

MILLENNIUM CHARTER ACADEMY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
February 23, 2016

The Board of Directors for Millennium Charter Academy met in regular session on Tuesday, February 23, 2016 at 5:30 pm. Those Directors present included Ken Gwyn, David Hiatt, Greg Marshall, Hugh Campbell, Renee Francis, Christopher Willingham, Susan Shipley, Mark Hampton and Marty Danley. Also present was Kirby McCrary (Headmaster).

Ken Gwynn called the meeting to order, Kirby McCrary led the Board in an Invocation and Renee Francis led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Upon motion of Mark Hampton, seconded by Christopher Willingham, the January 2015 Meeting Minutes were unanimously approved.

Upon motion of Susan Shipley, seconded by David Hiatt, the Board unanimously approved the Agenda.

There were no Public Comments.

Kirby McCrary presented boosters club report emphasizing recent fund raising efforts netted \$5,000. Booster club currently has \$43,000 in funds.

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

- For the 2016-1017 school year there are currently 87 children on the kindergarten lottery list.
- For the 2016-2017 school year, Mr. McCrary recommends for hire **Mr. Eric Cook** to serve as an upper school history teacher. Mr. Cook has his Masters in elementary education and his B.A. in history. He has one year of teaching experience in private school in Kittanning, Pennsylvania and three years in public school in Medicine Lake, Montana. He has a thorough understanding of classical education and thoughtfully applies it to his teaching. One reference noted that he came into a failing program and turned it around within the year. Another reference described Mr. Cook as phenomenal. Mr. Cook has the full support of those who interviewed him during three different sessions (Pam Braley, Paul Rezzo, Rusty Roberson, Erick Allen, and Kirby McCrary). After some discussion and upon the motion of Mark Hampton, seconded by Greg Marshal, the Board unanimously approved the recommendation to hire Mr. Eric Cook.
- For the 2016-2017 school year, Mr. McCrary recommends for hire **Dr. Mark Hausam** to serve as English and history teacher for the upper school. Dr. Hausam has a bachelor from Wheaton College and a masters and doctorate from the University of Wales. He is currently an adjunct professor of philosophy at Utah Valley University. He has a solid understanding of classical education, particularly the dialectical model. In addition to his professional responsibilities, he and his wife are currently homeschooling their children ranging in age from four to fourteen. The interview team (Dr. Roberson, Mr. Allen, Mr. Rezzo, Mrs. Braley, and Mr. McCrary) found Dr. Hausam intelligent, warm-hearted, and well attuned to Millennium's philosophy and pedagogy. They were particularly impressed with his ability to help students grapple with life's big questions through MCA's curriculum. After some discussion and upon the motion of Greg Marshal, seconded by Marty Danley, the Board unanimously approved the recommendation to hire Dr. Mark Hausam.
- Although A&B Landscaping has served MCA well over several years, as a general practice of insuring quality and best pricing, MCA took bids on **landscaping**. Lu Ann Browne and Mr. McCrary reviewed materials, checked references, and considered pricing of the five bids. A&B Landscaping continues to offer the most competitive pricing for the quality of service.
- MCA's first **PSAT scores** are listed below:
 - 1016 is the mean total PSAT score (state: 948, nation: 931)
 - 68% of students met both PSAT benchmarks (state: 54%, nation: 47%)
 - 100% of students met evidenced-based reading & writing benchmark

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68% of students met mathematics benchmark

- In preparation for the **High School Information Night** on March 8 at 6:00pm, Pam Braley, Upper School Director, sent an email to all parents addressing:
 - the creation of MCA's course catalog
 - class rings
 - Mr. Rezzo assuming the position of college counselor
 - a meeting with Surry community College to explore options for MCA students to earn college credits
 - the progress of the new building
- Shanda Lawson, financial secretary, researched garbage disposal services. After some discussion and review, I will switch the school's service to Republic Services at a basic monthly savings of \$498 per month, which is only 51% of the currently monthly bill to Waste Management.

Greg Marshall gave a combined Treasurer and Finance Committee report. After some discussion and upon the motion of Hugh Campbell, seconded by Susan Campbell, the Board unanimously approved a budget adjustment of \$65,277.90. Upon the motion of Greg Marshal, seconded by David Hiatt, the board unanimously approved to accept the audit report from Thomas, Judy and Tucker.

Greg Marshal and Marty Danley gave the High School Development report. Work continues to be done with Tony Chilton in the designing of phase II construction. Still waiting on approval from the Corp of Engineers to use the Berm for MCA traffic. The finance committee will provide MCA financial information to Advantage Capital for alternative financing solutions for Phase II construction.

New Business:

- Upon the motion of Marty Danley, seconded by Mark Hampton, the board unanimously approved the transfer of five leave days from Kim Sawyers to Lea Wilhite.

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

Respectfully Submitted

Marty Danley

Attachments: Headmaster's Report



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