

CALHOUN FALLS CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2014 5:00 PM

Charter School Library

205 Edgefield Street

Minutes from the special called meeting held on December 2, 2014

PRESENT:

Chairman Keith Ashley, Bill Scott, Mike Brandt, Horace Thomas, Rebekah Parnell, Rena Rhodes, Kaye Hicks, Mike McMinn

ABSENT:

Mr. George Morrow was absent.

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Ashley called the meeting to order 5:03 P. M.

INVOCATION:

Lori Lindler gave the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mr. Ashley led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPOVAL OF AGENDA:

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

FFA Trip: Ms. McCullough asked permission for the FFA to attend an overnight trip to Clemson University Dec 5-6, to participate in the state FFA contest. She stated that there would be one chaperone and six students, traveling in sponsor's personal vehicle. Mr. Brandt made a motion to approve the FFA trip. Mr. Thomas seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Budget Report: Ms. McMinn provided an updated budget with actual totals listed. She informed us that Ms. Verdery would be in attendance at our next meeting. Mr. Thomas asked if we could get a copy of the financial statement before the meeting. Ms. McMinn is going to ask Ms. Verdery to supply this. Ms. McMinn stated that there are still open invoices that are outstanding. She explained that our contracted employees were paid in November through the auxiliary fund, which would need to be reimbursed by the general fund. Mrs. McCullough explained the details of the technology service contract; stating the hours fluctuate from month to month, with more hours at the beginning and end of school and during testing. Chairman Ashley asked how many computer labs we have in operation. Ms. McCullough replied that there are four plus a mobile lab and several classrooms have a smaller lab as well. She explained that the speech therapist was state mandated. Ms. McMinn stated that the only other expenditure since last meeting was basketball officials. Chairman Ashley commended the basketball players for their conduct at the game the previous evening.

Fundraising:

Chairman Ashley led a discussion on fundraising in order to add to the capital and provide something to fall back on if needed. He mentioned that we would continue hosting a banquet once a year. He said he is also going to provide the prize for a raffle/giveaway. His goal is for the board is to sell 500 tickets at \$2.00 @ ticket. He asked for other suggestions. Another possibility is to re-start the Sunday dinner program. The challenges and need for commitment, as was the number of volunteers, hours involved and the financial benefits were all discussed. He volunteered to head up the committee and stated that his wife would also assist. Chairman Ashley asked that we think about it and discuss it at next meeting. He said another suggestion given to him is to host a beauty pageant. Ms. McCullough stated that she could get judges and emcee and help out with that as needed. Mr. Brandt suggested having a hash sale. Mr. Ashley agreed that it was a good fundraiser, which also requires a lot of work. He suggested getting some volunteers to agree to cook the hash. Mr. Brandt said he would work to enlist some people to do that. Ms. McCullough suggested having an In Honor/In Memory walkway which would fix the walkway in front of the school as well as raise funds for the school. Chairman Ashley said he would look into that and see what costs are involved.

Executive Session:

Rev McMinn made a motion to go into executive session. Mr. Brandt seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Mr. Brandt made motion to come out of executive session. Ms. Hicks seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Action as a Result of Executive Session:

Chairman Ashley read a budget resolution which would enable the school to borrow \$75,000 at a rate of 1.9% interest for a term of 60 months. The board will make annual payments which will begin December 2015. Chairman asked for approval to proceed with the loan. Mr. Thomas made the motion to approve the loan. Mr. Brandt seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Chairman Ashley then sought approval for a bridge loan from the Booster Club to pay the coaches of fall sports (football, volleyball and cheer). This is in the amount of \$6900. Chairman Ashley asked that Ms McCullough be sure that all coaches have received all equipment and inventory checked off by the coach and athletic director—no exceptions—before payment is made. Mrs. Lindler suggested establishing a schedule at the beginning of the year to turn in equipment. Mr. Brandt made the motion to approve a loan from the booster club and Mr. Thomas seconded. The motion passed unanimously. There was a discussion following regarding coaching stipends and possible cuts. No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT:

Rev. McMinn made motion to adjourn the meeting; he was seconded by Mr. Brandt. Motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Ashley adjourned the meeting at 8:32.

Respectfully submitted,
Rena Rhodes