

CALHOUN FALLS CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

Charter School Library

205 Edgefield Street

Minutes Tuesday, January 12, 2016

***** AMENDED*****

PRESENT:

Chairman Keith Ashley, Michael Brandt, George Morrow, Rena Rhodes, Craig Brown, Horace Thomas, Marian Tinsley. Also in attendance were Mrs. Deirdre McCullough, Mrs. Lori Lindler and Ms. Angie Bourne. Mrs. Payne had to leave the meeting; Ms. Rhodes recorded minutes in her absence.

ABSENT:

Rebekah Parnell

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Ashley called the meeting to order at 5:01 P. M.

INVOCATION:

Mrs. McCullough gave the invocation.

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT:

The agenda is compliant with the Freedom of Information Act.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Mr. Brandt made a motion to accept the agenda. Mr. Thomas seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Chairman Ashley led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MISSION STATEMENT:

Mrs. Lindler read the Mission Statement.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

Mrs. Fran Brown addressed the Board about medical bills incurred by her daughter during a school function which the school's insurance should pay but has not. She states that the account are so far past due that the doctor's office will be forced to turn the debt over to a collection agency. She urged the Board to address this issue.

Mrs. McCullough presented certificates to the Flashes Pride recipients:

- Middle School Student of the Month – Kamira Baker
- High School Student of the Month – Zertirreius Bell

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

Mrs. McCullough distributed a Board Handbook to each board member, providing the original Charter Application, Faculty Handbook, Student Handbook, and other documents. Teacher Surveys have been sent out and have started being returned. Insurance increased to cover the new sign. Teacher attendance will be emailed to Board Members. The Annual Report will be emailed to Board Members and is available in printed form if requested. School tours, Open House, Fifth Grade Visitation are all being planned to recruit students. Mrs. McCullough would like to do home visits too, and asked for suggestions of families to visit. All Board Members were emailed information from the Abbeville County School District and the SC Charter School District confirming leave policy for 240 day employees. Mrs. McCullough has requested copies of prior year's minutes from Elliott-Davis. She will meet with an intern who will be paid out of a grant from Clemson University and work at the school several hours a day to create and assist with social media, press releases, and a recruiting brochure. Bobby Bryant would like to have a book signing at the school for his book, with a portion of proceeds from sales to go to the school to purchase football jerseys. The event will be held on a Friday afternoon in April. Mr. Ashley is working on getting a presentation on Cyberbullying. MAP testing is going on and students are doing well. Mrs. Lindler is working on Charter amendments, which are due to the district office by the end of February. Sign lighting ceremony photographs should be in the next Abbeville Press & Banner. Ms. Bourne has been trained on operating and updating the sign display. Mr. Ellison would like to be recognized as the donor for the sign. Mrs. McCullough would like for the Board to establish a policy for how the sign may be used by other than the school. Mrs. McCullough would like for the Board to form the following committees: Fundraising, Recruitment, and other committees as needed. Bus purchases have been completed, and insurance is being updated.

Mrs. Lindler has looked at the calendar and all testing, exams, and other end of year requirements can be completed in time to have the graduation on Friday, May 27, 2016. An alternate date would be Friday, June 3. The Charter amendments are marked with highlights and strikethrough to indicate deletions and additions. Mrs. Lindler will email that document to all Board Members when that is complete. The Board must approve the amendments before it can be submitted to the State. We may have to call a special meeting for that.

OLD BUSINESS:

Chairman Ashley requested a volunteer for the Principal Evaluation Committee. He would like to have the evaluation completed by the end of the school year. Mr. Brandt volunteered to serve.

NEW BUSINESS:

In response to the issue raised in the Public Comment portion of the meeting, Mrs. McCullough will explore the option of getting another insurance company to cover students. She will contact the District Office for suggestions of reputable companies to contact.

Mr. Brandt made a motion that Graduation 2016 date be set as May 27, 2016. Mr. Morrow seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Morrow made a motion the Graduation 2016 time be set at 7:30 pm. Mrs. Tinsley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Brandt made a motion that the venue for Graduation be Fulmer Field on the School campus, with an alternate venue be Northside Baptist Church in Calhoun Falls in case of inclement weather. Mr. Thomas seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

According to the report we are under in expenses for the first quarter of the school year. Mr. Brandt made motion to accept financial report. Mr. Thomas seconded and it passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mr. Morrow made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue. Mr. Thomas seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mr. Brandt made motion to approve the FFA Wildlife Team field trip to Georgetown on February 4-6, 2016. Mrs. Tinsley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Brandt made a motion to offer \$26,000 to reimburse Mrs. Fortson for retirement that has not been paid. Mr. Thomas seconded the motion. After some discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Brandt made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Morrow seconded the motion which passed unopposed. Chairman Ashley adjourned the meeting at 8:04pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Rena Rhodes