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**Hickman Community Charter District
Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees**

MINUTES

February 8, 2021

Meeting Begins with a Closed Session at 4:30 P.M.

Regular Session resumes at 5:30PM

PUBLIC MEETING

Conference Room, 13306 Fourth Street, Hickman, CA 95323

Due to social distancing requirements, our public meeting will be held online until further notice.

Regular Session starts at 5:30PM and can be accessed by using the following link:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://hickmanschools-org.zoom.us/j/75706894269?pwd=cDVEL2FZRkdmdFg2ZzNSRjFCUFZEZz09>

Meeting ID: 757 0689 4269

Passcode: Hickman1

1. Call to Order at: 4:35 P.M.

Members Present:

Jay Orth- Pres
Cassandra Shepherd - Clerk
Kathy Main
Elizabeth Thompson
Jonathan Merriam

Members Absent:

Late Arrivals:

Others Present:

Motion by: Jonathan Merriam
Seconded by: Cassandra Shepherd
Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Abstain: 0

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion by: Jonathan Merriam
Seconded by: Cassandra Shepherd
Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Abstain: 0

3. Closed Session - Called to Order at: 4:36 p.m.

Motion by: Kathy Main
Seconded by: Jonathan Merriam
Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Abstain: 0

3.1 Public employment pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.5.

3.2 Negotiations (certificated/classified) pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6

Exited Closed Session at: 5:29 p.m.
Motion by: Elizabeth Thompson
Seconded by: Kathy Main
Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Abstain: 0

Report of Closed Session Actions

Action related to Closed Session Item - NONE

Action:
Motion by:
Seconded by:
Ayes: Nays: Abstain:

4. Welcome

4.1 Pledge of Allegiance

4.2 Welcome

5. Public Comment

5.1 [Email from Tyler Benziger](#) - Frustration was not with the teachers, but with Distance Learning. Hickman teachers are appreciated and loved. This action is to encourage the Board to be aggressive in their actions to find a way to open the school. They would like better communication

and more transparency.

6. Consent Items

6.1 [Approval of Minutes January 11, 2021](#)

6.2 Approval of Warrants

Date	Amount
January 13, 2021	12,935.17
January 15, 2021	3,893.98
January 22, 2021	22,843.92
January 27, 2021	12,555.54
January 28, 2021	12,258.67
Total	\$64,487.28

Motion by: Cassandra Shepherd
Seconded by: Jonathan Merriam
Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Abstain: 0

7. Information/Discussion Items

7.1 [Pandemic Operations Update](#) - Mr. Gardner --Questions generated

From Michele to Everyone: 05:39 PM

I'm curious to know what is the document he is speaking about- It was a letter, authored by Tyler Benziger, encouraging HCCD to end Distance Learning.

From Danielle's iPhone to Everyone: 05:52 PM

so does the cohort remaining in effect mean that it will remain a be schedule and not 5 days a week? The "A" and "B" group will be combined to form the new cohort, which will attend school 5 days a week.

From Tyler Benziger to Everyone: 05:54 PM

Are the plexiglass shields a new requirement from the state/county? If not, why were they not ordered much earlier? It's a requirement when reducing the distance to 4 ft.

From Briana Gonzalez 4303 to Everyone: 05:55 PM

so if the class gets to full do they have to go back to the hybrid schedule?

From Marrison Weatherman to Everyone: 05:55 PM

I don't think you getting majority of people back. Students who are in the Acellus program will most likely continue with Acellus for the remainder of the school year.

From iPhone to Everyone: 05:57 PM

Can you clarify the cohorts again? are you saying the entire class, both A & B will be together 5 days a week? if not, how will that work? Yes, the "A" and "B" group will be combined to form the new cohort, which will attend school 5 days a week.

From Isabella Valverde to Everyone: 05:58 PM

Middle School is 8th graders sitting in homeroom all day and doing zoom all day. HMS Students will reside in one classroom by grade level with no passing into other classrooms.

From Tyler Benziger to Everyone: 06:00 PM

Have we heard from the county what has to happen for us to remove cohosting? Is there a "tier" that will allow us to have cohorts mixing on campus?

