

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF
HOPEWELL CITY COUNCIL AND SCHOOL BOARD HELD APRIL 10, 2019**

A Special Meeting of City Council and the School Board of the City of Hopewell, Virginia, was held Wednesday, April 10, 2019, at 6:30 p.m. at Carter G. Woodson Middle School, 1000 Winston Churchill Drive, Hopewell, Virginia.

COUNCIL

PRESENT: Jasmine E. Gore, Mayor, Ward 4
Deborah Randolph, Councilor, Ward 1
Arlene Holloway, Councilor, Ward 2
John B. Partin, Jr., Councilor, Ward 3
Janice B. Denton, Councilor, Ward 5
Brenda S. Pelham, Councilor, Ward 6

John M. Altman, Jr., City Manager
Stefan M. Calos, City Attorney
Ronnieye L. Arrington, City Clerk

ABSENT: Patience Bennett, Vice Mayor, Ward 7

SCHOOL BOARD

PRESENT: Christopher G. Reber, Chairman
Linda E. Hyslop Vice-Chairman
Shirl A. Jefferson
Wesley T. Joyner
Nelson G. Cuffey
Melody D. Hackney, Superintendent

ROLL CALL

Mayor Gore opened the meeting at 6:41 p.m. Roll call was taken as follows:

Mayor Gore	-	present
Vice Mayor Bennett	-	absent
Councilor Randolph	-	present
Councilor Holloway	-	absent (arrived 7:00 p.m.)
Councilor Partin	-	present
Councilor Denton	-	absent (arrived at 7:14 p.m.)
Councilor Pelham	-	present

ADOPT/AMEND AGENDA

Councilor Partin moved to adopt the agenda. His motion was seconded by Councilor Pelham. Upon the roll call, the vote resulted:

Mayor Gore	-	yes
Councilor Randolph	-	yes
Councilor Partin	-	yes
Councilor Pelham	-	yes

Motion passed 4-0

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PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Prayer was led by Christopher Reber, Chairman of the School Board, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America led by Linda Hyslop, Vice Chairman of the School Board.

Mayor Gore then allowed everyone time to finish the delicious meal prepared by the children.

WORK SESSION

Chris Reber announced that the Parkland School Board had been sued, along with the Sheriff. He then introduced Dr. Hackney, the Superintendent of Schools. She noted that the students had prepared the meal and gave them accolades for their work.

Dr. Hackney then gave a PowerPoint presentation on anticipated revenues, retirement/attrition, anticipated savings, and other specific budget initiatives.

Dr. Hackney gave a list of future funding considerations, including funding Phase III of the Class and Comp Study and providing 3% raises for all facilities and employees across the board. There were also staffing requests, including a TA position at Hopewell High School, a Spanish Teacher, and an additional Security Resource Officer at HHS, to name a few. One of the items referenced was an increase of health insurance costs. Mayor Gore asked if the School Board had considered combining with the City and using their health insurance. Dr. Hackney explained that joining the City insurance would not help the schools insurance costs, but would in fact hurt the City's insurance rate.

After the slideshow, Mr. Reber opened the floor for questions. Mr. Reber then thanked the Councilors for their time and attention.

ADJOURN

At 8:17 p.m., motion was made by Councilor Partin and seconded by Councilor Pelham to adjourn. All Council responded "aye" to the question and the meeting was adjourned.

Jasmine E. Gore, Mayor

Ronniece L. Arrington, City Clerk