

MEETING MINUTES

Attendees

Voting Members

Dr. James Joy, President
Mrs. Monty Vest, Vice President
Mrs. Venita Jones, Board Member
Mr. Daxton Maze, Board Member
Mr. Randy Sparkman, Board Member

Non-Voting Member

Mrs. Sabrina Buettner, Interim Superintendent

I. Call to Order

The Board President, Dr. James Joy, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

II. Establishment of Quorum

The Board President, Dr. James Joy declared that a quorum was present. All members were in attendance.

III. Invocation

The Invocation led by Finley James, fourth grade student at Barkley Bridge.

IV. Pledge of Allegiance

The *Pledge of Allegiance* was led by Finley James and Sadie Menanno, fourth grade students at Barkley Bridge.

V. Adoption of Agenda

A recommendation was made to approve the agenda. A motion was made by Mrs. Monty Vest with a second by Mrs. Venita Jones. The vote was unanimous in favor of the recommendation.

VI. Approval of Minutes

A recommendation was made to approve the minutes of the following meetings:

1. August 30, 2022 - 1st Budget Hearing (This was left off the September agenda).
2. November 15, 2022 - November Board Meeting
3. December 8, 2022 - Work Session

Motion made by: Mr. Randy Sparkman; Motion seconded by: Mrs. Monty Vest
Voting: Unanimously Approved

VII. Presentations

Mrs. Laura Lamb provided the Board with highlights, activities, and accomplishments at Barkley Bridge Elementary School.

VIII. Public Comments

1. Bruce Wilhite

Mr. Bruce Wilhite, parent of two Hartselle City Schools students, made the proper request, and spoke to the Board for approximately 3 minutes, about his concerns regarding questions not being asked during the Superintendent interviews dealing with in-person learning, mask mandates, and inclusion of political ideology in the curriculum. The Board President, Dr. James Joy, thanked Mr. Wilhite for his comments.

IX. Action Items

1. Reports to the Board

a. October 2022 Financial Reports and Account Reconciliations

Mr. Bradley Colburn presented the Board with the October 2022 reports and account reconciliations.

b. November 2022 Financial Reports and Account Reconciliations

Mr. Bradley Colburn presented the Board with the November 2022 reports and account reconciliations.

2. Recommendation to Approve Bus Usage

The Interim Superintendent made the recommendation to approve the request for Hartselle First Methodist Church to use two buses for Saturday, January 28, 2023. First Methodist will pay all charges for buses and drivers.

Motion made by: Mr. Daxton Maze; Motion seconded by: Mrs. Venita Jones
Voting: Unanimously Approved

3. Recommendation to Approve 2023-2024 School Calendar - Final Reading

The Interim Superintendent made the recommendation to approve the 2023-2024 School Calendar (final reading).

Motion made by: Mr. Randy Sparkman Motion seconded by: Mrs. Monty Vest
Voting: Unanimously Approved

4. Recommendation to Approve of HJHS Records Destruction

The Interim Superintendent made the recommendation to approve the destruction of records at Hartselle Junior High School.

Motion made by: Mrs. Monty Vest; Motion seconded by: Mr. Randy Sparkman
Voting: Unanimously Approved

5. Recommendation to Approve Out-of-State Field Trip

The Interim Superintendent made the recommendation to approve for the Robotics Team at Barkley Bridge to travel to LaGrange, Georgia on

January 18-19, 2023, to attend the VES IQ Showdown at Great Wolf Lodge Competition.

Motion made by: Mrs. Venita Jones; Motion seconded by: Mr. Randy Sparkman
Voting: Unanimously Approved

6. Recommendation to Approve Surplus Property

The Interim Superintendent made the recommendation to approve for a Thomas School Bus, 05-22 to be declared as surplus property.

Motion made by: Mr. Randy Sparkman Motion seconded by: Mrs. Monty Vest
Voting: Unanimously Approved

X. Personnel Items

1. Recommendation to Approve Personnel Items

The Interim Superintendent made the recommendation to approve the following personnel items:

Leaves

1. Somer Baldwin for leave in the position of Bus Driver for Hartselle City Schools from November 28, 2022 through January 4, 2023.
2. Chad Evans for FMLA leave in the position of Maintenance for Hartselle City Schools Central Office from December 16, 2022 through March 9, 2023.
3. Amy Gilliland for FMLA leave in the position of Elementary Teacher at Crestline Elementary School from December 16, 2022 through January 27, 2023.
4. Emily Smith for maternity leave in the position of Elementary Teacher at Crestline Elementary School from January 23, 2023 through March 31, 2023.

Retirement

1. Karen Bynum from the position of Nurse at Barkley Bridge Elementary School, effective January 1, 2023.

Resignations

1. Holly Keenum from the position of CNP worker at Barkley Bridge Elementary School, effective December 16, 2022.
2. Paula McPhearson from the position of Instructional Aide at Barkley Bridge Elementary School, effective December 16, 2022.

Transfers

1. Rachel Groves from School Counselor at Hartselle Junior High School to School Counselor at Hartselle High School, effective January 3, 2023.
2. Jamie Herring from Pre-K Auxiliary at F.E. Burleson Elementary School to Pre-K Teacher at F.E. Burleson Elementary School, effective January 3, 2023.

Supplement

1. Brittany Ferguson, Library Media Specialist at F.E. Burleson, to receive the remainder of the Instructional Technology Facilitator supplement for the 2022-2023 school year.

Additional Duties

1. Laura Lee Halverson to work Extended Day at F.E. Burleson Elementary School for the 2022-2023 school year, to be paid with F.E. Burleson extended day funds.

Substitutes

1. Add the following to the substitute list, effective January 4, 2022: Carl Pfeiffer, Mary Mackenzie Runager, and Brain Smith.
2. Teresa Garner as a long-term substitute to fill the vacancy at Crestline Elementary School from January 3, 2023 - March 17, 2023.

Retiree Agreements

1. Ada Jackson for part time secretary duties, based at the Central Office, effective January 3, 2023 through December 31, 2023.
2. Nanette Miller for temporary bookkeeping services, based at the Central Office, effective December 1, 2022.

Athletics

1. John Adam Berry (Instructional Aide) and Whitney Glover (Teacher) to work athletic events to perform custodial duties for Hartselle Junior High School for the 2022-2023 school year, to be paid \$30 an hour from basketball funds.
2. Renee Owen to be paid \$200 for preparing food for a baseball fundraiser event, to be paid from the baseball club.
3. Mariann Parker to be paid \$2,000 for performing secretary duties (emailing, receipts, communications, etc.), to be paid from the baseball club.

Motion made by: Mr. Daxton Maze; Motion seconded by: Mrs. Monty Vest
Voting: Unanimously Approved

2. Recommendation to Approve Superintendent Contract

1. The Board President made the recommendation to approve the Superintendent's Contract.

Motion made to approve the recommendation by: Mr. Randy Sparkman;
Motion seconded by: Mrs. Monty Vest

Voting:

Dr. James Joy - Yes

Mrs. Monty Vest - Yes

Mrs. Venita Jones - Abstain

Mr. Daxton Maze - Abstain

Mr. Randy Sparkman – Yes

XI. Information Items

1. Superintendent's Report

Mrs. Sabrina Buettner, Interim Superintendent, thanked the Board for this opportunity to serve as Interim Superintendent the past few months. She said that she has really enjoyed working with Hartselle City Schools again and we have a lot to be proud of.

2. Next Board Meeting - January 17, 2023 - Hartselle High School Library

XII. Adjournment

With no further business, the Board President, Dr. James Joy, declared the meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Chairman