

Henderson County Board of Public Education

MINUTES

December 9, 2024

The Henderson County Board of Public Education held a meeting on Monday, December 9, 2024, beginning at 4:00 pm, at 414 4th Avenue West, Hendersonville, NC. The meeting was accessible to the public via a livestream link at, <http://hcpsnc.org/live>.

Board Members Present: Kathy Revis, Acting Chairperson; Robert Bridges; Beth Campbell; Blair Craven; Shelia Dale; Amy Holt; Alyssa Norman

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

Attorney Present: Cynthia Lopez

Board Clerk: Tawana Clayton

CALL TO ORDER

Superintendent Mark Garrett called the meeting to order at approximately 4:00 p.m. Mr. Garrett requested everyone present to stand as the North Henderson High School JROTC presented the colors. Mr. Garrett led those in attendance in the pledge of allegiance.

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

Mr. Garrett asked those present to remain standing and take a moment of silent reflection.

ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS

Per School Board Policy 2200: Election of Officers/Organization of Board; adopted on March 12, 2018, an election will be conducted each December for the Board Chair and Vice-Chair positions. Superintendent Mark Garrett turned the meeting over to Attorney Cynthia Lopez for the elections of officers. Ms. Lopez asked for the position of Chairperson. Mrs. Amy Lynn Holt nominated Dr. Kathy Revis for Chairperson, Mrs. Shelia Dale seconded. Dr. Revis accepted the nomination. There were no other nominations. Ms. Lopez asked those in favor of Dr. Kathy Revis for Chairperson to say, aye. The vote was unanimously in favor of Dr. Revis. Ms. Lopez announced that Dr. Kathy Revis was elected as Chairperson of the Henderson County Board of Education. Ms. Lopez opened the floor to nominations for Vice Chairperson. Mrs. Shelia Dale nominated Mrs. Alyssa Norman, Mr. Blair Craven nominated Mr. Robert Bridge. Mr. Robert Bridges accepted the nomination, Mrs. Alyssa Norman declined the nomination. There were no other nominations for Vice Chairperson. Ms. Lopez asked all those in favor of Mr. Bridges for the Vice Chairperson position to say, aye. The Board members voted unanimously for Mr. Robert Bridges for Vice Chairperson position. Ms. Lopez gave the floor to Chairperson Dr. Kathy Revis.

AGENDA APPROVAL

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

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT- Holiday Music presented by the Hendersonville High School Orchestra.

Dr. Revis introduced the Hendersonville High School Orchestra, under the direction of Ms. Amanda Tant. The orchestra performed a variety of holiday songs.

BOARD MEMBERS' OBSERVATIONS

Dr. Kathy Revis shared her vision for the Board, emphasizing the importance of working together collaboratively. She highlighted the value of having seven unique perspectives at the table, all focused on the best interests of students and the school system. She also expressed her excitement about having Mr. Bridges serve as Vice Chair.

Alyssa Norman wanted to wish a Merry Christmas to all students and staff. She also shared that she is keeping high school students in her prayers as they prepare for testing next week.

Beth Campbell thanked Henderson County for putting their trust in her.

Sheila Dale praised Fletcher Elementary's Christmas program and gave a shout out to the Boys and Girls Club for their exceptional support of Atkinson Elementary.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

At 4:26 p.m. Dr. Kathy Revis opened the meeting for public comment. Three people addressed the Board. Public comments ended at 4:38 p.m. No action was taken.

CONSENT AGENDA

Dr. Kathy Revis 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 Regular Business Meeting [*Monday, January 13, 2025 4:00 p.m., (Closed Session at 3:00 pm)(Boardroom)*]

B. Minutes

1. November 18, 2024 (*Regular Business Meeting*)

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

D. Student Acceptances/Releases (*as presented in closed session*)

E. Budget Amendment

Mr. Blair Craven moved that the Consent Agenda be approved as presented. Mrs. Amy Lynn Holt seconded the motion. (*Unanimously approved.*)

OLD BUSINESS

A. 2024 Fall Policy Updates – (*Mr. Carl Taylor, Chief Administrative Officer*)

a. Approval – Policy 3420 – Student Promotion and Accountability

Chief Administrative Officer Carl Taylor presented Policy 3420 - Student Promotion and Accountability, to the Board for approval. This policy update adds information in Section B about career development plans, removes unnecessary language in subsection E.2, clarifies language in Section H, updates the legal references and updates the other resources. This policy was tabled at the November board meeting to address questions regarding how parents and students access their career development plans. Mr. Taylor clarified that these plans are stored within each student's NC EdCloud account. Students can print their career development plans at school, and parents may contact the school directly to request a copy.

