



Haliwa-Saponi Tribal School

The Better Choice!

Haliwa-Saponi Tribal School School Board Meeting August 3, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 7:23pm. Absent from the meeting were Charles Richardson, Ladonna Richardson, Rydell Richardson and Earl Evans.

Chief Ogletree Richardson motion to accept the agenda with noted correction and it was 2nd by Vice Chief Jeff Anstead.

A motion was made by Alfred Richardson to excuse absences for Charles Richardson, Ladonna Richardson, Rydell Richardson and Earl Evans. Motion was 2nd by Jeff Anstead. Motion carried.

School Administrator, Mr. Bell indicated that 146 students as of date are enrolled and that the budget was based on 140 students not 146. He told the teachers to consider their classroom budgets on approximately 87.5% to keep them on budget. He plans by October 1st to not spend any more than 30% of the budget.

Chief suggested he keep his eyes on the budget closely. There is no additional funding available for the school. She also indicated the 20th day of school will be Sept 10th or 11th.

Mr. Bell the Administrator stated we cannot afford to have a bad audit and said the number one concern is the budget and we must be transparent. He also indicated we need to start recognizing staff and employees through venues such as the newspapers which will give our school greater visibility.

The budget was approved in May. Karen Lynch Harley and Jeff Anstead had questions regarding the budget.

Mike stated we need to try not to overcrowd our school and we need to be careful not to discriminate when bringing students in. It was suggested that we should have legal services look into special cases. Karen Lynch Harley had concerns regarding the use of special cases as she felt they could cause legal issues. The Chief, Ogletree Richardson felt we should leave the Administrative Policy as is and Mr. Bell the Administrator agreed. No changes are being made at this time to the Admissions policy.

Revisions to the dress code for the Students and Parents Handbook was discussed. Jeff Anstead and Chair, Mike Richardson felt the policy should be the same for teachers and students. There was discussion on having photos available to teachers, parents and students on what apparel is considered acceptable. It was decided that HSTS spirit wear

or Polo style collar shirts will be allowed as well as moccasins. It was also felt that students should be allowed to wear Native American cultural medallions, beadwork and other such items.

Dress code with said changes was motioned by Chief Ogletree Richardson and 2nd by Alfred Richardson. Motion carried.

Graduation Policy: The Administrator said he needs to let students and parents be aware of consideration of Pathway, a scholar program. However they will need to understand they will be expected to do more than standard expectations.

The school Administrator had a conversation with Vance Community College to discuss giving student's college classes at the Tribal school or at their campus in Warrenton. The school is calling in 3 students that have 3.0 GPS to meet with Consuela to apply for taking classes at Vance Community College. They will need to take a test to see if they qualify for courses to start this semester.

Students will be able to take Vocational classes if they meet the requirements and or of good character. The State pays for this; the school only needs to supply students with the transportation.

Motion to adopt and indorse the Career & College Promise Transfer Pathway and make it part of the Student Handbook. Motion by Alfred Richardson and 2nd by Jeff Anstead. Motion carried

Motioned by Jeff Anstead and 2nd by Dudley Lynch to change the word Principal to Administrator in the Administration hand book. Motion approved.

The Administrator reported that all staff positions have been filled and all staff will be in school beginning Monday. The Administrator feels growth was made by 7 students. Mr. Whitehead did a great job. The 4th grade made tremendous growth.

Mr. Bell, the Administrator indicated there was a mentor mandate for certain grades for teachers and we need to ensure this is in place. He also indicated there will be an Open House next Thursday from 5 to 7pm. All teachers will attend the Open House and information regarding the Open House has been placed in the Daily Herald and online.

The Chief indicated SAS has offered support to our school also that Personal Financial Literature is another program available to the school.

Jeff Anstead motioned to go into closed session at 9:20pm and it was 2nd by Alfred Richardson. Motion approved. At 9:55pm Alfred Richardson motion to come out of closed session and it was 2nd by Jeff Anstead. Motion carried.

It was motioned to extend the meeting till 10:15pm if necessary by Alfred Richardson and 2nd by Jeff Anstead. Motion carried.

Motioned to approve all contracts discussed with said modifications by Alfred Richardson and 2nd by Jeff Anstead. Motion approved by general consistence. Alfred Morris and Chief abstained due to conflict of interest.

Announcements: There will be an Environmental meeting next Wednesday at Chief WR Richardson building. Mr. Bell said a new intercom system and walkie talkies have been put into place. Also announced was a fish plate sale with the Fire Dept. will be held tomorrow. . Motion to adjourn by Alfred Richardson and 2nd by Chief Ogletree Richardson. Meeting adjourned at 10:05pm.

Respectfully,

Karen Lynch Harley
School Board Secretary