

Hamilton County Department of Education Hamilton County Department of Education

September 21, 2017 5:30 PM

Board Meeting - Quarterly Session 3074 Hickory Valley Road Chattanooga, TN 37421
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Chattanooga, TN 37421

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. **ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mrs. Lennon made a motion and nominated, seconded by Mrs. Robinson to elect Mrs. Mosley-Jones as Board Chairman for 2017-2018.

Mr. Wingate made a motion and nominated, seconded by Mrs. Thurman to elect Dr. Highlander as Board Chairman for 2017-2018.

Mr. Galloway asked if it had been the practice in the past for the Vice-Chairman to automatically move up to Chairman. Mrs. Thurman stated that she did not remember it being done that way in the past.

Votes for Mrs. Mosley-Jones were Mr. Galloway, Mrs. Mosley-Jones, Mrs. Lennon and Mrs. Robinson.

Votes for Dr. Highlander were Chairman Highlander, Mr. Smith, Mr. Testerman, Mrs. Thurman, and Mr. Wingate.

Attorney Bennett stated the vote is 5-4 in favor of Dr. Highlander.

Dr. Highlander made a motion and nominated Mrs. Mosley-Jones as Vice-Chairman, seconded by Mrs. Lennon. There were no other nominations so Mrs. Mosley-Jones was elected by acclamation.

The TLN (Tennessee Legislative Network) representative needs to be elected and Mr. Testerman, who served for seven years is unable to continue in the role. Dr. Highlander asked for nominations or volunteers. Mr. Testerman gave an explanation of what is required of the representative. Mrs. Robinson nominated Mrs. Lennon, seconded by Dr. Highlander. There were no other nominations so Mrs. Lennon was elected by acclamation.

III. **Approval of the Agenda

approve the agenda with the following amendments: Under item VI. Recognitions and Presentations, Change A. to Partnership Zone “ Dr. Candice McQueen, Education Commissioner and re-letter all items following. Add Item G. Chattanooga Inclusive Education and Opportunities Action Team’s Plan “ Dr. Justin Robertson. Under Item VII. Delegations, Add B. Neil Placer, CSLA Representative and C. Donald Jacobson, Manufacturing Day Under Item IX. Approval of the Consent Agenda 1. Field Trips, Add c. Career and Technology (1) “ John Maynard Under Item X. Administrative Business Matters, Add D. Request for New Positions (Chief of Staff and Community Engagement Specialist) “ Stacy Stewart, Add E. Request for New Positions “ Title IV “ Stacy Stewart, Add F. Bus Driver 1 “ Background Check Issues, Add G. Bus Driver 2 “ Background Check Issues, Add H. McREL Balanced Leadership Proposal Under Item XII. Events/Announcements “ Add under A. Board Retreat “ Creative Discovery Museum, Change F. to October 19th, Thursday “ Board Meeting and Board Pictures 3:00-5:00 and Add G. to October 20, Friday, Report Cards passed with a motion by Mrs. Karitsa Jones and a second by Mrs. Tiffanie Robinson.

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 are the requests to amend the agenda:

Under item VI. Recognitions and Presentations, Change A. to Partnership Zone – Dr. Candice McQueen, Education Commissioner and re-letter all items following. Add Item G. Chattanooga Inclusive Education and Opportunities Action Team’s Plan – Dr. Justin Robertson.

Under Item VII. Delegations, Add B. Neil Placer, CSLA Representative

Under Item IX. Approval of the Consent Agenda 1. Field Trips, Add c. Career and Technology (1) – John Maynard

Under Item X. Administrative Business Matters, Add D. Request for New Positions (Chief of Staff and Community Engagement Specialist) – Stacy Stewart, Add E. Request for New

Positions – Title IV – Stacy Stewart, Add F. Bus Driver 1 – Background Check Issues, Add G. Bus Driver 2 – Background Check Issues, Add H. McREL Balanced Leadership Proposal

Under Item XII. Events/Announcements – Add under A. Board Retreat – Creative Discovery Museum, Change F. to October 19th, Thursday – Board Meeting and Board Pictures 3:00-5:00 and Add G. to October 20, Friday, Report Cards

IV. Executive Session - No

V. Pledge to the Flag and Meditation - Earlene Weeks, Principal of Allen Elementary

VI. Recognitions and Presentations

- A. Partnership Zone – Dr. Candice McQueen, Education Commissioner Laura Encalade spoke on behalf of Dr. McQueen
- B. School Bus Consultants Audit Report - Dr. Lee McDade Assistant Superintendent, Campus Support and David Eaves, Transportation Director
- C. ABM - Custodial Services Presentation/Update - Justin Witt
- D. Milken Educator Award - Jill Levine, Chief Academic Officer and Saunya Goss, Principal of Battle Academy
- E. Request to recognize HCDE National PTA Schools of Excellence - Gail Phillips, Past President of Tennessee PTA
- F. Chattanooga Inclusive Education and Opportunities Action Team’s Plan – Dr. Justin Robertson
- G. Operation Get Active - Tiffanie Robinson, District 4 School Board and Peter Woolcock

VII. Delegations

- A. Dan Liner, HCEA
- B. Neil Placer , CSLA Representative
- C. Donald Jacobson, Manufacturing Day 2017

VIII. **Approval of the Minutes of the August 17, 2017 Regular Session

Approval of the minutes of August 17, 2017. passed with a motion by Mrs. Rhonda Thurman and a second by Mrs. Karitsa Jones.

