

**TRUSTEES**

Jonathan Merriam, President  
Kathy Main, Clerk  
Ryan Reece  
Elizabeth Thompson  
Cassandra Shepherd

**ADMINISTRATION:**

Trish , Superintendent  
Terrie Purto, Business Official



**Hickman Community Charter District  
Meeting of the Board of Trustees**

**MINUTES**

**October 14, 2024**

**Meeting Begins with a Closed Session at 5:00 P.M.**

**Regular Session resumes at 5:30PM**

**PUBLIC MEETING**

**Stem Room#1, 13306 Fourth Street, Hickman, CA 95323**

**1. Call to Order at: 5:04 p.m.**

**Members Present:**

Jonathan Merriam, President  
Kathy Main, Clerk  
Ryan Reece  
Elizabeth Thompson  
Cassandra Shepherd

**Members Absent: none**

**Late Arrivals:** Elizabeth Thompson

**Others Present:**

Motion by: Kathy Main  
Seconded by: Ryan Reece  
Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Abstain: 0

## 2. Approval of Agenda

Motion by: Cassandra Shepherd

Seconded by: Kathy Main

Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Abstain: 0

## 3. Closed Session

**Called to Order at: 5:05 p.m.**

Motion by: Cassandra Shepherd

Seconded by: Ryan Reece

Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Abstain: 0

**3.1 Employee Matters:** *(Government Code Section 54957)*

**Public Employee appointment, employment, performance evaluation, discipline/dismissal/release**

**3.2 Student Matters:** *(Government Code Section 54950)*

**3.3 Labor Negotiations:** *(Government Code Section 54957.6)*

**Exited Closed Session at: 5:29 p.m.**

Motion by: Elizabeth Thompson

Seconded by: Cassandra Shepherd

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Abstain: 0

**Report out of Closed Session Actions - none**

*Report of closed session actions is required pursuant to Government Code 54957.1*

Action:

Motion by:

Seconded by:

Ayes: Nays: Abstain:

## 4. Welcome

**4.1 Pledge of Allegiance**

**4.2 Welcome**

## 5. Public Comment- None

## 6. Consent Items

**6.1 [Minutes of September 09, 2024 Board Meeting](#)**

**6.2 Warrants**

Date	Amount
<a href="#">September 6, 2024</a>	<a href="#">168,557.85</a>
<a href="#">September 13, 2024</a>	<a href="#">59,237.69</a>
<a href="#">September 20, 2024</a>	<a href="#">35,718.82</a>

<a href="#">September 27, 2024</a>	<a href="#">42,645.49</a>
<a href="#">October 2, 2024</a>	<a href="#">14,400.00</a>
<a href="#">October 4, 2024</a>	<a href="#">95,726.88</a>
	\$416,296.73

### 6.3 Approve the following field trips and fundraisers

- HMS/HCS attending SCOE Career Inspiration Center in Empire Classes
  - October- Technology
  - February -Medical
  - April-Ag Manufacturing
- HES First Grade Ram Farms October 29, 2024, 2nd grade January 9, 2025
- HES/HMS Rewards Trip to Yosemite Lanes Bowling in November
- HES 4th grade to Moaning Caverns November 14, 2024 (replacing Black Chasm trip)
- HES/HMS December 11, 2024 Nutcracker at the Gallo Art Center
- Multiple Hughson High Play Productions
- HES 2nd grade Hilmar Cheese April 3, 2025

Motion by: Kathy Main

Seconded by: Ryan Reece

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Abstain: 0

## 7. Presentations/ Information

### 7.1 Update on Carnival- Sara Giannini

- 900 dinner tickets sold-60 given to sponsors
- All chicken was donated; Anthony Agueda obtained a butter and milk donation; \$4000 in total cash donations; LCAP budgeted \$4000 for Outdoor Education experience.
- Staff members, parents, and grandparents are volunteering to help make this dinner a success.
- The board was thanked for their support of the changes in the fundraiser

### 7.2 ActVnet Presentation - Tulare County Office Education- Brent Miller

- Developed by the County Office of Education in collaboration with school officials and law enforcement
- Mrs. Anderson saw this demonstration at the SCOE Safety Symposium
- The creators cannot make a profit, which makes this program extremely affordable for small schools like Hickman.
- Users pay a start up fee and then an annual rate after that is based on the number of students in the district.

