

MILLENNIUM CHARTER ACADEMY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
April 26, 2016

The Board of Directors for Millennium Charter Academy met in regular session on Tuesday, April 26th, 2016 at 5:30 pm. Those Directors present included Ken Gwyn, David Hiatt, Renee Francis, Greg Marshall, Hugh Campbell, Christopher Willingham, Susan Shipley, Mark Hampton and Marty Danley. Also present were Kirby McCrary (Headmaster) and Kelly Cummings (Booster Club President). Ken Gwyn called the meeting to order, Kirby McCrary led the Board in an Invocation and Renee Francis led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Due to the cancellation of the March 2016 meeting, minutes were not available for approval.

Upon motion of Susan Shipley, seconded by Renee Francis, the Board unanimously approved the Agenda with the following changes: Report of the High School Development, Treasurer and Finance Committee will be after the Report of Affiliated Organizations.

Kelly Cummings reported on the Booster Club. Financial report attached.

Greg Marshall and Marty Danley gave the High School Development report. Work continues to be done with Tony Chilton in the designing of phase II construction. The finance committee will provide MCA financial information to Advantage Capital for alternative financing solutions for Phase II construction. Upon the motion of Greg Marshall, seconded by Mark Hampton, the Board unanimously approved to authorize an engagement letter with Advantage Capital including a 1.5% commission fee if funding is secured.

Greg Marshall gave a combined Treasurer and Finance Committee report. After some discussion and upon the motion of Greg Marshall, seconded by Mark Hampton, the Board unanimously approved to enter into contract with Thomas, Judy and Tucker for \$12,500.00 for the annual audit.

Kirby McCrary presented the Headmaster's Report, emphasizing the following items:

- Mr. McCrary recommended for hire **Mr. Michael Reeves** to serve as lower school director. He is completing his internship at Pilot Mountain Elementary School as a North Carolina Principal Fellow and will finish his MSA in school administration. Before that he taught English at North Surry High School. He also has a degree an MPA in public administration and a BA in political science. After some discussion and upon the motion of Greg Marshall, seconded by Susan Shipley, the Board unanimously approved the recommendation to hire Mr. Michael Reeves.
- Mr. McCrary recommended for hire **Mr. Rodney King** to serve as athletic director. Mr. King earned his Bachelor degree in history, secondary education from Appalachian State University. He is currently an Advanced Placement (AP) history teacher at North Stokes High School where he has taught since 2001. Mostly he has coached track and cross country, but he has a broad knowledge of athletics. Susan Gunter, MCA's acting AD, Pam Braley, and Mr. McCrary highly recommend Mr. King as athletic director. After some discussion and upon the motion of Greg Marshall, seconded by Renee Francis, the Board unanimously approved the recommendation to hire Mr. Rodney King.
- Mr. McCrary recommended for hire **Mrs. Jessica Flowers** to serve as a third grade teacher. She completed her Bachelor degree in elementary education at Appalachian State University. Finishing her third year of full-time teaching, she is currently teaching fourth grade at Gibson Elementary School in Winston-Salem-Forsyth County, where the administration has asked that she take the lead in guided reading. The interview team (Sheena Slate, Louise Wardle, Kim Sawyers, and Mr. McCrary) supports her hire, as well as Becca Fyffe and Megan Sizemore, who will work directly with Mrs. Flowers. After some discussion and upon the motion of Mark Hampton, seconded by Greg Marshall, the Board unanimously approved the recommendation to hire Mrs. Jessica Flowers.

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- Mr. McCrary recommended for hire as an upper school science teacher **Mr. Benjamin Albers**. He is a warm-hearted and engaging young man who will graduate from Hillsdale College in May. He has majors in both biology and history, which will provide Millennium with flexibility in scheduling and teacher assignments. The double major has given him a sense of the curriculum integration and wholeness that is essential for a classical school. He is also schooled in chemistry and ecology, giving him a well-rounded background in the sciences. After some discussion and upon the motion of Susan Shipley, seconded by David Hiatt, the Board unanimously approved the recommendation to hire Mr. Benjamin Albers.
- Mr. McCrary recommended for hire as a lower school teacher, **Mrs. Christy Handy**. Before graduating with a teaching degree from Lees McRae, she completed an internship (though not student teaching) under Jodi Dearmin, MCA first grade teacher, and since then she has substituted numerous times, including a weeklong stint. Those that have seen her teach and those that interviewed her support her hire. She is passionate about MCA. Mrs. Handy has been a parent at this school for more than ten years, and she still has one son enrolled. After some discussion and upon the motion of Christopher Willingham, seconded by Renee Francis, the Board unanimously approved the recommendation to hire Mrs. Christy Handy.
- Ms. Kara Westmoreland, who has served MCA since its foundation in 2000, will retire at the end of this year. In the classroom, Mrs. Westmoreland has proven herself to be an excellent kindergarten teacher.
- The Upper School faculty presented the **electives** for the rising sixth – eighth graders on April 5. These powerful courses include classes that count for high school credit, as well as classes such as Robotics, Beginning Wind Ensemble, Athenian Tragedy, Off the Wall Sports, In Defense of Food, and Sherlock Holmes.
- In early March MCA received an email from Christina Erland of the Core Knowledge Foundation. It said “I wanted to let you know that the Core Knowledge Foundation President, Linda Bevilacqua, will be the keynote speaker at the NC Charter School Alliance Conference this Friday. During her speech, she will mention Millennium Charter Academy as a school that has implemented the Core Knowledge Sequence with great success. In addition, she would like to encourage schools that are interested in seeing effective implementation of the Sequence to visit your school.”
- In order to strengthen the support of upper school students, beginning in the fall Dr. Rusty Roberson will serve as **Dean of Students** as he continues to serve as a history teacher. This is a position formerly occupied by Pam Braley before she became Upper School Director.
- Regarding **Upper School Competitions:**

Mrs. Branch and Mrs. Kern took three teams of eighteen students to the regional **Science Olympiad** competition this year. The high school team placed fourth overall, the varsity middle school team placed second, and many students brought home first-place awards for individual events. The varsity team will move on to the state competition.

On March 18, 24 upper school students participated in the **National History Day** competition at Surry Community College.

Sixth grader Mary Jones won second place in the regional **VFW Patriots’ Pen** essay contest, and ninth grader Sydney Watson placed third in the regional **VFW Voice of Democracy** speech contest. Representatives from the VFW will present their awards on March 25th.

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Mr. Rezzo is also working with individual students to prepare for a **forensics competition**.

Kaine Lovill and Olivia Malone made **all-conference in basketball**, MCA's first.

In the **NC Student Science Academy** Anna Banas placed second in behavioral science, Alayna Smith placed second in technology, William Marshall first in technology, Cameron Shaw first in environmental advanced, and Jack Bevard first in chemistry. Sarah Shepherd was elected president for the high school division and Cameron Shaw president for the middle school division.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: None

The Board unanimously approved the motion of Renee Francis, seconded by Susan Shipley, to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted

Marty Danley

Attachments: Headmaster's Report, Boosters Financial Report



Headmaster's Report
4-26-16.pdf



Booster Club
Financial 4-2016.pdf