

# Meeting Minutes

**Hope Hill Elementary**  
**Date: 4 March 2021**  
**Time: 4:00 pm**  
**Location: Virtual Zoom Call**

- I. Call to order: 1605
- II. Roll Call-

Role	Name (or Vacant)	Present or Absent
Principal	Maureen Wheeler	Present
Parent/Guardian	Alex Wu	Present
Parent/Guardian	Pamela Moss	Present
Parent/Guardian	Monica Jones	Present
Instructional Staff	Alicia Cole	Present
Instructional Staff	Taurra Dorsey	Present
Instructional Staff	Keisha Killebrew	Present
Community Member	Debra Jones	Present
Community Member	Greg Stender	Present
Swing Seat	Jocelyn Alter	Present
Student (High Schools)	N/A	

**Guests Present:**

Adrienne Booker McCrary joined to listen

No members of the public attended.

**Quorum Established: [Yes]**

**III. Approval of Agenda**

- a. **Approval of Agenda:** Motion made by: [T. Dorsey]; Seconded by: [P. Moss]  
 Members Approving: Unanimous  
 Members Opposing:  
 Members Abstaining:  
**Motion [Passes]**

**IV. Public Comment**

- a. Public Comments
  - i. NA- no members of the public attended the meeting
- b.

## V. Action Items

- a. **Approval of Previous Minutes:** *List amendments to the minutes:*

Motion made by: [D. Jones]; Seconded by: [T. Dorsey]

Members Approving: Unanimous

Members Opposing:

Members Abstaining:

Motion [Passes]

## VI. Discussion Items

- a. **Budget Development Presentation for FY21-22:**

i. **M Wheeler presented Budget Development Process PowerPoint**

1. Reviewed process from last meeting
  2. Budget is \$4,276,275
  3. Focus on classroom size reduction
  4. Went through puts and takes from previous budget
  5. Full time nurse to hourly nurse, district budgeted 0.5 nurse. Can use a nurse 5 days a week, and save money
  6. Hourly to full time PE teacher
  7. Part time to full time Art teacher
  8. Losing Spanish teacher to Jackson full time
    - a. Want to consider teaching ASL instead (American Sign Language)
    - b. Could help with low performing readers
    - c. Howard Middle will teach ASL
    - d. Lose Spanish all together
  9. No one to pair with for band teacher, hard to find 0.25 band teacher
    - a. Few kids participate in band program
    - b. Replace with hourly dance position
  10. Hourly to full time clerk
    - a. Used to have 2 clerks, with COVID did not bring back the 2<sup>nd</sup> clerk, but still have work load to support full time
  11. Just found out we're receiving \$184k CARES federal funding
- ii. M Jones asked how many days a week would have access to ASL
1. Share 0.5, need to work out schedule
- iii. M Jones asked, What grade levels will have access to ASL?
1. 2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>
- iv. M Jones asked, Band position being eliminated, what about instruments through grant?

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1. Instruments stay in building, belong to school. May fund music in future years, hard this year because band teacher got bought out to other school.
  - v. M. Jones asked if dance will be offered every day, and to which grades?
    1. All grade levels
  - vi. D. Jones asked, will nurse be there all day, every day?
    1. Yes
  - vii. D. Jones asked what option for boys alternative to dance?
    1. Boys like dance too, but offer chorus and general music. If geared correctly, boys enjoy dance too.
  - viii. D. Jones asked, do hourly workers get benefits?
    1. No, just paid for hours they work. Could look to bring some para on full time depending on funding.
  - ix. J. Alter asked, teachers requesting specific software, any requests not able to fund?
    1. No, able to fund all
  - x. J. Alter asked, is there a way to measure student demand of special classes?
    1. Limited in what we can offer, based on course number. Discuss and balance with other cluster schools. Need to continue through (matriculate) to middle school.
  - xi. J. Alter asked, broadly, student mobility, advocate specific resources to student mobility?
    1. Addition of full time social worker, gear questions toward mobility rate, and address.
  - xii. A. Wu asked, is CARES act a one time slug of funding?
    1. Is part of 3 year plan, can spend over 3 years. Possibility of additional funding next year, unknown.
  - xiii. M. Wheeler said the budget has received a thumbs up by HR, Supervisor, next is Go Team, can forgo next meeting and vote today
    1. M. Jones asked if alters meeting number per year
      - a. A. Wu said, only need 4 meetings, extras are baked in
  - xiv. Motion to vote on budget today by D. Jones, T. Dorsey seconded, vote to approve motion was unanimous
  - xv. Motion to approve budget by A. Wu, J. Alter seconded, vote to approve motion was unanimous
    1. Budget was approved, motion passed
- b. **Grady CAT Feedback:**
- i. A. Wu presented

- ii. About 2 weeks ago, open records request to APS on records for plan for former Inman Middle School, temporarily being used for Morningside while they do repairs
  - 1. District had to gather, even if in draft format
  - 2. District presented draft of redrawn boundary lines, only meant for discussion, developed by operations ground, had not been discussed or reviewed by others.
  - 3. Due to pandemic, no change since March 2020
  - 4. District needs to determine decision process ASAP in order to support community comment and feedback
  - 5. M. Wheeler said Hope Hill is only negatively impacted if there was a 4/5 academy, due to enrollment drop
  - 6. M. Wheeler said should support if:
    - a. HH remains in Grady Cluster
    - b. Remain diverse community school
    - c. Don't close HH

### VII. Information Items

#### a. Principal's Report

- i. Superintendent will be having cluster conversations, M Wheeler asked that team disseminate
- ii. At 42% back, up from 38% 87 to 90 show up, some revert back to virtual, projected 125 for last quarter
- iii. Teacher vaccination coming up
- iv. Summer academic recovery, district is doing 4 week, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, loss of learning, 150 kids identified, designed 8-1245 academic work, 1245-245 enrichment, Ms Mccrary site lead, teachers hired to do academic piece, at school, transportation and meals provided, can I student not come for academic but for enrichment – Wheeler to find out. Due to pandemic. District is funding

### VIII. Announcements

- a. M Wheeler said in declaration phase for next year's Go Team, T. Dorsey will phase out, need new teacher rep. A. Wu will stay on longer. J. Alter and D. Jones reappointed in fall. D. Jones will let M. Wheeler know, due to time commitment.

### IX. Adjournment

Motion made by: [T. Dorsey]; Seconded by: [P. Moss]

Members Approving: Unanimous

Members Opposing:

Members Abstaining:

**Motion** [Passes]

**ADJOURNED AT 5:11 PM**

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**Minutes Taken By:** [Greg Stender](#)

**Position:** [Secretary](#)

**Date Approved:** [15 April 2021](#)