

CALHOUN FALLS CHARTER SCHOOL
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
NOVEMBER 10, 2009 @ 5:00 P. M.
MINUTES FROM THE MEETING HELD ON
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2009

MEETING LOCATION:
CALHOUN FALLS CHARTER SCHOOL LIBRARY
205 EDGEFIELD STREET
CALHOUN FALLS, SC 29628

CALL TO ORDER AND INVOCATION

Calhoun Falls Charter School Board met in a scheduled meeting with Chairman Keith Ashley presiding. Board members present were Michael Alewine, Bert Broadwell, Dale Gilchrist, Heather Hatchett, Horace Thomas and Peggy Lee Waters. Board members absent from the meeting were Joseph Cade and Michael V. Johnson.

Mr. Ashley called the meeting to order at 5:06 P. M. and asked Mrs. McCullough to open the meeting in prayer. Mr. Ashley led the Pledge of Allegiance and asked Mrs. Waters to read the Mission Statement.

BUDGET REPORT

There was no report as Mr. Bill Moser of Kelley – Moser Consulting was not present for the meeting. Mr. Ashley asked Mrs. McCullough if she had spoken with Mr. Moser, she stated she had and she had information from him. Mrs. McCullough stated lines 3 and 4 represent a 4% cut, line 11 is additional money for diplomas, line 19 is for certified teacher's supplies in the amount of \$275 issued by the state. Mrs. McCullough stated there is an increase in her salary but she did not know why but she would check with Mr. Moser. Further stating Lines 29 – 35 is the Implementation Grant which has been cleared out with the exception of \$19,000 which should be here at any time. Mr. Ashley asked if we had received the \$33,000 we had expected, Mrs. McCullough stated yes and Line 141 are travel expenses Mr. Moser put into the General Fund which should be covered by Title 1 or P & I but he will make the adjustments later. Also Mrs. McCullough stated Line 142, the fee for Mr. Moser's services has been decreased, but was not sure of the amount.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Mr. Ashley recognized Mr. Michael F. Johnson for comment. Mr. Johnson stated CFCS is a public school and procedures should be followed. He reminded the Board he suggested a PTO last year to involve parent participation. Mr. Johnson stated he doesn't feel there is a good attitude among the Board and it is spreading to others. He also stated Service Learning is good and we should have things going for our students such as grants. Mr. Ashley thanked Mr. Johnson for attending the meeting and stated he did not know who is giving him bad feelings about the school, the school is bigger than anything or anybody. Mr. Ashley stated he and the Board will do anything for the students of our school and that has been proven by countless acts of devotion and hard work. Mr. Ashley also stated he is for every student and if

he wasn't he would send his children to a private school and go fishing. Other ways people help is cutting grass, providing transportation to kids who have no way and other ways to help people don't know about. No one wants to toot his own horn, the community can help in many ways. Mr. Ashley stated the Board has nothing to do with the voting process, Dr. Church handles that. The sign up for the Board election was extended twice due to a lack of those to file or failure to complete the application to run. Mr. Ashley mentioned all applicants for the ballot must pass a back ground check, which is why the names were not given to the public. He also pointed out the Board will have nothing to do with the election and are not allowed within a determined distance of the voting area. Mr. Ashley stated he had spoken with parents he knew would be an asset to the Board. He also stated he would love to have a PTO and has spoken with many about the possibility. Mrs. Lindler stated parental involvement is normally how a PTO is started. Mr. Ashley stated he wants people to get involved in the school.

Mr. Ashley recognized Ms. Edmunds and asked if she had comments. Ms. Edmunds stated she is having problems with teaching and nursing, the nursing is taking her away from class too often. Mr. Ashley stated Mrs. McCullough and Ms. Edmunds should get together and develop a plan to ease the traffic of students interrupting Ms. Edmunds' class.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Mrs. McCullough stated preparations are being made to begin SAT and HSAP testing. Also, the After School program will begin within 2 weeks on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 2:50 to 4:30 in the afternoon and is funded by Title 1. The 21st Century Grant we hope to receive will allow us to explore outside the box, giving flexibility and variety with the use of speakers, six week courses on subjects such as health and fitness. The ADEPT Program is up and running with 4 teachers in the induction stage. The Open House was successful and the parents went home well informed and satisfied. The Title 1 mandatory meeting was held during the Open House as well as discussion of what Title 1 will fund this year. Mrs. McCullough stated she is well pleased with the staff and walks the halls hearing bell to bell instruction. Teachers are willing to remain after school to offer help to the students. She stated she cannot say enough about the experience of the faculty, with 7 retired teachers. Mrs. Hatchett asked who is involved in the After School Program. Mrs. McCullough stated the program is open to all students; notes will go home with students to parents informing them of the program with an emphasis on students needing better scores. Mr. Daniel is tutoring daily students needing extra help and Mr. Latham will work with students through a remediation program. Mrs. McCullough stated the school is technology rich and the teachers love the Smart Boards, giving Tracy Lindler credit for the dedication he has shown purchasing and installing the equipment. Also, Cole Brown, one of our students, is doing his internship helping with computer problems, we enjoy having the students help out. This exposes them in positive ways.

Mr. Ashley asked Mrs. McCullough to go over the Board election plans. Mrs. McCullough stated October 16 at 3:00 pm is the last day to sign up and the forms must be completed. The ballot is made public only after the back ground checks have been completed. The election will be on October 26.

NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Waters introduced Mrs. Jane Tate to discuss grants saying she has written a few small grants but has a friend experienced with grant writing. Mr. Ashley stated to Mrs. Tate any help with grant writing would be greatly appreciated and there are several community members interested in exploring the subject we can introduce you to. Mrs. Lindler asked Mrs. Tate if she and Mrs. McCullough could use her as a liaison with the faculty. Mrs. Tate stated she would be happy to do so and is pleased to be available. Mr. Ashley asked Mrs. Tate to leave her contact information with Mrs. McCullough. Councilman Johnson stated the Town had purchased rights to a grant program that Mrs. Tate could look at with Mrs. Waters.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Broadwell made a motion to enter into Executive Session and was seconded by Mr. Alewine. Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF LAST MONTH'S MINUTES

Mr. Alewine made a motion to approve the minutes from last month's meeting, which were the August minutes. He was seconded by Mrs. Hatchett. With no discussion, motion passed.

Mrs. Hatchett made a motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting, the September 8, 2009 meeting. She was seconded by Mr. Alewine. Motion passed.

Mrs. Waters stated the Board had discussed at an earlier meeting having a group of students at the meetings each month. Mrs. McCullough thanked Mrs. Waters for reminding her to do so.

AFTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

No action was taken following Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Alewine made a motion to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Mrs. Hatchett. Motion passed.

Mr. Ashley adjourned the meeting at 7:31 P. M.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Lee Waters