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

IX. **Approval of the Consent Agenda

Approval of the consent agenda passed with a motion by Mr. David Testerman and a second by Mrs. Karitsa Jones.

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

A. Executive Committee Report

B. School Operations - Dr. Zac Brown

1. Field Trips

a. Dr. Robert Sharpe “ Director, Secondary Operations Le Andrea Ware “ Director, Secondary Operations (22)

b. Career and Technology (1)

c. Career and Technology (1) “ John Maynard

C. Business and Finance - Christie Jordan

1. Bids/Contracts

2. Financial Reports

3. Budget Amendments

a. General Operating Amendments

b. Federal Grants and Self-Funded Programs

4. Grant Application Requests

a. Grant Applications (4)

b. Ratification for Grant Application Requests(2)

D. Human Resources - Stacy Stewart

1. New Position Requests “ 4.5

X. Administrative Business Matters

A. **STEM School Lease Agreement with Chattanooga State - Justin Witt, Director of Auxiliary Services

Approval of the STEM Lease with Chattanooga State passed with a motion by Mr. David Testerman and a second by Mrs. Tiffanie Robinson.

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

B. **Revise Schedule of Sessions - Sherrie Ford

Approval to revise the schedule of session to move the May 2018 meeting from May 17th to May 24th. passed with a motion by Dr. Steve Highlander and a second by Mrs. Rhonda Thurman.

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

C. **Chattanooga Preparatory School Charter Contract - Dr. Zac Brown, Assistant Superintendent for School Operations

Approval of the contract for the Chattanooga Preparatory Charter School passed with a motion by Mr. Joe Galloway and a second by Mrs. Tiffanie Robinson.

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

D. Request for New Positions (Chief of Staff and Community Engagement Specialist) â€œ Stacy Stewart

Approval of new positions - Chief of Staff and Community Engagement Specialist passed with a motion by Mrs. Karitsa Jones and a second by Mr. Joe Galloway.

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

E. Request for New Positions “ Title IV “ Stacy Stewart

Approval of new positions paid for through Title IV passed with a motion by Mr. Joe Galloway and a second by Mrs. Tiffanie Robinson.

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

F. Bus Driver 1 “ Background Check Issues

Approval to hire Jackie Kirby as a contract bus driver after discussion of previous issues passed with a motion by Mrs. Rhonda Thurman and a second by Mr. Joe Smith.

Mrs. Karitsa Jones: Abstain (With Conflict)
Mrs. Kathy Lennon: Abstain (With Conflict)
Mr. Joe Galloway: Yes
Dr. Steve Highlander: Yes
Mrs. Tiffanie Robinson: Yes
Mr. Joe Smith: Yes
Mr. David Testerman: Yes
Mrs. Rhonda Thurman: Yes
Mr. Joe Wingate: Yes
Yes: 7, No: 0, Abstain (With Conflict): 2

G. Bus Driver 2 “ Background Check Issues

Approval to hire Andrea Watkins as a contract bus driver after discussion of previous issues passed with a motion by Mrs. Rhonda Thurman and a second by Mr. Joe Galloway.

Mrs. Karitsa Jones: Abstain (With Conflict)
Mrs. Kathy Lennon: Abstain (With Conflict)
Mr. Joe Galloway: Yes
Dr. Steve Highlander: Yes
Mrs. Tiffanie Robinson: Yes
Mr. Joe Smith: Yes
Mr. David Testerman: Yes
Mrs. Rhonda Thurman: Yes
Mr. Joe Wingate: Yes
Yes: 7, No: 0, Abstain (With Conflict): 2

H. McREL Balanced Leadership Proposal

Approval of the McREL Balanced Leadership Proposal passed with a motion by Mr. Joe Galloway and a second by Mr. Joe Smith.

Mrs. Rhonda Thurman: No
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: 1
Mrs. Rhonda Thurman: No

I. Partnership Resolution

Approval to add the Partnership Resolution to the agenda. passed with a motion by Mrs. Tiffanie Robinson and a second by Mrs. Karitsa Jones.

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

Approval of the HCDE Resolution Withdrawn with a motion by Mrs. Rhonda Thurman.

Approval of the Partnership Resolution proposed by the State passed with a motion by Mrs. Tiffanie Robinson and a second by Mr. Joe Galloway.

Mr. Joe Smith: No
Mr. David Testerman: No

Mr. Joe Galloway: Yes
Dr. Steve Highlander: Yes
Mrs. Karitsa Jones: Yes
Mrs. Kathy Lennon: Yes
Mrs. Tiffanie Robinson: Yes
Mrs. Rhonda Thurman: Yes
Mr. Joe Wingate: Yes
Yes: 7, No: 2
Mr. Joe Smith: No, Mr. David Testerman: No

XI. Information Only

A. Legal Services Report

XII. Events/Announcements

Chairperson

Date

Superintendent

Date