



A Public School of Choice, Inc.

Board Meeting Minutes

- Regular Session on August 13, 2015
- Closed Session on August 13, 2015
- Special Session on

DRAFT **APPROVED**

In attendance:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kristi Anspach/Chair | <input type="checkbox"/> Open/Parent Rep |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scarlett Jordan/Vice Chair | <input type="checkbox"/> Open/Community-at-Large Member |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jurgen Wanke/Treasurer | <input type="checkbox"/> Open/Administrator |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rachel Monschein/Secretary | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Morgana Hover /Teacher Rep |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lisa Dukelow/Parent Rep | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Julie Williams /Teacher Rep |

The meeting was called to order by Kristi Anspach at 6:41 p.m.

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

Principal's Update (Kristi Anspach)

- Our newly hired staff - including Carlos Bardales (the new Strings teacher) and Coach Gatt (the new middle school gym coach) - have been promoted on Facebook. There have been many changes/updates to the school's website including information about pickup and drop off, and the middle school arts curriculum.
- Our contractor, Hubrich Holdings, has almost finished the legal work and is on track for our school expansion project. The next step is to talk about choosing the building shape and beginning getting required building permits.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Committee Reports

Finance Committee - Treasurer's Report postponed to August 18th.

Ad Hoc Committee on school expansion – Did not meet since last BOD meeting.

Grievance Committee: There was no cause to meet. Still need community member to serve on committee.

Personnel Committee – Did not meet since last BOD meeting.

Future Visions Committee – Did not meet since last BOD meeting.

Community Relations and Fundraising – Did not meet since last BOD meeting.

Education Committee – Did not meet since last BOD meeting.

PATH – Did not meet since last BOD meeting. PATH to setup a Signup Genius site to cover childcare at Back to School Night. PATH also to organize Read-a-Thon at their first meeting.

New Business

- Review of Faculty/Staff Needs Assessment (ongoing through September) (Lisa Dukelow)
 - We will need to purchase a few staff laptops, and video cameras and microphones for videography at this time. Other needs can wait until we finalize the official budget.
 - There are 36 middle school students enrolled for electives at this time.
- Update on search for Interim Administrator (Scarlett Jordan)
 - The position opening was posted on 2 separate websites and it was open for 1 week. The posting closed on August 10th. There were four applicants. All resumes were disseminated to the Board of Directors via email. Phone interviews are scheduled for tonight. The top two applicants will be called back for an in person interview on Tuesday August 18th.

Old Business:

- Review and approval of July 30th, 2015 Board of Director's meeting minutes.
Motion to approve as revised: Scarlett Jordan
Second: Lisa Dukelow
Vote: Unanimous Approval
 Passed Failed
- IEA Update (Lisa Dukelow)
 - There is 1 application for a coach so far. An informative meeting is scheduled for Wednesday August 19th at 6pm in the cafeteria.
- Compass Learning Program (Lisa Dukelow and Morgana Hover)
 - There was a phone conference last week discussing a computer program that could be used for the 6th, 7th and 8th grade Math, Language Arts and 5th grade Science. This computer program identifies each student's skill level and areas that need further instruction. It will help with remediation and filling the educational gaps. It allows for the teacher to customize the instruction for each student's needs. The program will help place new students and help students get prepared for Science End of Grade testing (because those EOGs are computer based).
 - The student will perform an initial screening, perform diagnostic tests and then go into activities. The teachers can see each child's improvement and can assign different things. We also believe this will serve as a required mechanism to help identify children that are EC.
 - It is a newer program on the market (no feedback from other schools). It is aligned with common core. For comparison purposes, Orange County purchased a similar program (Ten Marks) for \$75,000 and it is not near as good a program. (Voting was postponed until later in the meeting due to the scheduled phone interviews.)

Closed Session

- Review of 2015 -16 contracts – personnel

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: Scarlett Jordan

Second: Lisa Dukelow

Closed session started at 7:45 pm. (Teachers stayed because the topics did not have financial consideration and the Board wanted their input.)

Motion: To end closed session: Lisa Dukelow

Second: Scarlett Jordan

Closed session ended at 9:21 pm

- Julie Williams discussed the Reading 3D Program (a free program) and will follow up with Ms. Tracy.
- Compass Program discussion continuation
 - If we purchase 60 licenses the cost is \$119 per student.
 - If we purchase 75 licenses the cost is \$111 per student.
 - If we purchase 95 licenses the cost is \$75 per student.
 - There is \$15,000 in the instructional budget line to more than cover the expenses.

Motion to approve purchase of Compass Program (not to exceed \$10,000): Rachel Monschein

Second: Lisa Dukelow

Vote: Unanimous Approval

Passed Failed

Adjournment

- With no further business before the Board of Directors, the meeting was adjourned at 9:42 p.m.
- The next meeting of the Orange Charter School Board of Directors will be held on **Thursday, August 17, at 6:30 pm**. Closed session interviews for the Interim Administrator will be held at 7:15pm and 8:15pm.