

CALHOUN FALLS CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

Charter School Library

205 Edgefield Street

Minutes Tuesday, February 9, 2016

***** AMENDED*****

PRESENT:

Chairman Keith Ashley, Michael Brandt, George Morrow, Rebekah Parnell, Cathy Payne, Rena Rhodes, Craig Brown, Horace Thomas, Marian Tinsley. Also in attendance were Mrs. Deirdre McCullough and Mrs. Lori Lindler.

ABSENT:

Craig Brown

CALL TO ORDER:

Vice-Chairman Brandt called the meeting to order at 5:03 pm.

INVOCATION:

Mrs. McCullough gave the invocation.

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT:

Mrs. Payne confirms that the agenda has been posted in compliance with the Freedom of Information Act.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Chairman Ashley made a motion to accept the agenda. Mr. Morrow seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Vice-Chairman Brandt led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MISSION STATEMENT:

Mrs. Lindler read the Mission Statement.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

Mrs. Dale Gilchrist addressed the Board about a recent incident involving her daughter.

Mr. Ashley made a motion to amend the agenda to include presentation of Flashes Pride recipients. The motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. McCullough presented certificates to the Flashes Pride recipients:

- Middle School Student of the Month – Tanner Alewine
- High School Student of the Month – Keenan Gilchrist

The FFA provided dinner for the Board Members to show their appreciation for the Board's support. William Lewis, FFA President, introduced other officers and shared a slide show presentation on the Chapter's activities at the local and state level.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING'S MINUTES:

Mrs. Payne reports that the minutes are not ready to present, but will have them at the March 8 meeting.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Mrs. McCullough presented the financial report. At this point in the year, we should be at 58.33% of the budget. Discussion about specific items as needed. Abbeville First Bank will open a branch in Calhoun Falls, the School will move its accounts there.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

The school is investigating other insurance companies for student athletics. There are several upcoming professional development events. Information about annual sick leave accrual for 240 day employees has been emailed to all Board Members. Minutes from prior years has been emailed from Elliot-Davis to Mrs. McCullough. She will forward those emails to Mrs. Payne for recordkeeping. The new intern is working on the 21st Century Grant, the Recruitment Brochure. Depending on FERPA regulations, he will work on other projects. Charter amendments are complete, the Board needs to read over the document, and schedule time to discuss and approve them. Mrs. McCullough repeated her suggestion that the Board appoint committees for Fundraising, Recruitment, and Athletic.

OLD BUSINESS:

Discussion about the need for dehumidifiers in the locker rooms, exhaust fans in the bathrooms, covers for the large exhaust fans in the gym. A quote from Rush Heating and Air was presented for all three items. Some of the items can be postponed until the next budget year. The issue of dehumidifiers will need to be addressed as soon as possible since it poses a mold hazard.

Mrs. McCullough will get one or two more quotes on fixing the humidity problem, and the Board will address that issue at its next regular meeting.

Mrs. Payne volunteered to serve on the Principal Evaluation Committee. There was discussion about the duties of the committee.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Morrow discovered that Little River Electric Cooperative sends students to Washington, DC to meet our representatives and tour the city. The student is selected from those served by Little River Electric Cooperative and based on the Principal's recommendation. We will send Phillip Rhodes.

There was a discussion on Dr. Brazell's training and what changes may be needed in the Board's processes to be sure to enforce policy. The suggestion is that, in order to prevent the appearance of inequity, the Board begin to enforce policy at the beginning of the 2017 school year. Discussion included development of our own policy manual instead of using the Abbeville County School District policy. After lengthy discussion, Mr. Morrow made a motion that further discussion be relegated to committee.

Mrs. Lindler presented a request to add a ½ credit Strength and Conditioning course to the curriculum. Mrs. Payne made a motion to add the course to the curriculum, Mr. Thomas seconded the motion. The motion 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.

Mrs. Tinsley made a motion to come out of Executive Session. Mr. Thomas seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mrs. Payne made a motion to approve Brent Delgado as the Head Baseball Coach, and to approve Dave Delgado as the Assistant Baseball Coach. Ms. Rhodes seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Parnell made a motion to adjourn. Mrs. Tinsley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Vice-Chairman Brandt adjourned the meeting at 8:04pm.

Cathy Payne, Secretary