

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Board of Directors of Calhoun Falls Charter School will hold a regular business meeting on Tuesday, December 10, 2013 at 6:00 P.M. at the Calhoun Falls Charter School Library, 205 Edgefield Street. During this meeting the Board will receive public comments. Those who wish to make public comment must register with the school secretary or board secretary by Monday, 5:00 P. M. on December 9, 2013. The public comment period will be limited to 20 minutes, allowing each speaker equal time. The Board of Directors will take all public comment under advisement and no action will be taken unless placed on the agenda by a board member.

AGENDA

Call to Order (please turn off cell phones)

Invocation

Freedom of Information Act – The Agenda has been posted and the local media notified

Approval of Agenda

Pledge of Allegiance

Mission Statement

Budget Report – Bill Moser, Kelley – Moser Consulting

Approval of Budget Report

Public Comment Period (five minutes per speaker)

Mrs. McCannon – Discuss Location of Building

Approval of Last Month's Minutes

Principal's Report – Mrs. McCullough

Old Business

New Business

Executive Session – 2 Parent Conferences

Adjournment

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Calhoun Falls Charter School is to provide to the children and families of Calhoun Falls a safe and supportive learning environment where students are actively engaged in the educational process, develop strong leadership qualities and create an opportunity of the children and families of Calhoun Falls to leave behind a living legacy to future generations.

CALHOUN FALLS CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2013, 6:00 P. M.
Charter School Library
205 Edgefield Street
Minutes from the meeting held on November 12, 2013

PRESENT:

Chairman Bert Broadwell, Mike Brandt, Kay Hicks, Tony McCall, Martha McMinn, Mike McMinn, Rena Rhodes, Bill Scott, Horace Thomas and Peggy Lee Waters.

ABSENT:

No one was absent.

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Broadwell called the meeting to order at 6:00 P. M. Mr. Broadwell asked new Board Members to stand for the swearing in.

Following the swearing in Mr. Broadwell asked for nominations, Mr. Thomas nominated Mr. Broadwell, Mr. Broadwell stated he did not choose to run for the Board this time. Mr. Brandt nominated Mr. Scott, Mr. Scott declined. Mr. Thomas nominated Ms. Rhodes, with no other nominations Ms. Rhodes accepted. Mrs. Waters nominated Mr. Thomas, with no other nominations, Mr. Thomas accepted. Mr. Brandt nominated Mrs. Waters as secretary, with no other nominations, Mrs. Waters accepted.

Mr. Moser stated he works with several charter schools and this school has had many challenges, it takes a steady hand to lead and Mr. Broadwell has done an exceptional job. Mr. Broadwell asked board members to remember any decision to be made should be made for what's best for the children.

INVOCATION:

Mike McMinn gave the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Ms. Rhodes led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MISSION STATEMENT:

Mrs. Waters read the Mission Statement.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Mr. McCall made motion to approve the Agenda, he was seconded by Mr. Brandt, motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

There was no one present for the Public Comment.

BUDGET REPORT:

Mr. Moser gave the Budget Report. Ms. Rhodes asked if Title 1 had changed, Mr. Moser stated yes, a slight drop. Ms. Rhodes asked if the IDEA funds balanced out, Mr. Moser stated almost.

APPROVAL OF BUDGET REPORT:

Mr. Brandt made motion to Approve the Budget Report, he was seconded by Mrs. Waters. Motion passed unanimously. Ms. Rhodes asked each one to give their name and a few words.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

There was no one present for Public Comment.

