

**DAVID T. HOWARD**

**Date: 10-6-2020**

**Time: 4:30**

**Location: Zoom**

**DRAFT MINUTES**

**I. Call to order: 4:05**

**II. Roll Call**

<b>Role</b>	<b>Name (or Vacant)</b>	<b>Present or Absent</b>
Principal	Kevin Maxwell	P
Parent/Guardian	Jenifer Keenan	P
Parent/Guardian	Ginenne Walker	P
Parent/Guardian	Angela Lewis	P
Instructional Staff	Tenecia Powe	P
Instructional Staff	Chelsea Schultz	P
Instructional Staff	Wendy Baker	P
Community Member	Curtis Carmichael	P
Community Member	Open Seat	
Swing Seat	Ben Abernathy	P

**Observers: Shanda Beadles, Joy Antone, members of community viewing You Tube streaming**

**Quorum Established: Yes**

**III. Action Items**

**A. Approval of Agenda:** Motion made by Ms. Powe; Seconded by: Ms. Schultz  
**Members Approving:** All Go Team members present (Ms. Lewis not present for vote)

**Members Opposing:** None

**Members Abstaining:** None

**Motion Passes**

**B. Fill Vacant Positions**

<b>Vacant Position:</b>	<b>Community</b>
<b>Nominee's Name:</b>	Vincent Jones
GO Team Members <b>In favor</b>	Unanimous
GO Team Members <b>Opposed</b>	None
GO Team Members <b>Abstaining</b>	None

**C. Approval of Previous Minutes: No amendments** <https://docs.google.com/document/d/15eVgJXAVzginIo3euFrH8x3e9fYI3ubNbCDX6o8VfVE/edit>

Motion made by: **Mr. Abernathy**; Seconded by: **Mr. Charmichael**  
**Members Approving:** Unanimous  
**Members Opposing:** None  
**Members Abstaining:** None  
**Motion Passes/Fails**

## D. Election of Go Team Officers

### Go Team Chair:

**Nominate: Ben Abernathy**  
**Members Approving:** Unanimous  
**Members Opposing:** None  
**Members Abstaining:** None  
**Ben Abernathy elected as Go Team Chair for 20/21 term**

### Go Team Vice Chair:

**Nominate: Jenifer Keenan**  
**Members Approving:** Unanimous  
**Members Opposing:** None  
**Members Abstaining:** None  
**Jenifer Keenan elected as Go Team Vice Chair for 20/21 term**

### Go Team Secretary:

**Nominate: Wendy Baker**  
**Members Approving:** Unanimous  
**Members Opposing:** None

Members Abstaining: None

Wendy Baker elected as Go Team Secretary for 20/21 term

**Go Team Cluster Representative:**

**Nominate: Chelsea Schultz**

Members Approving: Unanimous

Members Opposing: None

Members Abstaining: None

**Chelsea Schultz elected as Go Team Cluster Representative for 20/21 term**

**E. Review and Approve Public Comment Format**

Public Comment Format for Virtual Go Team Meetings:

For those of you wishing to provide comment, there is time allotted on the agenda from 5:30 p.m. – 5:50 p.m. Sign-up will be via a Google Form. The Google Form will be posted on the GO Team website, the meeting announcement, and other channels. Google Form sign up sheet will close by midnight the day before the GO Team meeting. Each member of the public will have 2 minutes to speak at which time we will ask you to have a seat to allow others to speak. The Public Comment period is designed to gain input from the public and not for immediate responses by the GO Team to the public comment presented. At the end of the 20 minutes we will close public comment and move on to the next agenda item. If there are questions or information that you have for the GO Team, you may also contact one or more of the GO Team members after this meeting. You can find GO Team member contact information and meeting dates and agendas on the GO Team page of the school's website.

Motion to adopt made by: [Mr. Abernathy](#); Seconded by: [Ms. Baker](#)

Members Approving: Unanimous

Members Opposing: None

Members Abstaining: None

**Motion Passes**

**F. Go Team Meeting Calendar**

Go Team required to have 6 meetings per year. Meetings cannot be held during instructional time.

Meetings will be held on the second Monday of the month:

11/9; 12/14; 1/11; 2/8; 3/8; 4/12; 5/10

## G. Review and Adopt GO Team Norms

### David T. Howard Go Team Norms:

- This is a meeting of the GO Team. Only members of the team may participate in the discussion. Any members of the public present are here to quietly observe.
- We will be fully present.
- We will follow the agenda as noticed to the public and stay on task.
- We will be respectful of each other at all times.
- We will be open-minded.
- We invite and welcome contributions from every member and listen to each other.
- We will respect all ideas and assume good intentions.
- We will approach differences of opinion with curiosity.

