

Spartanburg Charter School

Board of Directors Meeting

June 28, 2011, 6:30 p.m.

This meeting was called to order at 6:43p.m. by Geoff Haas.

Members present: Geoff Haas, Trevor Rubenzer, Kelly Reid, Eric Mossbrook

Members absent: Keisha Gray, Ginger Goforth, Jon Garner

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Kelly Reid. The motion was seconded by Trevor Rubenzer. The motion passed 4-0.

A motion to approve the minutes from May 19, 2011 was made by Trevor Rubenzer, after striking "Hunter Blake at" from the Business/Compliance report, added a discussion on signage from donors and distribution of the agendas/minutes. Kelly Reid seconded the amended agenda. The motion passed 4-0.

Dr. von Rohr will contact significant donors to inquire about specific logos they may want to use for their specific sign.

A discussion was made regarding who we are required to contact regarding notification of the meetings. Geoff Haas will do more research regarding the Freedom of Information Act.

Business/Compliance Report – Bill Moser

May 2011 budget review – Revenues went up 72,000(+/-) from the April report. Money will appear in July when the district's clear it out of their budget. Unless spending drives up significantly for June, FY11 has some money left in certain line items like marketing, phone, etc.

FY12 budget review – lost approximately 100K in Title 1 money. The budget is made off of 220 pupils. Projected fund balance at the end of FY12 of \$578,496,26. A discussion was made regarding adding the state retirement or other defined contribution plan for FY12. The discussion was then made to earmark funds for next year (FY13) to show a commitment to buy into the state retirement system. Trevor Rubenzer stated he would like to enter into state retirement this year, but realizes the will of the rest of the Board is to not enter for FY12. Bill Moser stated that we do not have the same funding as traditional public schools and, therefore, cannot take on the same expenses. Kelly Reid agrees that she is also in support of retirement for employees, but is just not sure yet that the money is there for FY12.

Eric Mossbrook made a motion to approve the FY12 budget. Kelly Reid seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-1.

Principal's Report – Dr. John von Rohr

Enrollment Update – Placement tests have been given to 40-50 students. Martha Petoskey stated it would be in the best interest of all schools if they did placement tests, as opposed to grade level being associated with age.

Dr. von Rohr welcomed Kristin White back from her trip to China.

Thanks to the 25,000 Chase grant money, lockers will be added upstairs. Furniture should start coming in quickly. Per Ted Petoskey, everything will be done by July 15th upstairs.

Character Education will be done twice weekly by Dr. Petoskey, Kelly Kerr and the core teachers. Dr. Petoskey wants to make sure that the CE program is implemented properly as it is easy for the teachers to put it aside.

Geoff Haas stated the need for a public meeting to discuss past year benchmarks from testing.

Board Education/Business – Geoff Haas

Eric Mossbrook and Geoff Haas had a meeting with Merchant Capital. They are not interested in us for building financing as we are not in need of enough money to interest them. Self-Help is also not interested in helping us. It was made clear to us that we need to have our building appraised. Geoff Haas is now working on identifying the appropriate person to do that. We are also in discussions with Carolina Alliance Bank. They are currently reviewing our financials.

Kelly Reid made a motion to approve direct deposit of payroll. Eric Mossbrook seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0. This is optional for each employee and forms will go out in August for a start of direct deposit in September.

For upcoming board elections, we need to get a letter out early to all parents and staff advising of the upcoming elections. Geoff Haas committed to July 12 and Kelly Reid committed to July 13 for registration to explain the process and hand out a letter.

Trevor Rubenzer motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:33 p.m. Eric Mossbrook seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

