

### **MEETING MINUTES**

# **Attendees**

Voting Members Present Ms. Deborah Napper, Chair, District 5 Ms. Linda Welborn, District 4 Ms. Khem Irby, District 6

### Staff Present

Mr. Marshall Matson, Assistant Superintendent of Schools, Staff Liaison Ms. Lisa Nolen, Director of Board Relations

### **Others Present**

Ms. Wanda Edgerton, St. Matthews United Methodist Church Mr. Idy Hooker, Jr., St. Matthews United Methodist Church Ms. Ethel McGirt, St. Matthews United Methodist Church

## Call to Order

Chairperson Napper called the meeting to order at 12:01 p.m.

## Approval of August 2, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Motion was made by Linda Welborn, seconded by Khem Irby, to approve the August 2, 2023 meeting minutes as presented.

<u>Motion made by:</u> Ms. Linda Welborn <u>Motion seconded by:</u> Ms. Khem Irby <u>Voting:</u> Ms. Khem Irby - Yes Ms. Deborah Napper - Yes Ms. Linda Welborn - Yes

The motion passed upon unanimous voice vote.

## Nomination to Name the New K-5 Visual and Performing Arts School

Marshall Matson, Assistant Superintendent of Schools, reported that members of St. Matthews United Methodist Church have submitted a nomination to name the new K-5 visual and performing arts school memory of Rev. Silas Peeler and Dr. William Hampton. The new school is slated to be built on the site of the former Peeler Open Elementary School, named for Rev. Peeler. Hampton Elementary, named for Dr. Hampton, was closed after it was severely damaged by a tornado in 2018.

Committee Member Welborn suggested that the nomination be modified to name the school "Peeler-Hampton School for the Visual and Performing Arts" to reflect the magnet theme of the new school. Members from St. Matthews United Methodist Church in attendance accepted that modification.

Motion was made by Khem Irby, seconded by Linda Welborn, to recommend that the new K-5 visual and performing arts school be named "Peeler-Hampton School for the Visual and Performing Arts."

<u>Motion made by:</u> Ms. Khem Irby <u>Motion seconded by:</u> Ms. Linda Welborn <u>Voting:</u> Ms. Khem Irby - Yes Ms. Deborah Napper - Yes Ms. Linda Welborn - Yes

### The motion passed upon unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Matson explained that this recommendation would be placed on the Board of Education's December 12 meeting agenda, and subsequently posted for a 30-day public comment period. Following that, the Board will hold a public hearing to receive feedback from the community in support of or opposition to the naming, followed by a formal vote of the Board.

## Naming of New Schools

Mr. Matson reported that the administration will be bringing forward for the Committee's consideration recommendations to name the new Foust and Peck schools slated to open for occupancy in January 2025. The new Foust school, built on the same site as the former school, will have a gaming and robotics magnet theme. The new Peck school, also built on the same site as the former school, will be an expeditionary learning magnet. Staff is still working with Expeditionary Learning to make sure the former Peck name can still be attached to the new school.

### **Other Business**

Committee Member Irby asked if the district had a queue of names that could be used to name new or existing facilities. Mr. Matson replied that, to his knowledge, no such list exists, and that the district relies on nominations to name facilities.

## Adjournment

There being no further business, at 12:25 p.m., *motion was made by Linda Welborn,* seconded by Khem Irby, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed upon unanimous consent.