Motion made by: [Mr. Jones](#); Seconded by: [Ms. Schultz](#)

**Members Approving:** Unanimous

**Members Opposing:** None

**Members Abstaining:** None

**Motion Passes**

## IV. Discussion Items

### A. Discussion Item 1: [David T. Howard](#)

Report from Dr. Maxwell: History of the school is important and impressive. Original building was 100,000 square feet. Renovated building with new additions is 210,000 square feet. Physical site is more than double the Inman site. Virtual learning has allowed repairs of leaks, alarms, paint, etc. to be completed without disrupting students. Dr. Maxwell was able to show Dr. Herring the Howard Campus on Day 1. Go Team members will have an opportunity to tour the building pending approval from Ms. Brown.

No updates on the installation of the track.

School needs some physical items such as art, mirrors for dance studio, weights for the weight room, bike racks, etc.

Next meeting will provide an update on traffic and transportation safety improvements for the school.

## V. Information Items

### A. Return + Learn Plan

[https://go.boarddocs.com/ga/aps/Board.nsf/files/BU4MRX5BD5F4/\\$file/2.03%20BOE%20October%205%20Board%20Meeting%20on%20Reopening%201002020%20v15%20FINAL.pdf](https://go.boarddocs.com/ga/aps/Board.nsf/files/BU4MRX5BD5F4/$file/2.03%20BOE%20October%205%20Board%20Meeting%20on%20Reopening%201002020%20v15%20FINAL.pdf)

Dr. Maxwell spoke to the Howard Faculty this morning about the Updated Plan for Reopening Schools.

Health Data: 100 cases per 100k is one of the key thresholds for going back to school. October 16<sup>th</sup> is the date when trending COVID data will be evaluated.

10/26 Pre-K and Special Education will be given three options:

Virtual With School

In Person

Atlanta Virtual Academy

Howard has two Special Education classes eligible for this return date. As of today's date, no students have elected to come back on 10/26.

11/16: Students 6 – 12 will be given three options:

Virtual with School

In Person

Atlanta Virtual Academy

- All options (virtual and face-to-face) will have an asynchronous day on Wednesdays. 4 hours of independent practice on Wednesdays.
- Virtual and In Person will be 9:05 – 4:05 on Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri.
- What is the teaching model for teachers who have both in-person and virtual students? Dr. Maxwell is seeking input from teachers to address this issue. Other districts have tried both virtual and face-to-face instruction.
- Face-to-Face instruction will not look like pre-pandemic face-to-face learning. There will be screening protocols and masks will be required. Teachers will maintain social distancing and may use plexiglass. Howard does not have cohorts – kids will go to different teachers.
  - There are no teams in 8<sup>th</sup> grade so kids will go to different parts of the hallways. May require switching teachers in order to maintain relative cohorts.
  - As of today, around 275 students have said they will go in person and around 100 students have said they will go virtual.
  - Question: Will additional staffing/volunteers be needed for arrival and departure? 25% - 33% of David T. Howard staff considering virtual rather than in-person.

- Question: Should teachers move furniture in their classrooms to allow for social distancing? Dr. Maxwell suggests setting up a model classroom to see how many desks can be used and maintain social distancing.
- Howard does not have recess but kids will go outside for exercise time when temperatures are above freezing.
- HVAC system is new - windows do not open.
- Schools are receiving additional training on procedures for COVID+ cases. Howard will have three “care rooms” to isolate children who become ill during school.
- Georgia law requires one gifted segment – Howard currently offers two gifted segments. Some students *may* lose a gifted segment.
- Impact on Connections is unclear. Singing, yelling, playing wind instruments, etc. need to be evaluated.
- Kids will not be allowed to share any materials (pens, paper, etc.)
- Parent Intent to Return Form Due 10/12
  - Elections can be changed anytime before the 10/12 deadline
  - Forms not completed by 10/12 will automatically be virtual
- Staff will complete a return to work/telework form
  - 25% - 33% of Howard staff have preliminarily elected teleworking
  - Some staff thought original survey contemplated January return date, not 11/16 return date.
  - Ms. Beadles noted that many teachers are apprehensive about coming into the building with many students present.
  - Ms. Baker said that the survey seemed to be informational and not an election. Also did not contemplate complete return to school. Enclosed space with masks still poses a risk. Ms. Powe agreed with these comments as well. 1200 kids is very scary.
  - Ms. Keenan noted that APS needs to increase outreach on “want” to go back to school vs. “need” to go back to school. We really need to focus on having children who are getting left behind during virtual learning get back to in person school and those who are doing well during virtual remain virtual.
  - Ms. Walker noted that protocols on temperature checks and health screening need to be enhanced.

### B. Principal’s Report

10 students over projected enrollment. No funding was taken away. Howard Deans are working with students who are getting left behind during virtual learning.

**VI. Announcements**

None

**VII. Adjournment**

Motion made by: [Mr. Abernathy](#); Seconded by: [Mr. Jones](#)

**Members Approving:** Unanimous

**Members Opposing:** None

**Members Abstaining:** None

**Motion Passes**

**ADJOURNED AT 6:31**

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**Minutes Taken By:** [Jenifer Keenan](#)

**Position:** [GO Team Member – Newly Elected Vice Chair](#)

**Date Approved:** [\[Insert Date When Approved\]](#)