

Hamilton County Department of Education Board Meeting - Regular Session

November 16, 2017 5:30 PM
3074 Hickory Valley Road Chattanooga, TN 37421
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Attendance Taken at 5:30 PM.

Mr. Joe Galloway:	Present
Dr. Steve Highlander:	Present
Mrs. Karitsa Jones:	Present
Mrs. Kathy Lennon:	Present
Mrs. Tiffanie Robinson:	Present
Mr. Joe Smith:	Present
Mr. David Testerman:	Present
Mrs. Rhonda Thurman:	Present
Mr. Joe Wingate:	Present

I. Roll Call

II. Woodmore Elementary Memorial - Karitsa Mosley-Jones

Mrs. Jones made a statement in memory of the students who were lost in accident of bus 366 November 21, 2016.

Mrs. Jones' statement: Like many of you, we were deeply saddened when we heard the news on November 21, 2016 that there had been an accident involving a bus of school children. Now here we are, almost one year to the date that changed the lives in our community and most importantly the lives of the students of bus 366, their families, loved ones, teachers, principals, and school community forever. This past year has not been easy for anyone, I can attest to that. There is not a day that goes by that I don't think about the events and experiences I witnessed at both the crash site and the hospital that day as the lives of 37 families were changed in ways we never would have imagined. Daily, we think about those students, their families, and school families and how the results of that crash have redefined their lives indefinitely. We continue to extend our deepest condolences to the families and loved ones of the six students whose lives were lost. Our prayers are with each of them as well as the 31 students who were on bus 366 that day and were injured or were affected in many ways. We continue to pray for expedient recovery, healing, and resiliency. On behalf of the Hamilton County School Board, Dr. Johnson, and the entire Hamilton County Department of Education staff, the Woodmore Elementary School family and the community, we want to let the families know that they are not alone as we continue to share this experience with and are here to support and help as we are able to do so. We will keep working diligently to ensure that the legacy of the lives lost on that day are lived on through the academic success of their peers. There will never be words

adequate enough to express what our hearts want to tell them. We pray God continues to wrap his loving arms around each of you and give you the strength and peace that surpasses all understanding as you continue on this journey. We love you and are here for you. As we all continue to travel down the long road of healing as a community, we need each other more than ever. Our students and their families need us. Healing is a difficult task but love conquers all. Tonight, I ask that each of you join me in keeping the Woodmore Elementary School community in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time and the continued days ahead. Let us never forget our students from bus 366 and our beloved Woodmore six: D'Myunn Brown, Zyanna Harris, Cordayja Jones, Zyaira Mateen, Zoie Nash, and Keonte Wilson. Please join me now in a moment of silence in honor of these students whose lives were lost and affected by the crash of bus 366. Thank you.

III. **Approval of the Agenda

approve the agenda as amended passed with a motion by Mr. Joe Galloway and a second by Mrs. Kathy Lennon.

Mr. Joe Galloway:	Yes
Dr. Steve Highlander:	Yes
Mrs. Karitsa Jones:	Yes
Mrs. Kathy Lennon:	Yes
Mrs. Tiffanie Robinson:	Yes
Mr. Joe Smith:	Yes
Mr. David Testerman:	Yes
Mrs. Rhonda Thurman:	Yes
Mr. Joe Wingate:	Yes
Yes: 9, No: 0	

The following requests to amend the agenda were received:

Add – Woodmore Memorial Recognition after Roll Call

Add under VI. Presentations, item E. Construction Update/Architect Selection Process – Justin Witt; add XI. Board Matters item C. Field Trip Approval – Model UN – Ooltewah High School

Remove under IX. Approval of the Consent Agenda item E. Human Resources – Stacy Stewart, Assistant Superintendent, item 1. Calendar Approval for 2018-2019 School Year;

Remove under X. Administrative Business Matters item B. Curriculum & Instruction – Dr. Justin Robertson - 1. Agreement with County Operated Detention Centers and item C. HR Staffing – Dr. Bryan Johnson; item 1. Human Resources Staffing Request

Additional requests made just prior to the meeting were: Remove under Item VI. Presentations, D. Transition Team Update - Dr. Bryan Johnson, Superintendent; Remove under Item X. Administrative Business Matters, A. Campus Support - Dr. Lee McDade, Assistant Superintendent, 3. Zero Tolerance Suspension Appeal - This has been resolved; Add under Item VII. Delegations; B. Dan Landrum, Signal Mountain Town Council; Add to XI. Board Matters, B. Signal Mountain Viability Study Discussion - Voting on a Resolution.

Under Field Trips - Elementary Field Trips - the school should be Lookout Valley Elementary instead of Lookout Mountain Elementary.

