



HOOVER CITY SCHOOLS

REGULAR BOARD MEETING JANUARY 14, 2020 MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION, AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Hoover Board of Education met in regular session on January 14, 2020. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM by Vice President Deanna Bamman. Mrs. Bamman asked those who wished to participate to join in silent prayer. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

II. ROLL CALL - ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM

The record of those attending was made:

Mrs. Deanna D. Bamman, Vice President
Mr. Kermit Kendrick
Mrs. Amy S. Mudano
Mrs. Amy M. Tosney
Dr. Kathy L. Murphy, Superintendent
Ms. Dena Netterville, Recording Secretary

III. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Vice President Deanna Bamman asked for a motion to adopt the agenda. A motion was made by Mrs. Mudano and seconded by Mr. Kendrick. The agenda was adopted by unanimous vote.

IV. RECOGNITIONS

Mr. Jason Gaston, Coordinator of Public Relations, announced January is School Board Recognition Month. Superintendent Murphy accepted the proclamation and thanked the Board members for their commitment and dedication to the employees and students of HCS.

Mr. Gaston recognized R.F. Bumpus Middle School and Trace Crossings Elementary School for earning the 2019 Certificate of Building a Culture for School Safety. Shades Mountain Elementary was recognized as the 2019 Safe Schools Initiative Award District III State Winner. Attorney General Steve Marshall will officially present the award to Shades Mountain Elementary at 10:00 a.m on January 29, 2020.

Mr. Gaston recognized HCS mechanics for having perfect scores on the ALSDE School Bus Inspection Exit Report. The ALSDE inspected 170 buses and did not find a single major deficiency.

Mr. Gaston congratulated Superintendent Murphy for being awarded the State District Administrator of the Year for ASAPERD. The *District Administration* magazine featured Dr. Murphy in a January 2020 publication.

Dr. Murphy recognized Julie Rogers, Laci Holden, and Dr. Autumn Jeter for being selected to serve on the State Department's Alabama Course of Study for English Language Arts. Dr. Murphy also wished Dr. Jeter the best as she leaves HCS to serve as the new superintendent for Bessemer City Schools.

Dr. Murphy acknowledged Peace Officers Day and recognized our Law Enforcement Officers/SROs and thanked them for their service.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

Shelley Shaw, with the Hoover City Schools Foundation, stated that the deadline for the 2020-2021 Grant Cycle is Friday, January 17, 2020, at 12 p.m. The purpose of the HCSF Board and Grant Committee is to further the goals of the HCS system. The foundation seeks to be a catalyst to provide more money to schools through grants.

VI. ACTION ITEMS

A. Minutes of Regular Board Meeting December 10, 2019

Superintendent Murphy recommended the Board approve the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting of December 10, 2019. A motion was made by Mr. Kendrick and seconded by Mrs. Mudano. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

B. Personnel Actions

Superintendent Murphy recommended the Board approve the Personnel Actions. The personnel report included eleven appointments, one change of status for leave of absence, eight transfers, fourteen requests for leaves of absence, seven resignations, four retirements with ninety-seven years of commitment, two terminations, and two contingent bus driver appointments. A motion was made by Mrs. Tosney and seconded by Mr. Kendrick. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

C. Business Actions

Mrs. Michele McCay (CSFO) reported on the Monthly Financial Statements ending November 2019.

For FY20, 14.77% of budget revenue has been received for the month ended November 30, 2019. November, December, and January will see fluctuations, in the current year versus prior year revenues due to the timing of cash receipts around the holidays.

The results of operations represent two months of activity. Approximately 17% of the budget has been spent for recurring expenditures. General fund expenditures are 16.2% of the budget. After two months of activity, the current month's reserve is 7.26. This will increase as ad valorem tax collections are received.

In November, Chromebooks were purchased to refresh the high schools, and desktops were purchased to refresh Spain Park. The first payment was made for architectural fees for the Berry Middle School Classroom Addition.

Special Revenue Fund expenditures for two months of activity were \$3.7 million or 18.2% of the budget. The majority of federal funds are expensed during the

school year and requests for reimbursement occur a month in arrears.

Superintendent Murphy recommended the Board approve the Monthly Financial Statement for November 2019, Cash Disbursements for November 2019 (\$3,881,409.56) and December Payroll (\$8,954,514.40). A motion was made by Kermit Kendrick and seconded by Amy Mudano. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

D. Obsolete Items - Capitalized Assets

Superintendent Murphy recommended the board allow a 2008 Ford F550 be placed on the Obsolete Items list. A motion to approve was made by Amy Mudano and was seconded by Amy Tosney. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

VII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT/INFORMATION REPORTS

A. ALSDE Compliance Review

Dr. Smith, Director of Federal Programs, shared with the Board that the ALSDE conducted a State Compliance Review in the District from December 2 - December 5, 2019. The goal of a State Compliance visit is to determine if departments at the district level have practices in place that are aligned with state and federal regulations and State Board of Education mandates, and the ALSDE provides technical assistance to correct any findings that are not aligned. Dr. Smith stated the district is currently correcting any deficiencies.

B. Bluff Park Elementary School Demolition/Renovation Project

Matt Wilson, Coordinator of Maintenance, informed the Board that the Bluff Park Elementary School Project will be under budget based on estimates by Davis Architects. The plan is to be ready to bid by early March 2020. Parts of the building will be demolished and some parts will be renovated. The historical part of the building will be brought up to code. The construction project will last approximately eight months and should be completed by April 2021.

C. Pre-K Update

Dr. Tera Simmons, Assistant Superintendent, shared that for 2019-2020 there are five Pre-K classes with eighteen students in a class for a total of ninety students enrolled and over 100 students on a waiting list. Dr. Simmons shared that the proposal for the 2020-2021 school year is to re-apply for a year two grant for the

five existing Pre-K classes for \$75,000 each, and apply for five new classroom grants for \$120,000 each. Tuition, in the new school year, will be charged according to a sliding fee scale. Online registration for the current classrooms will be January 15 - March 31. A drawing (random selection) will be held at the Board on April 3, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. to select students for the 2020-2021 school year.

D. Mental Health Task Force

Dr. Murphy shared with the board that there are many challenges in meeting the needs of students with mental health issues. Dr. Murphy shared that she is serving on the SSA Mental Task Force committee and a proposal has been drafted that will be carried to the legislative session. The proposal will ask that a Service Coordinator and Mental Health Specialist be provided for every school district. This proposal is in addition to what the State Superintendent is proposing. Dr. Murphy recognized Kandace VanWanderham as the HCS Mental Health Specialist. Dr. Murphy shared that the New Beginnings programs at SPSHS and HHS are successful.

Mr. Bob Lawry, Student Services Coordinator, announced that the Employee Out-of-District and Employee Student Transfer application process opened on January 13, 2020 and will end on April 8, 2020.

VIII. UPCOMING MEETINGS FOR THE BOARD

Board Retreat, Friday, January 17, 2020, 9:00 a.m. at Hoover Lake House
Community Meeting, Tuesday, January 21, 2020, 6:00 p.m at Riverchase Landing
Next regular Board Meeting will be February 11, 2020, at 5:30 p.m.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:11 p.m.

Superintendent

Board President