### 7.3 [SCOE Approval Letter](#) Re:LCAP and District Budget- T. Anderson

## 8. Administrative Items (Action)

### 8.1 Approve the [September Budget Summary Report](#)

*Explanatory Statement:*

Motion by: Elizabeth Thompson

Seconded by: Ryan Reece

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Abstain: 0

**8.2 Approve the Request and Agreement for Interdistrict Attendance for two students to attend Waterford Unified School District grade TK and 6th for the 2024-25 school year**

*Explanatory Statement:*

Motion by: Kathy Main

Seconded by: Elizabeth Thompson

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Abstain: 0

**8.3 Approve Proposition 28 Music and Art Plan**

*Explanatory Statement:*

Motion by: Cassandra Shepherd

Seconded by: Kathy Main

Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Abstain: 1 (Elizabeth Thompson)

**8.4 Approve the Actions being taken by Human Resources**

• **HR Board Transmittal Form**

Motion by: Ryan Reece

Seconded by: Cassandra Shepherd

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Abstain: 0

**9. Reports**

**9.1 Business Manager Report- T. Purto**

- Shared an article that stated 200,000 students have left California since 2013

**9.2 School Reports**

9.2.1 HMS/HES Report- C. Barnett

9.2.2 HCS Report - E. Hansen

**9.3 Facilities Report - G. Walls**

- Harvest dinner beautification has begun
- DSA Zoom meeting confirmed that Universal K classrooms on track
- A soil additive was added to Bynum field in preparation for the sod to be laid next week
- The personalized bricks will begin to be laid today.
- Kristin Theodore renewed her bus license
- Jessica Rodriguez has passed her written portion of the renewal test, and is scheduled to take the behind the wheel section next month.

**9.4 Superintendent Report - T. Anderson**

**9.5 Board Comments-**

Cassandra Shepherd-

- With the possibility of three new board members joining, she would like to have Board By Law 9123BB and 9121BB put before the board for review and possible revision.
- The last time this was revised was January 20, 2009.
- She would like to see the Board Bylaws revised prior to the new Trustees taking office.

Jonathan Merriam-

- He has served on the school board for over 20 years. This school district and community are very special to him. He feels good that all candidates running will represent the district in a positive way. He is very ashamed of how the campaigning in Hickman has turned dirty with signs being taken down, run over, and even moved to neighboring cities. He would like to remind the Hickman Community that Mrs. Main has served on the Hickman School Board for many years and has made over

thousands of decisions, and only one of those decisions are being focused on. It is very sad that this happened.

Elizabeth Thompson-

- She believes that Hickman would benefit in following the examples that were set up by the vice presidential debate candidates during their debate.

## **10. Additional Closed Session (If needed)- None**

### **Called to Order at:**

Motion by:

Seconded by:

Ayes:    Nays:    Abstain:

### **Exited Closed Session at:**

Motion by:

Seconded by:

Ayes:    Nays:    Abstain:

## **Report out of Closed Session Actions**

Action:

Motion by:

Seconded by:

Ayes:    Nays:    Abstain:

## **11. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at: 7:10 p.m.

Motion by: Elizabeth Thompson

Seconded by: Cassandra Sheperd

Ayes: 5    Nays: 0    Abstain: 0

## **Board Minutes from October 14, 2024, approved November 18, 2024,**

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Jonathan Merriam, Board President

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Kathy Main- Board Clerk

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Elizabeth Thompson-Board Member

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Cassandra Shepherd-Board Member

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Ryan Reece-Board Member