

**Henderson County Board of Public Education**

Special Called Meeting- End of Year Matters

MINUTES

June 29, 2023

The Henderson County Board of Public Education held a meeting on Thursday, June 29, 2023, beginning at 9:00 am, at 414 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue West, Hendersonville, NC. The meeting was accessible to the public via a livestream link at, <http://hcpsnc.org/live>.

Board Members Present:

Blair Craven, Chairperson; Jay Egolf, Vice Chairperson; Robert Bridges; Stacey Caskey; Alyssa Norman; Kathy Revis

Board Member Absent:

Shelia Dale

Administrative Staff Present:

Mark R. Garrett, Superintendent; Shannon Marlowe, Ed.D., Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction; Mr. Scott Rhodes, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources; Bernie Sochia, Chief Finance Officer and Carl Taylor, Chief Administrative Officer

Attorney Present: None

Board Clerk: Tawana Clayton

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Mr. Blair Craven called the meeting to order at 9:37 a.m. Mr. Craven led those in attendance in the pledge of allegiance.

**AGENDA APPROVAL**

Mr. Blair Craven acknowledged receipt of the meeting agenda and asked for a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Robert Bridges moved that the agenda be approved as presented. Seconded by Dr. Kathy Revis. *(Unanimously approved.)*

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Mr. Blair Craven cited the Board's receipt of the Consent Agenda presented for approval upon recommendation of the Superintendent. Prior to the meeting, Board members received documentation relative to the Consent Agenda as follows:

A. Meeting Schedule

1. HCBPE Administrator In-Service Visit [*Monday, July 31, 2023, 12:00 p.m., Mills River Academy*]
2. HCBPE Regular Business Meeting [*Monday, August 14, 2023, 4:00 p.m., (Boardroom)(Closed Session 3:00 pm)*]

B. Personnel *(as presented in closed session)*

C. Budget Amendment

Dr. Kathy Revis moved that the Consent Agenda be approved. Mrs. Alyssa Norman seconded the motion. *(Unanimously approved.)*

**OLD BUSINESS**

NONE

## NEW BUSINESS

- A. Approval – 2023-2024 Interim Budget Resolution – *(Mr. Bernie Sochia, Chief Finance Officer)*  
Mr. Bernie Sochia presented the 2023-24 Henderson County Public Schools’ Interim Budget Resolution for approval. Based on projections of the new 2023-24 State budget, it authorizes payment of salaries and benefits in addition to other reasonable and customary expenses associated with the start of a new fiscal year which begins on July 1, 2023. This is intended to be for the interim period until details for implementation of the State, Local and Federal budgets are finalized and a formal 2023-24 Initial Budget Resolution can be adopted.  
Mrs. Stacey Caskey moved that the Henderson County Board of Public Education approve the 2023-24 Interim Budget Resolution as presented. Dr. Kathy Revis seconded the motion. *(Unanimously approved)*
- B. Approval – Micro-purchase Threshold – *(Mr. Bernie Sochia, Chief Finance Officer)*  
Mr. Bernie Sochia presented the Micro-purchase Threshold Resolution for approval. Mr. Blair Craven moved to approve the Micro-purchase Threshold Resolution as presented. Mr. Robert Bridges seconded the motion. *(Unanimously approved)*
- C. Approval – Contracts in Excess of \$90,000 – *(Mr. Bernie Sochia, Chief Finance Officer)*  
Mr. Bernie Sochia presented the Contracts in Excess of \$90,000 for approval. Pursuant to board policies 6420, Contracts with the Board, and 6430, Purchasing Requirements for Equipment, Materials, and Supplies, any purchases or contracts in excess of \$90,000 must be approved by the Board. The following list of vendors is presented for approval of contracts and/or purchases.  
CDW-G  
Bayada  
Daikin  
Mr. Robert Bridges moved that the Henderson County Board of Public Education approve purchases and execution of contracts with the listed vendors as presented. Mrs. Stacey Caskey seconded the motion. *(Unanimously approved)*
- D. Discussion – Resolution to Prioritize Public Schools – *(Mark Garrett, Superintendent)*  
The Board discussed the Resolution to Prioritize Public Schools sent by the North Carolina School Board Association. Mr. Craven stated that legislation could potentially take funding away from the public schools and give the funding to private schools. Mr. Garrett discussed the possibility of Henderson County losing \$2,099,870.00 or 2% in state funding. The Board directed Superintendent Garrett to craft a resolution that is concise and specifically stating the importance of public education and funding from the perspective of Henderson County Public Schools. Mr. Craven asked to have the resolution sent to legislators by the close of business day.

## BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

- A. GENERAL OPERATIONS – *(Mr. Mark R. Garrett, Superintendent)*  
Superintendent Mark Garrett expressed appreciation to the Chief Finance Officer, Bernie Sochia and the finance department. Mr. Garrett shared the following information with the Board:  
July 10- First day for Flex calendar staff  
July 13- First Day of School for Students on Flex Calendar  
July 31- HCBPE Administrator In-Service, 12:00 p.m., Mills River Academy  
August 7- First day for Traditional calendar staff  
August 14 - First Day of School for Students on Traditional Calendar and Early College Calendar  
August 14 - HCBPE Regular Business Meeting, 4:00 p.m., Closed Session, 3:00 p.m., Boardroom

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Dr. Kathy Revis moved that the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Mrs. Alyssa Norman seconded the motion. (*Unanimously approved at 10:14 a.m.*)

Minutes approved: August 14, 2023