

Endeavor Board Meeting Minutes: January 12, 2015

Call to Order:

Kevin Myers called to order a meeting of the ECS Board of Directors at 7:05 pm in ECS Room 210.

Present:

Kevin Myers, Bill Borter, Andy Kristianson, Steve McAdams, Margaret Holder, Charlie Kennedy, Peter Henderson, and Clint White.

Charter Success Presentation

Charter Success, a charter school financial support organization, made a presentation/pitch regarding their services and experience.

The Board discussed Charter Success' presentation after coming out of closed session. Margaret Holder is going to solicit additional companies to present to the Board.

Director's Update

- 1. Teacher intent forms are in. One teacher has given notice of intent to depart.
- 2. Busing: Tamara Santana has begun investigating the possibility of adding a second school bus for carpool, gauging the interest of both the school and parents.
- 3. Volunteerism: Cindy Landwehr presented on teacher concerns about a parent volunteer deficit impacting teacher lunches and planning periods. Steve McAdams and Peter Henderson were tasked with preparing a plan moving forward.
- 4. Safety Issue: Wake Forest has issued a warning regarding two men in a van who have attempted to pick up children in this area over the last couple of weeks. Teachers have warned children about these individuals.
- 5. Donors Choose: This is a clearinghouse for donations that allows an individual to make a request for donated items. Several ECS teachers have used this service effectively.
- 6. Lottery: There have been over 600 applications for the lottery, which is set for February 17.
- 7. Steve McAdams indicated that he would be retiring at the end of the 2014-2015 school year. Kevin Myers publicly thanked Steve on behalf of the Board for his dedication and service to the school over the last seven years.

Brief Items

Andy Kristianson moved to approve the meeting minutes as distributed for the December 8, 2014 Board of Directors Meeting. Steve McAdams seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Steve McAdams presented three policies for review and approval:

- 1. Donations Policy;
- 2. Acceptable Usage Policy (technology at school);
- 3. Personal Device Usage Agreement

The Board reviewed the policies and agreed to revise prior to approval.

The Board discussed the development of a building rental agreement per our earlier discussions.

The Board discussed the 2015 brick campaign. Kevin Myers moved to set the 2015 brick campaign price at \$150/small brick and \$250/large brick, with pricing for teachers and staff set at 2014 pricing levels. Clint White seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The Board also discussed whether to allow businesses to purchase bricks. Charlie Kennedy moved to limit brick campaign sales to families only. Kevin Myers seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Foundation Items

Foundation Treasurer John Collar, who has served the Foundation in that role since its inception, has indicated his intent to step down from his current position. The Foundation is actively seeking an individual with a financial background to replace John.

The Foundation has a property tax bill for 2014 of \$43,000. The Foundation has appealed the bill based on its current tax-exempt status as a school support organization. Andy Kristianson will work with the Foundation's counsel to pursue this appeal.

David Clodgo discussed the current allocation of duties relating to the building (short term maintenance, improvements, etc.) between the Foundation and the School.

David Clodgo discussed the playground drainage problem, and potential approaches for addressing the same.

Treasurer's Report

The BB&T Operating account balance is \$1,079,989.15, and the BB&T Collateral account is \$236,000, for a total balance of \$1,315,989.15. The current surplus is \$400,000.

We currently have 37% of our revenue remaining to be received, and 46% of our expenses remaining to be paid. This is consistent with last year at this time, when we had 39% of our revenue remaining, and 53% of our expenses remaining.

Andy Kristianson agreed to check with our attorney about potential contractual limitations on refinancing efforts.

Public Comments

None.

Closed Personnel Sessions

Kevin Myers moved that the Board go into closed session to discuss a personnel issue, in accordance with statute 143.318.11 (a) (6). Andy Kristianson seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved and the board moved into closed session at 8:47 p.m.

Kevin Myers moved that the Board move to open session. Steve McAdams seconded. The motion was unanimously approved. The board reconvened in public session at 9:09 p.m.

Search Committee

Kevin Myers discussed DPI's recommendations for forming a search committee for the open director position. Kevin Myers proposed a sub-committee of the Board to include himself, Lisa Springle, Clint White, and Margaret Holder, as well as a select number of staff members. The first goal of the committee will be to draft a job description for posting.

Second Closed Session

Kevin Myers moved that the Board go into closed session to discuss a personnel issue, in accordance with statute 143.318.11 (a) (6). Charlie Kennedy seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved and the board moved into closed session at 9:32 p.m.

Kevin Myers moved that the Board move to open session. Steve McAdams seconded. The motion was unanimously approved. The board reconvened in public session at 9:48 p.m.

Adjournment:

Andy Kristianson moved to adjourn. Margaret Holder seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:49 p.m.