



Endeavor Board Meeting Minutes: February 10, 2014

Call to Order:

Lisa Springle called to order a meeting of the ECS Board of Directors at 7:01 pm in Endeavor's multi-purpose room.

Present:

Kevin Myers, Bill Borter, Andy Kristianson, Lisa Springle, Sarah McConnell, Charlie Kennedy, Steve McAdams. Steve McAdams voted as proxy for Christian Nechyba. Lisa Springle voted as proxy for Margaret Holder.

Technology Estimate for New Building

Brandon Wallace took the Board through a proposal that would mean significant savings in the future for our internet provisioning by becoming part of the North Carolina Research and Education (NCREN) network, a fiber network that provides service to libraries and schools across the state. The net would be a savings of approximately \$600/month for service, and eventually should mean improved level of service for both download and upload speeds.

This will require us to be formally CIPA compliant – key requirements are that we have an internet safety policy and access controls for minors to ensure that they do not have access to problematic sites. This is consistent with our current policies and can be accomplished through continued filtering.

Andy Kristianson moved that Endeavor take steps to become CIPA compliant to become eligible for E-Rate funding as part of the NC REN. Kevin Myers seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Foundation / Construction Items

David Clodgo provided a brief update on progress on construction. Construction remains on-schedule and on-budget. We are making good progress. The contractor completed one of the 3rd grade classrooms so that we could understand the dimensions and configuration. This was successful and progress will continue on the other standard classrooms.

Site work is progressing slower due to rain and weather, but is progressing. NC DOT approve the right-of-way encroachment so that we can continue to go onto the roadway on One World Way to finish the project. Berms have been completed along Burlington

Mills Road with the exception of the final 10%, which will be finished at the end of site work.

The Brick pathway has sold approximately \$16,000. We will have additional blanks available for future fundraising efforts.

The Foundation Fundraising efforts have been quiet, but recently we have been given a new interpretation of the restrictive fundraising from Jeffery Arens. Given that we do not have a specific line item in the budget for the playground equipment, his interpretation is that we can have a separate fundraiser for these items.

Approval of Prior Minutes:

Kevin Myers moved to approve the meeting minutes as distributed for the January 13, 2013 Board of Directors Meeting. Andy Kristianson seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Director's Update

Steve McAdams provided the Board with the Director's Update. We had 1700 applications for the lottery. This is more than we had the first year. This is enough to fill every grade from K-7th if we were to lose every single student. Lottery ends February 21.

We are counting hours instead of days for our calculations for the school year. The administration's proposal is to use the following as make-ups: February 17, April 21, June 6 and then 10 minutes off of lunch during the first four weeks of 4th quarter. If necessary, we would take the following days in the following order: April 18, May 26, April 7, and June 11.

Andy Kristianson moved to approve snow makeup days of February 17, April 21, June 6 and then 10 minutes off of lunch during the first four weeks of 4th quarter. Steve McAdams seconded. Motion was approved unanimously.

Christi McAdams and Carolyn Southard presented a proposal to the Board for allowing students in Common Core Math II to use Virtual School in order to meet the needs of these students while increasing instructional time for all other students in 8th grade. Math II is a high-school level math instruction program that is offered to exceptional mathematics students in middle school, and is used with a limited number of students each year (it has varied from 3-5 in the past at Endeavor). Part of the proposal would have Ms. Southard act as liaison for the students in this program on a weekly basis to ensure that progress is being made and that any necessary remediation is addressed, as she is certified to teach this level.

The impact to budget should we exceed the free participation limit of students would have been \$423 per student in 2012-2013. It is believed that it would be similar in 2014-2015, but based on our school size and number of students currently enrolled in Math I, we should be below the clip level for having to pay. The Board discussion supported the

proposal, and the Board asked for them to return in the future should there be any impact to budget in the future as a result of this program.

Tina Bauldree shared an update on moving estimates that she has gathered thus far. Estimates vary from \$1600 to rent our own trucks and move ourselves with parent volunteers to \$19,500 for a fully staffed move with whiteboards and smartboards included in the move. The Board will review these proposals in order to make a decision ahead of the mid-April deadline for making a decision.

Treasurer's Report:

Bill Borter provided the Board with a Finance update. Current balance as of 1/31/2014 is \$849,499.02. The move continues to be a moving target within the budget. Interest in the loan, capital purchases for the new school, future building outlays and teacher bonuses represent 85% of the outstanding budget. We are currently projecting a surplus of approximately \$50,000 if our budget holds.

Lisa Springle discussed the audit results from Thomas Judy and Tucker. These results were delayed due to some internal issues with TJ&T. TJ&T offered a reduction of fees for this year and next as a result of these delays and issues. However, we will be asking for RFPs for other agencies to conduct our 2013-2014 annual audits. Several firms have already contacted us.

The 990 tax return draft was distributed. The only question raised was in the section with Board members hours listed – it was not clear why Sarah McConnell and Steve McAdams would have a different number of hours. Margaret Holder is investigating. Kevin Myers moved to approve the 990 tax return as distributed. Charlie Kennedy seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Bill also educated the Board with the nature of the relationship between Acadia and the school, and reviewed the services that we contract with Acadia.

Transportation Update

Charlie Kennedy updated the Board on the discussions for Transportation options in 2014-2015. There are between 35-45 families, representing 45-55 kids, that are interested in transportation options. There is still one company interested in providing services with the current estimates, and the cost remains approximately \$1000 per rider based on estimated number of riders and 2-3 drop off / pick up points.

Charlie and Lisa Springle will meet with the proposed company to discuss final details. The Board will discuss at the next Board meeting as details are finalized.

Public Comments:

There were no public comments or questions.

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 9:27 pm.

Kevin Myers moved that the Board move to open session. Margaret Holder seconded. The motion was unanimously approved. The board reconvened in public session at 10:10 pm.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 10:11 pm.