

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Board of Directors of Calhoun Falls Charter School will hold a regular business meeting on Tuesday, September 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 September 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)

Approval of last Month's Minutes

Principal's Report – Mrs. McCullough

Old Business

New Business – Mrs. Hall, Discuss Palmetto's Finest Award

Executive Session

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, September 10, 2013, 6:00 P. M.

Minutes from the Meeting Held on August 13, 2013

Charter School Library

205 Edgefield Street

PRESENT:

Board members present were Chairman Bert Broadwell, Karen Ashley, Tony McCall, Rena Rhodes, Benjy Sorrow and Peggy Lee Waters. Deirdre McCullough and Lori Lindler were also present.

ABSENT:

Board members absent were Mike Alewine, Roger Hunnicutt and Tressa Brock. Bill Moser was also absent.

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Broadwell called the meeting to order at 6:04 P. M.

INVOCATION:

Mrs. McCullough gave the Invocation.

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT:

Chairman Broadwell stated the Agenda has been posted and the local media notified.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Mr. McCall made motion to Approve the Agenda. He was seconded by Mr. Sorrow, motion passed unanimously.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Chairman Broadwell led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MISSION STATEMENT:

Mrs. Waters read the Mission Statement.

BUDGET REPORT:

Mrs. McCullough gave the Budget Report in the absence of Mr. Moser. She reported the July budget was in the red at month's end but is now back in the black since the receiving of funds.

APPROVAL OF BUDGET REPORT:

Mrs. Waters made motion to Approve the Budget Report, she was seconded by Mr. McCall, motion passed without opposition.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

Katrina Knight, Cheer Coach and Senior Cheerleaders were present to ask for leniency on the faculty's request for the uniform skirts to be longer. Mr. Broadwell stated board members would discuss the uniform issue in Executive Session.

Dale Gilchrist stated she had heard the FB gate money would now go to the school and wanted clarification. Mr. Broadwell stated he had spoken to Dr. Brazell earlier in the day and was informed we are in violation, these are school activity funds and are auditable. Mrs. Gilchrist stated the Booster Club cannot survive on concession funds. Mrs. McCullough stated all other costs for athletics would be paid through the athletic fund. She stated funds raised by a team would go to the Booster Club. Mr. Broadwell stated the school could be sited for misappropriation of funds. Mr. Broadwell stated the athletic funds will not go into the General Fund. Ms. Rhodes asked if the funds will pay coaches, officials, maintenance, paint for the field, all athletic expenses. Mrs. McCullough answered yes. Ms. Rhodes stated this is how it is run in Abbeville and Mr. Broadwell stated it is his understanding all schools are run this way. Mrs. McCullough asked Mrs. Gilchrist and Mrs. Ashley to come by her office to further discuss this issue.

APPROVAL OF LAST MONTH'S MINUTES:

Mrs. Ashley made motion to Approve the Minutes of the last meeting. Mr. McCall seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

Mrs. McCullough stated we are celebrating again, we received another A, many other schools dropped but we did not. She stated we have one of the most challenging populations in the state, we are just under 90% free and reduced lunch, which is a huge challenge to educate. She stated she is so proud, the students do not realize what they accomplished. Mrs. McCullough stated last year we were the most improved school in SC. She stated all Seniors have passed HSAP and all but one Junior have passed HSAP. She stated CFCS middle school is #1 in the Lakelands and Abbeville County.

Mrs. McCullough stated she will look for Board Members at the opening day ceremony on August 20 and asked that the community members be encouraged to attend.

Mrs. McCullough gave a hand out of teacher schedule, new bell schedule and lunch schedule. Mrs. McCullough stated she would need Executive Session for new hires.

Mrs. Lindler presented several courses for Local Board Approval (LBA). The purpose is to keep continuity with the Abbeville County School District courses that are offered to Calhoun Falls Charter School Students. The courses approved are listed below:

1. Ag. Mech & Tech for the Workplace 2A changed to :

Ag. Mech & Tech for the Workplace 2A

Ag. Mech & Tech for the Workplace 2B

2. Image Editing 1 changed to :

Digital Photography

3. Carpentry 1 changed to:

Carpentry 1A

Carpentry 2A

4. Automotive Technology changed to:

Automotive Technology 1A

Automotive Technology 1B

Mr. Sorrow made motion to approve the courses at Mrs. Lindler's request. Mrs. Ashley seconded the motion, motion passed without opposition.

OLD BUSINESS:

Chairman stated anyone wishing to continue on the Board, five can be carried over. The other 4 seats will be open for election. Mr. Broadwell asked that anyone wishing to run to let him know.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was no New Business.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mr. Sorrow made motion to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel, Mr. McCall seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.

FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mr. Sorrow made motion to come out of Executive Session, he was seconded by Mrs. Ashley. There was no opposition.

With the resignation of Bill Scott, Board accepted Mrs. McCullough's recommendation to hire Aubrey Parnell as a sub janitor until a replacement is found.

After discussion of the cheerleader uniforms, Mrs. Waters made motion to abide by the student handbook dress code in the future purchase of uniforms. Ms. Rhodes seconded the motion, motion passed 4-1, Mr. McCall opposed.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mrs. Ashley made motion to adjourn the meeting, Mr. Sorrow seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Lee Waters

