

**Haliwa-Saponi Tribe Inc. School Board of Directors'**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**March 16,2017**

Chair Rev. Michael Richardson called the meeting to order at 7:23pm.

**Attendance:** Rev. Michael Richardson, Chair; Chief Ogletree Richardson, Alfred Richardson, Vice-Chair; LaDonna D. Richardson, Roena Daniel, Dudley Lynch, Norman R. Richardson, Ladonna E. Richardson, Secretary (late), Michelle Varian, Principal of Operations; Nancy Murray, Assistant Principal.

**Guests:** Jackie Burditt, Coleen Bevington, Cheryl Richardson, Charles "Pete" Richardson,Jr., Deborah Charron

A quorum was determined. A moment of silence was observed. The school mission statement was read.

**Conflicts of Interest:** None

Motioned by Vice-Chair Alfred Richardson to approve the agenda, seconded by Chief Ogletree Richardson. Motion approved by general consensus.

**Excused Absences**

Motioned by LaDonna D. Richardson to grant an excused absence for Earl Evans due to work, seconded by Alfred Richardson. Motion approved by general consensus.

**Public Comment:** None

**Minutes**

Motioned by Chief Ogletree Richardson to approve February 2, 2017 minutes with corrections if any, seconded by Ladonna E. Richardson. Motion approved by general consensus.

**Academic Excellence Data Review**

There was lengthy discussion on the data review. Seventeen students have been identified as students who could benefit from the Read to Achieve camp. This funded by the state. It has not been released yet as to what the budget will be. The school just has to decide if it will run the camp or not. DPI has to know by April 3, 2017 if the school will run the camp.

Motioned by Vice-Chair Alfred Richardson to participate in the RTA program provided we receive funding to cover it, seconded by Chief Ogletree Richardson. Motion approved by general consensus.

## **Finances**

### **Letter of Engagement from the Auditor**

There was a short discussion of this. Motioned by Vice-Chair Alfred Richardson to approve the receipt of the letter of engagement from the auditor dated February 15, 2017, seconded by Dudley Lynch. Motion approved by general consensus.

### **Annual Budgetary Concerns/Adjustments**

Some discussion of this. Motioned by Vice-Chair Alfred Richardson to approve Acadia's recommended changes, seconded by Chief Ogletree Richardson. Motion approved by general consensus.

## **Governance**

### **Parent/Student Handbook Review**

There were some recommended changes in the wording of some sections in the handbook regarding attendance and tardiness of students.

### **Organizational Structure**

No discussion at this time. The Board chair recommends a work session to discuss exactly how we as a board want the school to be structured. Motioned by LaDonna D. Richardson to have a work session on March 23, 2017 at 6:30, seconded by Ladonna E. Richardson. Motion approved by general consensus.

### **Office of Charter Schools Training Camps**

No teacher has expressed interest in attending training yet. If any interests then the Board will discuss budget concerns to pay for training.

### **Principals' Report**

Motioned by LaDonna D. Richardson to acknowledge receipt of the principals' report, seconded by Vice-Chair Alfred Richardson. Motion approved by general consensus.

There was lengthy discussion of the principals' report. There was a donation of bookshelves and books from the library in Norlina. Principal Varian attended the I-Ready symposium staff development day on March 15, 2017. Speakers for the 2017

commencement were discussed. Dr. Cummings of UNC-Pembroke would like to visit the school. He is interested in partnering with HSTS.

Motioned by Vice-Chair Alfred Richardson to approve Gregory Richardson of the Commission of Indian Affairs as the commencement speaker for graduation 2017, seconded by Norman R. Richardson. Motion approved by general consensus.

Motioned by LaDonna D. Richardson to limit the keynote speaker to one, seconded by Dudley Lynch. Motion approved by general consensus.

### **Closed Session**

Motioned by LaDonna D. Richardson to enter closed session at 9:34 to discuss personnel and contracts, seconded by Ladonna E. Richardson. Motion approved by general consensus.

Motioned by Norman R. Richardson to exit closed session, seconded by Dudley Lynch. Motion approved by general consensus.

### **Actions Out of Closed Session**

Motioned by Ladonna E. Richardson to approve the contract for Susie Evans retroactive February 6,2017 to June 30,2017, seconded by LaDonna D. Richardson. Motion approved by general consensus.

Motioned by Ladonna E. Richardson to approve contract for Regina Stafford with the stated stipulations, seconded by LaDonna D. Richardson. Motion approved by general consensus.

Motioned by Ladonna E. Richardson to accept the resignation of Rebecca Arroyo effective 7/31/17, seconded by Dudley Lynch. Motion approved by general consensus.

Motioned by Ladonna E. Richardson to accept the resignation of John Regan effective 2/24/17, seconded by Roena Daniel. Motioned approved by general consensus.

**Announcements:** None

### **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn by Chief Ogletree at 10:45pm , seconded by LaDonna D. Richardson. Motion approved by general consensus.

