

**Hamilton County Schools Foundation**  
**Minutes of Meeting Held March 21, 2012**

Present: Mike Karcher, Lovella Craddock, Vince Mitchell, Ryan Nelson, Mary Lee Stephens, Jeff Fetcho, Kathy Pryer, Pat Woley, and Virginia [Bobbin] Lasater

The meeting was called to order by Mike Karcher at 5:00 PM at the Unit #10 Office.

Motion to approve the minutes of the January 11, 2012 meeting was made by Vince and seconded by Lovella. Motion approved by voice vote.

The Treasurer's Report as of March 21, 2012 indicating a balance in the checking account of \$34,487.67, [included in this amount is \$452.80 for the Track Renovation Project, in the restricted fund; \$9,540.00 in memory of Rodney Rubenacker, \$ 17.33 for Don Hall Scholarship, \$8,975.00 for Lewis & Mary Reed Scholarship, \$200.00 for Combs Scholarship, \$400.00 for Lasater Scholarship, \$250.00 for the Dahlgren Computer Lab and \$14,652.54 in the general fund], Combs-Money Market of \$1,602.76, Lasater-Savings of \$2,658.99, Combs-Scholarship of \$27,852.00, Lasater-Scholarship of \$27,040.12, Weinmann Scholarship CDs of \$24,078.72, Weinmann McCoy Library CD of \$3,187.02, Banterra - Foundation unrestricted of \$353.87, and Weinmann Scholarship and library moneys of \$1,000.00. Foundation has total assets of \$122,261.25. Discussion followed. Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as of March 21, 2012 was made by Mary Lee and seconded by Lovella. Motion approved by voice vote.

Approval to pay bills: None. Motion to distribute the \$250.00 restricted to the Dahlgren Computer Lab to the Dahlgren PTO was made by Ryan and seconded by Mary Lee. Motion approved by voice vote.

Old Business

- A. Mailing List/Membership Renewals: Bobbin sent out the Membership renewal letters. We have received a good response. Remember to give any class reunion booklet to Bobbin for alumni membership drive.
- B. All Class Reunion Update: Lovella reported the plans are going forward. Lovella met with the School Board last night and received good input from them. The committee has not been able to gather any information on the Belle City High School. There was a very good article in The Times Leader about the All School Reunion written by Diane Kunkel. Discussion followed about the Foundation's role in the All School Reunion. It was decided to have a table in the Commons Area on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Bobbin will update the listing of grants, scholarships, and other accomplishments of the Hamilton County Schools Foundation.
- C. Rodney Rubenacker Message Sign Update: Vince talked to Carmen Rubenacker. The most suitable location for the electronic message board that the Rubenacker family would like to erect is on land owned by the State of Illinois. Vince, as superintendent is going to write a letter to Representative Brandon Phelps to see if there are any other options besides to have the State agree to sell the property on a sealed bid basis as was indicated by the IDOT, Carbondale office. Randy Rubenacker will follow up with Representative Phelps.
- D. Other: Update on the smart board systems; 3 have been installed in the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade class rooms at this time.

New Business

- A. Renewal of Members (Mary Little, Virginia Lasater, Vince Mitchell): Motion to reappoint Mary Little, Virginia Lasater, and Vince Mitchell to three year terms (12/31/2014) was made by Lovella and seconded by Kathy. Motion approved by voice vote.
- B. Election of Officers: Discussion followed. A motion was made by Vince and seconded by Kathy to retain Mike Karcher, President, Lovella Craddock, Vice President, Bobbin Lasater, Secretary and Mary Little, Treasurer. Motion approved by voice vote.
- C. Other: The Foundation Board is invited to attend an Open House on Tuesday, March 27<sup>th</sup> at the Dahlgren Elementary School in celebration of the new Bulldog Computer Lab. Cookies and punch will be served from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM. The Dahlgren PTO extended their Thanks for our help in achieving their goal and improving the quality of education for their students. Bobbin indicated there is \$14,652.54 in the general fund. The Foundation has distributed the \$7,500.00 to the East Side PTA for the smart board systems and the \$2,500 to Dahlgren PTO for the computer lab. Are there any projects or ideas that could become a goal for the Foundation? Discussion followed. No decision was made at this time.

The next meeting is scheduled on Wednesday, May 23, 2012 at 5:00 PM at the Unit #10 office.

Jeff motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mary Lee. Motion approved by voice vote. The meeting was adjourned.

Date: approved 5/23/2012

*Virginia Lasater*

Virginia Lasater, Secretary  
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