IV. Executive Session - No

V. Pledge to the Flag and Meditation - Visa Harper-Williams, Assistant Principal of Wolftever Creek Elementary

VI. Exemplars of Excellence

A. Reward Schools - Dr. Justin Robertson

Dr. Robertson recognized the following Reward Schools:

Hixson Middle
East Ridge Middle
Thrasher Elementary
Lookout Mountain Elementary
Nolan Elementary
STEM School

B. Annenberg Grant Recipients - Dr. Justin Robertson

Dr. Robertson recognized the recipients of the Annenberg Grants:

DuPont Elementary
East Ridge Elementary

VII. Presentations

A. McRel Balanced Leadership Training - Dr. Justin Robertson

B. Opportunity Zone Update - Jill Levine

C. Recruitment Update - Dr. Johnson and Erin Harrell

D. REMOVED FROM AGENDA - Transition Team Update - Dr. Bryan Johnson, Superintendent

VIII. Construction Update/Architect Selection Process - Justin Witt

IX. Delegations

A. Dan Liner, HCEA

B. Dan Landrum - Signal Mountain Town Council

X. **Approval of the Minutes of the October 19, 2017 Regular Session

approval of the minutes of the October 19, 2017 Regular Session passed with a motion by Mr. Joe Wingate and a second by Mr. Joe Galloway.

Mrs. Rhonda Thurman: Absent

Mr. Joe Galloway: Yes

Dr. Steve Highlander: Yes

Mrs. Karitsa Jones: Yes
Mrs. Kathy Lennon: Yes
Mrs. Tiffanie Robinson: Yes
Mr. Joe Smith: Yes
Mr. David Testerman: Yes
Mr. Joe Wingate: Yes
Yes: 8, No: 0, Absent: 1

XI. **Approval of the Consent Agenda

approval of the consent agenda passed with a motion by Mr. Joe Galloway and a second by Mrs. Karitsa Jones.

Mrs. Rhonda Thurman: Absent
Mr. Joe Galloway: Yes
Dr. Steve Highlander: Yes
Mrs. Karitsa Jones: Yes
Mrs. Kathy Lennon: Yes
Mrs. Tiffanie Robinson: Yes
Mr. Joe Smith: Yes
Mr. David Testerman: Yes
Mr. Joe Wingate: Yes
Yes: 8, No: 0, Absent: 1

A. Executive Committee Report

B. Curriculum & Instruction - Dr. Justin Robertson

1. Field Trips

a. Dr. Robert Sharpe “ Director, Secondary Operations and Le Andrea Ware “
Director, Secondary Operations (34)

b. Elementary Field Trips - Karen Hollis, Director Elementary Operations and Dr. Neelie Parker, Director Elementary Operations (1)The information presented stated Lookout Mountain Elementary School and it should have been Lookout Valley Elementary School. This was noted before the vote and the approval is given for the field trip for Lookout Valley Elementary School.

C. Business and Finance - Christie Jordan

1. Bids/Contracts

2. Conferences/Consultants

3. Financial Report

4. Budget Amendment

a. General Purpose Budget Amendment “ Appropriation of Property Tax

D. Campus Support - Dr. Lee McDade, Assistant Superintendent

1. 1st Quarter Bullying Compliance Report - Karen Glenn
2. Board Policy 4.205-Magnet Programs - First Reading
3. Board Policy 5.304-Extended Leaves of Absence for Certificated/Classified Personnel - First Reading

E. REMOVED FROM AGENDA - Human Resources - Stacy Stewart, Assistant Superintendent

1. REMOVED FROM AGENDA - **Calendar Approval for 2018-19 School Year

XII. Administrative Business Matters

A. Campus Support - Dr. Lee McDade, Assistant Superintendent

1. **Board Policy 3.502-Offer Versus Serve - 2nd and Final Reading
 Motion to approve Board Policy 3.502 - Offer Versus Serve 2nd and Final Reading passed with a motion by Mr. Joe Galloway and a second by Mrs. Tiffanie Robinson.
 Mrs. Rhonda Thurman: Absent
 Mr. Joe Galloway: Yes
 Dr. Steve Highlander: Yes
 Mrs. Karitsa Jones: Yes
 Mrs. Kathy Lennon: Yes
 Mrs. Tiffanie Robinson: Yes
 Mr. Joe Smith: Yes
 Mr. David Testerman: Yes
 Mr. Joe Wingate: Yes
 Yes: 8, No: 0, Absent: 1

