



Richard Hardy Memorial School

Board Meeting Minutes

March 30th, 2023 @ 6:00 PM

Moment of Silence

Meeting called to order: Chairman Fred Newcom

(Absent Board Member Rhkisha Whisnant)

I. Reading of the February 28th, 2023 minutes. (Approval/Disapproval):

Chairman Fred Newcom made the motion to approve the February 28th, minutes; Jacque Howard 2nd the motion; motion carried.

II. Standard Business:

Principals Report: Reggie Culpepper

- March 9th—2nd & 3rd grades went on a field trip to the Creative Discovery Museum.
- March 16th—5th-8th grades participated in school spelling bee—(Ethan Hall was the winner).
- March 17th—closed for plumbing issues.
- March 20th-24th—Spring Break
- March 28th—School fundraiser, merchandise was delivered and given to the sellers.
- March 29th—RHPF(Rhea Heritage Preservation Foundation) put on a play for grades 8-12. The play was titled “How It started” and was portrayal of the famous Scopes Trial.

Financial Report: Jennifer Olton

All financials are up to date.

III. **Old Business:**

- A. Water Leak:** There had been an extensive increase to our water bill over the last several months and it was discovered that we had a water leak. It was not easy finding where the leak was located and school had to close for a day due to the water having to be turned off. The leak was finally located on the side of the historical building by the baseball field. Once the leak was located it was repaired.
- B. Update on Wood Shop:** Chairman Fred Newcom reported that Collins Building supply had donated all the block needed for the foundation of our new wood shop. Principal Culpepper further stated that he was still reaching out to Premier Buildings on when the work would begin. We look forward to having a new Wood Shop for our students.

IV. **New Business:**

- A. Outstanding Seniors:** In previous years we have always recognized the top 10 seniors. This year we only have 12 seniors and it was discussed with the board on their thoughts of how we might recognize our seniors this year. Everyone was in agreement that we recognize the top 4 seniors this year.
- B. Interquest Canine Detection Contract:** It is time to renew our contract with Interquest. This is a great program and has eliminated potential threats, such as guns, drugs, etc. Chairman Fred Newcom made the motion to the renew the contract for another year; Jacque Howard 2nd the motion; motion carried.

Trainings/Workshops/Field Trips/Fund Raisers

Trainings:

- Sharon Newcom will be attending AIMS meeting in Cleveland on April 27th and Superintendent Study Council on April 28th.

Fundraisers:

- Interact and LEO club are wanting to have an Easter Egg hunt. They are asking for candy and egg donations. The class that gets the most donated will receive a pizza party. They are looking at doing this either the Thursday before Easter or the Monday after.

Fieldtrips:

- K and 1st grade have 2 field trips to get approved. Hands on Science Center in Tullahoma, the cost is \$6.75 per individual, tentative dates are May 10th or May 11th. The other trip is Lookouts School Day Matinee Baseball game. The cost is \$10.00 per individual, which includes a meal voucher with admission, the date is Wed. May 17th. They are asking that every student that goes has an adult go with them. Will work with parents on any transportation issues.
- Seniors: **May 15th**: Waterpark in Manchester, TN. Students drive themselves and cost is \$5.00. **May 16th**: Senior Shenanigans (students will stay in Ms. Perry's room for movies, games and food. **May 16th**: Senior Banquet at 6 pm. **May 17th**: Escape room in Chattanooga/visit Coolidge park/ eat lunch at restaurants, students will drive themselves and pay for their lunch. Tickets will be paid with fundraising monies. **May 17th**: PM senior sunset and dinner at Top of the Rock; students will drive themselves and be responsible for paying for their dinners. **May 18th**: Graduation Practice and then the actual ceremony at 6pm.

FYI:

- Game night moved to the 31st from the 17th. --**Canceled**
- Beta Club 4-12th grade induction on April 14th at 1:00 pm in the gym. All grades are invited to attend. Refreshments will be served to the inductees and their guests.

Chairman Fred Newcom made the motion to approve all trainings/fieldtrips and fundraisers; Jacque Howard 2nd the motion; motion carried.

Next Meeting will be held Thursday, April 20th, 2023 @ 6:00 pm.

Meeting adjourned.

Public Comment: No public comment.

Chairman, Fred Newcom

Director, Sharon Newcom