



A Public School of Choice, Inc.

Board Meeting Minutes

- Regular Session on May 28, 2015
- Closed Session on
- Special Session on

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APPROVED

In Attendance:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lisa Dukelow/Chair | <input type="checkbox"/> Open/Vice-Chair |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kim Hill/Secretary | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jamia Bachrach/Parent Rep |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Julie Williams/Teacher Rep | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scott Jewitt/Teacher Rep |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rich Peterson/Parent Rep | <input type="checkbox"/> Open/Community-at-Large Member |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jurgen Wanke/Parent Rep | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jon Corcoran/Administrator |

The meeting was called to order by Lisa Dukelow at 6:36 p.m.

The mission statement was read and a moment of silence was observed.

Public Comments/Discussion

- Betsy Martin
 - PATH and BOD had rocky start last year; has a feeling there are other rocky relationships with the BOD out there so be kind with words.
 - Appreciates the BOD.
 - Wants OCS to pursue a high school. Turned down an opening with a K-12 charter school because felt like the ball was rolling to build a high school at OCS.
- Amy Daniel
 - Applied many years to high school charters, but never got in.
 - If OCS doesn't want 9 – 12th, could consider 9th & 10th since The Middle School is located at Durham Tech (11th & 12th).
 - Would be flooded with applicants because there are only two high schools in the county.

Discussion of possibility of High School addition to OCS

- Plan for the cost of the building not to exceed 20% of the budget; current loan is 10% of the budget.
- Proceed with high school first and move forward with other grades if there is a contract on the existing facility.
- Vote at this meeting is to move forward with the process and to buy the land, but could pull back if proposals are too expensive.
- Kids are going into other middle schools before 8th grade so they can be with the peer group moving into high school.
- Investor recommended 125 students/grade; with this number, sports could be an option.
- Land under consideration is 35 acres at \$25,000.00/acre.

- Has it been discussed about the number of students per grade? Many committee meetings to discuss this, but no definitive path forward.
- The Investor will provide the plan based on per student funding from the state/federal governments. OCS can look at the proposal(s) and decide which direction to go.
- Why the focus is on the high school when there are so many on the waiting list of the elementary school? The way this expansion is rolled out is still under discussion.
- Working with a consultant needs to be discussed further; how much would this cost and what services would be provided?
- Plan is to build the High School first and then move the rest of the school to the same campus. The current building is aging so if the elementary and middle schools are kept at the current location, would take an investment to improve the building.
- Teachers present are more concerned with the next item on the agenda.
- Teachers want to keep the family feel of the existing school.
- **Motion:** To move forward in working with the Investor, knowing re-zoning of the property is occurring in July.

Motion: Jamia Bachrach

Second: Jurgen Wanke

Vote: Unanimous

Passed Failed

- **Motion:** To rename the High School Expansion Ad hoc Committee to OCS Expansion Ad hoc Committee.

Motion: Jamia Bachrach

Second: Rich Peterson

Vote: Unanimous

Passed Failed

Discussion of possibility of having a 9th grade for 2015-2016 in separate building in the Meadowlands

- Public Comment (Amy Daniel)
 - NC has on-line school system to reduce the need for all teachers for 9th grade.
 - 9th-grade students could attend electives at the main campus.
- Currently, 10 possible students could attend the 9th-grade class at the Meadowlands; five are definitely interested, two more are possibilities.
- This number of students would work for the smaller location in the Meadowlands; the second possible location would work if there were 40 – 50 students.
- Virtual school has variability in programs; foreign languages do not work with a virtual system. Programs are often on a block schedule.
- May be possible to pull together a 9th grade program, but wouldn't be done well.
- Want a strong first impression of the high school; a separate building without administration is not a good first impression.
- High school teachers are not licensed for more than one subject so it would be difficult to find teachers that can cover multiple subjects.
- Need 10 students in order to break even.
- **Motion:** To not expand to 9th-grade until the 2016 – 2017 school year.

Motion: Jamia Bachrach

Second: Jurgen Wanke

Vote: Unanimous

Passed Failed

Open Committee Member position on the BOD

- Policy Committee Chair is concerned there is not a community member on the BOD.
- Difficult to find a community member willing to serve the time.
- Should advertise there is an open position so the OCS Community knows; someone may know someone who is interested in applying.

Review and approval of April, 2015 BOD meeting minutes

- **Motion:** To approve the minutes from the April 9, 2015 meeting, with revisions.
Motion: Kim Hill
Second: Jamia Bachrach
Vote: Unanimous
 Passed Failed

Closed Session

- **Motion:** To move into closed session to discuss personnel contracts which warrant confidentiality pursuant to Article 33C, Section 143-318.11 (a) Sections 5 & 6 of the North Carolina General Statutes.
Motion: Kim Hill
Second: Jamia Bachrach
Vote: Unanimous Approval
 Passed Failed

At 9:00 p.m., the meeting entered into a closed session. The closed session ended at 10:25 p.m.

Adjournment

With no further business before the Board of Directors, the meeting was adjourned at 10:26 p.m.

The next meeting of the Orange Charter School Board of Directors will be held on **Thursday, June 11, 2015, at 6:30 PM.**