board members are not required to file this. Tyler stated that it is never a bad idea to reach back out to the SC Ethics Commission to ensure they are still of the mindset that Charter School Boards are not required to do this. However, out HCA Board Governance Policy states that we are required to file it. It is dated as of 2016, which is before the Attorney General. Discussion to be had at next board meeting.



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- '24-'25 Calendar Option- **First Reading**-Michelle spoke to the idea was great however, it was brought to the board and school at the wrong time. Discussion had on the More Fridays v Traditional. The more Friday calendar v having a traditional calendar. Michelle stated that Dr. Taylor should bring back the presentation of the four day a week school calendar. Audrey brought the concern up as the February break offers a break during the stretch between Jan-April. Discussion had about four day a week calendar. Phyllis asked if the we could appease both sides by just keeping the Feb break week and add more Fridays. Sarah stated that four day week is not possible due to politics and Limestone-plan for 2025-2026. Dana asked where the for pay would go to as profit and Dr. Taylor stated it would go for paying for the staff that work on Fridays- this is relation to the four day a week calendar- Discussion had concerning four day week.
- CHE Advisory Committee Creation- **voting item**- ACT of the CHE from 1998- needs to have a committee for the CHE. Several members need to be created by November 14th, By December and have curriculum. Michelle made a motion to create the subcommittee under the CHE Advisory Committee to nominate and bring forth the nominations to the board to vote on- subcommittee to consist of Audrey and Cassandra, Dana seconded, motion carried. Michelle made a motion to approve Ashley Pitts under healthcare professional, Jared seconded, motion carried. Michelle made a motion to approve Phyllis Smith to be on the committee under parent, Jared seconded, motion carried.
- Foundation Update- **voting item**- Dr. Taylor spoke to the announcement on FB, she stated that the letter of intent has to be sent to Limestone and before the letter of intent can be sent to Limestone there has to be community engagement. Nothing has come to parent board of HCA yet because the board of Kershaw has not met yet to create the Memorandum of Engagement. Ashley asked about the items not being sent to the parent board for approval. Dr. Taylor stated that nothing has been drawn up for the parent board of HCA yet due to the Kershaw board not meeting yet. She reference the FB post. Discussion had about the 501C3 and the foundation benefits.

Questions/Comments from Board Members:

Public Comments:

Executive Session:

Michelle made a motion end board meeting, Caryn seconded, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 0807p.