From Danielle's iPhone to Everyone: 06:00 PM

what is the plan for breaks, lunches, and cafeteria? An aide, who is dedicated to that cohort, has been assigned to each classroom. On a rotating basis, each day the group is assigned a specific location to have breaks and lunch.

From sara to Everyone: 06:01 PM

Are we not confident in all of the safety measures that are in place??? We are very confident in the procedures that we have in place for the safety of our students.

so sad for the middle school not to rotate. makes no sense to zoom from class. Getting instruction at school in a consistent environment, where students can network with their peers and staff members concerning academic questions will be a great support for students. Zoom supported instruction benefits the students, they receive subject based instruction that they would be getting by the same teacher as if they were rotating classes.

From dana velazquez to Everyone: 06:02 PM

I agree

From Danielle's iPhone to Everyone: 06:03 PM

also I'm sorry what about any field trips?

From Tracie's iPhone to Everyone: 06:03 PM

to be clear, the plexi glass is a requirement for the 4 foot spacing. There are no other alternative options that the county will allow? This is the alternative that will allow us to open, reducing the distance which was 6ft spacing down to 4ft spacing.

7.2 Statements of Economic Interest (Form 700)

7.3 MOU Granting Law Enforcement Limited Access to the Student Information System

8. Administrative Items (Action or Information)

8.1 Approve COVID-19 School Guidance Checklist

Motion by: Kathy Main

Seconded by: Elizabeth Thompson

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Abstain: 0

8.2 Approve Renewal Agreement for Interdistrict Attendance To Hughson Unified School District.

Motion by: Kathy Main

Seconded by: Jonathan Merriam

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Abstain: 0

8.3 Approve Request and Agreement for Interdistrict Attendance To Roberts Ferry School District for a K, 3rd and 7th grader.

Motion by: Jonathan Merriam

Seconded by: Cassandra Shepherd

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Abstain: 0

8.4 Approve the retirement letters of three HCS Education Coordinators

Motion by: Elizabeth Thompson

Seconded by: Cassandra Shepherd

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Abstain: 0

8.5 Approve the retirement letter from HCS Classified Employee

Motion by: Kathy Main

Seconded by: Jonathan Merriam

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Abstain: 0

8.6 Approve the retirement letter from District Purchasing Agent

Motion by: Elizabeth Thompson

Seconded by: Jonathan Merriam

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Abstain: 0

8.7 Approve the CSBA Election ballot voting to fill (2) Vacancies Term beginning April 1, 2021- March 31, 2023

Motion by: Jonathan Merriam

Seconded by: Kathy Main

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Abstain: 0

8.8 Approve the Monthly Budget Report - Elizabeth Thompson said that she heard schools would be receiving more money due to Proposition 98. Cathy Thomasson responded that those funds will not be received in time to help with this school year's expenses. The State is using deferrals of the school district's money so that the State does not have to borrow money to cover their expenses, but it will force many schools to have to borrow money instead.

Motion by: Elizabeth Thompson

Seconded by: Jonathan Merriam

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Abstain: 0

9. Reports- Facilities Report and the Superintendent Report will not be presented tonight

9.1 Business Manager's Report- C. Thomasson reported in 8.8

9.2 School Reports

9.2.1 HES/HMS Report [Report](#)- Candetta Barnett

9.2.2 [HCS Report](#) - Marie Reynosa

10. Additional Closed Session (If needed)- Called to Order at: 6:30p.m.

Motion by: Cassandra Shepherd

Seconded by: Kathy Main

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Abstain: 0

Exited Closed Session at: 7:02p.m

Motion by: Cassandra Shepherd

Seconded by: Elizabeth Thompson

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Abstain: 0

11. Report of Closed Session Actions - Superintendent reported on districts position to move forward on negotiations.

12. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at: 7:04p.m.

Motion by: Jonathan Merriam

Seconded by: Kathy Main

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Abstain: 0

February 08, 2021, Minutes Approved March 8, 2021

Jay Orth- Board President

Cassandra Shepherd- Board Clerk

Kathy Main-Board Member

Elizabeth Thompson-Board Member

Jonathan Merriam-Board Member