APPROVAL OF LAST MONTH'S MINUTES:

Mr. McCall made motion to Approve the Minutes of the last meeting. Mrs. Waters seconded the motion, motion passed without opposition.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

Mrs. McCullough introduced Michelle Jones of Elliott Davis to present the findings of the audit. Mrs. Jones report was as follows: stated we will look at the Report to the Board and they do not look at every penny, they look at internal controls and make recommendations to improve controls. Also, they look at what the Moser's do and make adjustments and those can be seen in Appendix A. Mrs. Jones stated the black bound booklet is the audit and on pg. 2 we have an unqualified opinion, the best opinion. On pg. 33, the second opinion on internal controller financial reporting which is also unqualified. This year there is a third opinion which is new, the school had more than \$500,000 in federal expenditures, putting us over the threshold of a single audit, the single audit opinion is on pg. 35 and is unqualified . On pg. 37, schedule of findings and questioned costs where recommendations come into play, preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting meaning if you do not have an accountant on staff that can prepare the financial statements which is not favorable, therefore we will continue to have that finding. She added now that a board member is an accountant we can discuss that going forward. The second deficiency is related to segregation of duties related to disbursements to Mrs. McCullough signing checks including her reimbursements. After speaking with her and implementing a new control where you have new controls this should go away in the coming year. Mrs. Jones stated the best place to look for the overall results of the year is on pg 10 (change in net position) decrease of (\$132,894) which is a net loss. You should consider last year the school paid off the line of credit and the Town of Calhoun Falls which gives us a net position at year end of \$180,313.

Mrs. McCullough gave a hand out of school successes showing many school scores falling but we were fortunate to hold on to our A. We also received the Title 1 reward school, HSAP passage rate of 95.7, placing us at 19 of over 240 HS. She reported the graduation rate is 84%, compared to state rate of 77.5, just received the HS report card with 2 excellent ratings – for last year the biology end of course ranked first in the Lakelands Consortium and English 1 end of course ranked 2nd for passage rate and ranked fifth in algebra 1 out of 19 schools. Our FFA received the gold emblem chapter and the state wide top student of the Charter School District has come from CFCS 4 years in a row since opening, out of over 10,000 students. Mrs. McCullough attributed the wins in part to Mrs. Lindler, the writer of the applications each year. Mrs. McCullough gave new board members the accountability system to look over and Mrs. Lindler gave the school report card beginning with the HS absolute and growth ratings. In 2011 and 2012 our absolute rating was average, 2012 growth was below average and this year we are happy both ratings are excellent. The report card compares us to school like us. Mrs. McCullough stated she expects 2 gold awards this year.

Mrs. McCullough gave a hand out showing the ways she lets the community know of the board election.

Mrs. McCullough stated she implemented a new ICU program. This program does not tolerate student failure to turn in homework. This program is designed specifically for our students. Students who fail to attend ICU will receive a referral which is mailed to the parent.

OLD BUSINESS:

Ms. Rhodes stated the board meeting began at 6 for 2 years but some interest has been shown to go back to 5, with no one opposing the change Ms. Rhodes stated the next meeting will begin at 5 P. M.

Mrs. McCullough stated Mrs. Hunnicutt is improving but has a way to go. Coach Craigo will likely be out all week due to more tests. Ms. Rhodes asked who is covering for Mrs. Hunnicutt, Mrs. McCullough stated Rev. Hicks.

Mrs. Waters asked about the bullying program, Mrs. McCullough stated Rev. Hicks is looking into a program. Mrs. McCullough and Mrs. Lindler stated the plan they presently use works well.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was discussion concerning a water leak on the FB field.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mr. Brandt made motion to go into Executive Session, he was seconded by Mr. Scott, motion passed unanimously.

FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mr. Brandt made motion to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Mr. Thomas, motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Rhodes stated no action would be taken following Executive Session.

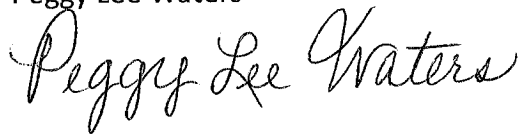
ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Thomas made motion to Adjourn the meeting, he was seconded by Mr. Brandt. Motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Rhodes adjourned the meeting at 8:35.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Lee Waters

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Peggy Lee Waters". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the typed name.