
**HAMILTON COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD
MINUTES OF EXPULSION HEARING, WORKSHOP, AND SPECIAL MEETING
FEBRUARY 22, 2010**

The Hamilton County School Board met in the Board Room of the District Administration Building on Monday, February 22, 2010. Present were Superintendent Martha Butler and school board members Don Fenneman (Chair), Jeanie Daniels, Gary Godwin, & Joyce Shaw, and Board attorney Jay Willingham. Vice-Chair Damon Deas arrived at 4:20 p.m.

Expulsion Hearing

1. Expulsion hearing scheduled for 4:00 p.m.
The above-referenced hearing was conducted.
2. Review of prior expulsion issue
The above-referenced issue was reviewed.
This session concluded at 4:12 p.m.

Workshop

The workshop began at 4:15 p.m. for a presentation on school data. Prior to the presentation, Mrs. Butler shared that Mrs. Annie Pinello and Mrs. Elizabeth Mitchell were at North Hamilton today due to the death of Mrs. Joeris. Mrs. Butler, as well as Mr. & Mrs. Rex Mitchell, were also at the school to provide assistance and support.

Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell made the presentation, which included a review of the data from both the previous and current years. They also shared the various FCAT strategies that are being implemented, and explained the transition from FCAT to FCAT II to end-of-course exams.

During discussion, it was noted that Mike Todd spoke at the recent meeting of the Superintendent's Cabinet, which is comprised of high school students in grades 9-12. Mr. Todd explained to the students how the data is used, and students now realize the importance of performing well on tests. The students felt that the school atmosphere has changed; students are interested in learning, and the instructors are teaching "bell to bell."

It was also noted that there were numerous winners from the regional science fair. Our district sent the smallest group of participants and this group received the most awards.

The workshop concluded at 4:45 p.m.

Special Meeting

Mr. Fenneman called the meeting to order at 4:46 p.m. for consideration of the following items:

1. Ratification of contract language and approval of salary schedules (pending union action)
Mrs. Butler explained that she had spoken with Mr. Law. Although the exact numbers were not available, he confirmed that the union voted to accept. Superintendent's recommendation: approval to ratify the contract language. Motion to approve by Mrs. Shaw and seconded by Mr. Deas; the motion carried unanimously. Superintendent's recommendation: approval of the salary schedules for 2009-2010. Motion to approve by Mrs. Shaw and seconded by Mr. Deas; the motion carried unanimously. (Supplement 6239)
2. Withdrawal of participation in PAEC risk management program, effective July 1, 2010
Ms. Penner provided information on this item. Superintendent's recommendation: approval to withdraw from the PAEC risk management program, effective July 1, 2010. It is noted the district will participate in the program with NEFEC. Motion to approve by Mrs. Daniels and seconded by Mrs. Shaw; the motion carried unanimously.

At this time, Mrs. Butler introduced Ms. Phyllis Porter, Coordinator of Special Programs. Ms. Porter shared that she is very excited to be working with our district!

The meeting was adjourned at 4:56 p.m. based on a motion by Mrs. Daniels and seconded by Mrs. Shaw.

Martha Butler
Superintendent

Minutes are pending Board approval on March 8, 2010.