

CALHOUN FALLS CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, January 13, 2014

Charter School Library

205 Edgefield Street

Minutes from the Meeting held on Tuesday, December 9, 2014

PRESENT:

Chairman Keith Ashley, Michael Brandt, George Morrow, Rebekah Parnell, Mike McMinn, Bill Scott, Kaye Hicks, Rena Rhodes and Horace Thomas were all in attendance. Also, present was Martha McMinn, Robyn Verdery Deirdre McCullough and Lori Lindler.

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Ashley called the meeting to order at 5:06 P. M.

INVOCATION:

Mr. Scott gave the invocation.

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT:

Chairperson Ashley stated the agenda is compliant with the Freedom of Information Act.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Mr. Brandt made motion to approve the agenda and was seconded by Rev. McMinn. Motion passed unanimously.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Chairman Ashley led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MISSION STATEMENT:

Mrs. Lindler read the Mission Statement.

BUDGET REPORT:

Mr. Ashley introduced our new accountant; Ms Robyn Verdery. She provided an overview of how the budgets would be presented monthly and how various revenues and expenditures were listed on the new form. She stated that even though the budget was in deficit, some of those were timing issues. A discussion ensued of how the salaries and benefits from Title 1 positions would be reimbursed when those funds were released to the school usually in March. These are currently being paid through the general fund. Mr. Brandt made a motion to accept the budget report. Mr. McMinn seconded the motion. The motion passed unopposed.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

There was no one present for public comment.

APPROVAL OF LAST MONTH'S MINUTES:

Minutes for meeting from November 20 were presented. Mr. Brandt made motion to accept the minutes, Mr. Morrow seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Minutes for the special meeting held December 2 were presented. Mr. Brandt made motion to accept the minutes; Mr. Scott seconded the motion. The motion passed 8-0. Mr. Morrow abstained. Rev McMinn gave an update on property taxes. He has spoken with a county representative and is working to get the school exempt from paying personal property taxes. He stated that while it is probably not possible to recoup past fees, they are working to get a refund on 2012-2013 and hopefully make us exempt from this point forward. While it is not guaranteed, there are other charter schools that are exempt.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

Mrs. McCullough gave a report from the coach at Greenwood Christian School. He had made a special call to let her know what an exceptional group of athletes and coaches we have and how well they represented themselves at a recent basketball game. Mrs. Lindler presented a calendar with all events, holidays and testing listed. She gave an explanation and answered questions regarding the I-ready test that would be administered right after Winter break.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Ashley led a discussion on fundraisers. He will be making tickets for a rifle giveaway. The board will be taking \$2 donations for this opportunity. Mrs. Hicks presented a possibility of a fundraiser involving homemade peanut brittle. She stated that it has been quite successful in their past churches. She volunteered to get prices and information. A follow-up discussion on

hosting a beauty pageant ensued. The date is set for February 21st at the Calhoun Falls Civic Center. Mrs. Hicks presented a family portrait session as another fundraiser idea. This event is tentatively scheduled for March 2015.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was no new business.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Rev. McMinn made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue. Mr. Brandt seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mr. Brandt made motion to come out of Executive Session; he was seconded by Mr. Scott. Motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Hicks made a motion to change the curriculum coordinator from a 220 to a 200 day contract at the same daily rate of pay. This will include keeping textbook coordinator in the job description. Mr. Morrow seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

Rev. McMinn made motion to adjourn the meeting; He was seconded by Mrs. Hicks. All were in favor.

Chairman Ashley adjourned the meeting at 7:52 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Rena Rhodes