2. **Board Policy 6.304-Student Discrimination, Harassment, Bullying, Cyber-Bullying, and Hazing - Second and Final Reading
 Motion to approve Board Policy 6.304 - Student Discrimination, Harassment, Bullying, Cyber-Bullying, and Hazing - 2nd and Final Reading passed with a motion by Mr. Joe Galloway and a second by Mrs. Karitsa Jones.
 Mrs. Rhonda Thurman: Absent
 Mr. Joe Galloway: Yes
 Dr. Steve Highlander: Yes
 Mrs. Karitsa Jones: Yes
 Mrs. Kathy Lennon: Yes
 Mrs. Tiffanie Robinson: Yes
 Mr. Joe Smith: Yes
 Mr. David Testerman: Yes
 Mr. Joe Wingate: Yes
 Yes: 8, No: 0, Absent: 1

3. RESOLVED - REMOVED FROM AGENDA - **Zero Tolerance Suspension Appeal

B. Curriculum & Instruction - Dr. Justin Robertson, Assistant Superintendent

1. REMOVED FROM AGENDA - **Agreement with County-Operated Detention Centers
2. **Agreement with County-Operated Detention Centers - Silverdale Correctional Facility and Hamilton County Jail

Motion to approve the agreement with County-Operated Detention Centers - Silverdale Correctional Facility and Hamilton County Jail passed with a motion by Mr. Joe Galloway and a second by Mrs. Tiffanie Robinson.

Mrs. Rhonda Thurman: Absent
Mr. Joe Galloway: Yes
Dr. Steve Highlander: Yes
Mrs. Karitsa Jones: Yes
Mrs. Kathy Lennon: Yes
Mrs. Tiffanie Robinson: Yes
Mr. Joe Smith: Yes
Mr. David Testerman: Yes
Mr. Joe Wingate: Yes
Yes: 8, No: 0, Absent: 1

C. HR Staffing - Dr. Bryan Johnson

1. REMOVED FROM AGENDA - **Human Resources Staffing Request

XIII. Board Matters

A. **Superintendent Evaluation Instrument - Joe Wingate

Motion to approve the Superintendent Evaluation Instrument passed with a motion by Mrs. Kathy Lennon and a second by Mr. Joe Wingate.

Mrs. Rhonda Thurman: Absent
Mr. Joe Galloway: Yes
Dr. Steve Highlander: Yes
Mrs. Karitsa Jones: Yes
Mrs. Kathy Lennon: Yes
Mrs. Tiffanie Robinson: Yes
Mr. Joe Smith: Yes
Mr. David Testerman: Yes
Mr. Joe Wingate: Yes
Yes: 8, No: 0, Absent: 1

B. Signal Mountain Viability Study Discussion

Motion to approve the resolution regarding the status of the HCDE school buildings in relation to the town of Signal Mountain passed with a motion by Mrs. Kathy Lennon and a second by Mr. Joe Galloway.

Mrs. Rhonda Thurman: Absent
Mr. Joe Galloway: Yes
Dr. Steve Highlander: Yes
Mrs. Karitsa Jones: Yes
Mrs. Kathy Lennon: Yes

Mrs. Tiffanie Robinson: Yes
Mr. Joe Smith: Yes
Mr. David Testerman: Yes
Mr. Joe Wingate: Yes
Yes: 8, No: 0, Absent: 1

C. ** Field Trip Approval - Model UN - Ooltewah High

Motion to approve the Ooltewah High School field trip to the Model UN conference November 18-20 passed with a motion by Mr. David Testerman and a second by Mr. Joe Wingate.

Mrs. Rhonda Thurman: Absent
Mr. Joe Galloway: Yes
Dr. Steve Highlander: Yes
Mrs. Karitsa Jones: Yes
Mrs. Kathy Lennon: Yes
Mrs. Tiffanie Robinson: Yes
Mr. Joe Smith: Yes
Mr. David Testerman: Yes
Mr. Joe Wingate: Yes
Yes: 8, No: 0, Absent: 1

XIV. Information Only

A. Legal Services Report

B. Donation Acceptance Request

XV. Events/Announcements

Chairman Highlander asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of Dr. Bryan Stewart, Assistant Principal at Bess T. Shepherd Elementary who passed away earlier in the week.

Chairman Highlander called for a unanimous vote to make a statement to the teachers and staff for American Education Week. Everyone agreed.

"We unanimously appreciate the services of every employee of the County and we thank them for the great job they are doing for our children." This will be sent out by email to all system employees.

Mrs. Jones gave an update on the TSBA Conference.

Dr. Johnson recognized Tim Hensley as the new District Communications Coordinator.

XVI. AdjournmentThe meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Chairperson

Date

Superintendent

Date