Mr. Blair Craven moved that the Henderson County Board of Public Education approve Policy 3420 – Student Promotion and Accountability as presented. Mrs. Alyssa Norman seconded the motion. (*Unanimously approved.*)

NEW BUSINESS

A. Policy Updates – *(Mr. Carl Taylor, Chief Administrative Officer)*

1. Approval – Policy 1510/4200/7270 – School Safety

Chief Administrative Officer Carl Taylor presented Policy 1510/4220/7270 - School Safety for Board approval. Mr. Taylor stated this policy update includes a provision added to Section D.3 regarding training on recognizing and reporting threats, a new Section E was added to address the statutorily required threat assessment teams, the legal references and other resources were updated and the cross references were updated.

Mrs. Alyssa Norman moved that the Henderson County Board of Public Education approve Policy 1510/4200/7270 – School Safety as presented. Mr. Robert Bridges seconded the motion. *(Unanimously approved.)*

BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

1. CAPITAL UPDATE – *(Mr. Carl Taylor, Chief Administrative Officer)*

Chief Administrative Officer Carl Taylor provided the board with status updates on the construction and facility projects currently underway or planned in the near future:

HCPS Projects

- a. The flooring replacement at Atkinson Elementary is moving along smoothly, with classrooms, the media center, and hallways now completed. December 9th marked the exciting first day students returned to their classrooms!
- b. The gym is not yet finished but it should be in the coming weeks
- c. Mr. Taylor expressed his gratitude to the Atkinson staff for their tremendous efforts, including the hard work during Friday's remote learning day and throughout the weekend. He also gave a well-deserved shoutout to the maintenance and technology teams for their work and to the Boys and Girls Club for graciously opening their doors to support our students and staff during this time.

MRTS:

- Chiller Replacement Apple Valley
 - Pre-Bid Meeting: October 9
 - RFP Closing Date: October 23
- HVAC Replacement (Phase 1) Atkinson
 - In Progress
- New Front Office & Building Connection West Henderson
 - In Progress
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2. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – *(Mr. Bernie Sochia, Chief Finance Officer)*

Chief Finance Officer Bernie Sochia presented the financial statements and results of operations of the Local Current Expense and Other Restricted Funds for the 2024-25 fiscal year as of November 30, 2024: Revenues received totaled \$19,013,336 and expenditures made totaled \$16,957,772. For the year, expenditures are \$1,244,128 more than last year at this point. \$3,085,253 was paid in November to employees for the local supplement.

No action was taken.

3. GENERAL OPERATIONS – *(Mr. Mark R. Garrett, Superintendent)*

Superintendent Mark Garrett expressed his appreciation for the resilience and support of the Atkinson Elementary community during their time of relocation. He highlighted how excited we are to have Atkinson back in their building and acknowledged the tremendous efforts of the staff, students, and

families throughout the process. He also emphasized the critical role of the Boys & Girls Club of Henderson County, whose generosity in providing their facility ensured continuity for students and staff while the school was repaired.

Upcoming dates and events shared:

- December 13: Early Dismissal at 12:00 p.m. for Flex Calendar Schools
- December 16-19: High School Testing Dates
- December 16: Optional Teacher Workday for Flex Calendar Schools; No school for Flex students
- December 17-January 2: Winter Break for Flex Calendar Staff & Students
- December 20: End of First Semester
- December 20: Early Dismissal at 12:00 p.m. for Early College and Traditional Calendar Schools
- December 23-January 2: Winter Break for All Staff and Students
- January: School Board Appreciation Month
- January 3: Optional Teacher Workday for All Staff; No school for students
- January 6: Second Semester Begins, all students return to school
- January 8: HCBPE School Tours, 10:00 a.m. at Hendersonville Middle School, East Henderson High School, Dana Elementary
- January 13: HCBPE Regular Business Meeting, 4:00 p.m.; Closed Session, 3:00 p.m.

We extend our warmest wishes to every HCPS student, family, staff member, and our entire community for a joyful Christmas and a bright, prosperous New Year. May this holiday season bring happiness, peace, and cherished memories to all!

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mrs. Amy Lynn Holt moved that the meeting be adjourned. Mrs. Alyssa Norman seconded the motion. (*Unanimously approved at 5:09 p.m.*)

Minutes approved: