

MILLENNIUM CHARTER ACADEMY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
April 28, 2015

The Board of Directors for Millennium Charter Academy met in regular session on Tuesday, April 28, 2015 at 5:30 pm. Those Directors present included Hugh Campbell, Marty Danley, Renee Francis, Greg Marshall, Erik Moledor, and Susan Shipley. Christopher Willingham joined the meeting via teleconference. Also present were Kirby McCrary (Headmaster) and Kelly Cummings (Booster Club President).

David Hiatt and Ken Gwyn were not present at the meeting.

Hugh Campbell called the meeting to order, Kirby McCrary led the Board in an Invocation, and Hugh Campbell led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Upon motion of Marty Danley, seconded by Renee Francis, the Board unanimously approved the proposed Agenda amended to move the Report of the High School Development Committee to follow immediately after the Booster Club Report.

Upon motion of Renee Francis, seconded by Marty Danley, the March 2015 Board Meeting Minutes were unanimously approved. Upon motion of Hugh Campbell, seconded by Marty Danley, the March 2015 Closed Session Minutes were unanimously approved.

During Public Comments, Hugh Campbell reported on the uplifting experience he had attending the recent NC Science Olympiad with the MCA team.

Kelly Cummings gave a report from the Booster Club.

- They made about \$2000 on a candy apple fundraiser.
- They made about \$800 selling Dry Fit apparel.
- An AAU tournament is coming up at which the Booster Club will sell concessions.
- They are helping a family with a child with cancer.
- They are changing their pay policy for team drivers.

Greg Marshall, for the High School Development Committee, presented two bond proposals for financing the construction of a new high school facility. There was considerable discussion of the proposals. Upon Mr. Marshall's recommendation, an ad hoc committee was formed to perform detailed analysis of the proposals over the next month. Members of the committee are Marty Danley, Ken Gwyn, Greg Marshall, Erik Moledor, Christopher Willingham, and Kirby McCrary. The committee will strive to present a financing recommendation at the next Board meeting. An outside consultant will be identified to assist the committee.

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

- Current enrollment is 607 students, which is 102% of the five-year plan.
- Projected enrollment for 2015-2016 is 697 with 100 students on the waiting list. NC DPI has preliminarily set MCA's 2015-2016 maximum funded ADM at 744 students.
- Mr. McCrary recommended the hire of Mrs. Alicia Merritt as a K-12 fine arts teacher, Mr. Donald Jellison as an upper school history teacher, and Mrs. Heather Segrest as a full-time, upper

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school teaching assistant. After some discussion and upon the motion of Greg Marshall, seconded by Susan Shipley, the Board unanimously approved the Headmaster's hiring recommendations.

- Mr. McCrary reported that our two transportation buses are running at capacity and recommended the addition of another bus, at approximate \$8500 up front cost, which could potentially run into Forsythe County. Several questions were raised by the Board to consider before adding a new bus route.
 - Should we run a pilot program using a smaller bus that we already own?
 - Do we have enough open enrollment slots to warrant running a new route?
 - Would be better served strategically by widening the area served by our buses to possibly include Dobson and Elkin?
- Ken Gwyn has received, signed, and had notarized the school's new charter agreement, which is good through 2025.
- The NC Licensure Section issued Laura Epps, MCA Exceptional Children's teacher, a provisional special education license, and she is scheduled to complete the three required tests by the end of this school year. Regulation changes affected the effective date of her licensure, so MCA will be required to offer her students some compensatory education.
- NC House bill 96, if passed, would require charter boards and administrators to be responsible for their school's debts.
- On April 16, the school hosted a successful orientation for rising ninth grade students and their parents.

Greg Marshall gave a combined Treasurer and Finance Committee report during which he presented a Budget Report.

- Mr. Marshall gave an analysis of deviations from the Budget.
- We are currently projected to have an approximately \$100,000 Budget surplus this year.
- We have received an audit contract proposal from Thomas, Judy & Tucker, P.A. which Mr. Marshall will present at the next Board Meeting.

There was no report from the Board Development Committee.

Greg Marshall discussed the possibility of partnering with LBA Haynes Strand for financial services. As our school continues to grow, bringing these services in house could be a more sensible solution.

Mr. McCrary presented a proposal for a Nepotism Policy. After some discussion, the issue was tabled for the next Board Meeting.

The Board unanimously approved a motion of Marty Danley, seconded by Renee Francis, that the Board enter into Closed Session pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(1) and 143-318.11(a)(6) to discuss personnel issues.

Following appropriate motion within Closed Session, the Board returned to Open Session. The Board took no action in the Closed Session.

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The Board unanimously approved the motion of Erik Moledor, seconded by Renee Francis, to schedule the next Board meeting for Tuesday, June 2.

Upon motion of Hugh Campbell, seconded by Marty Danley, the Board unanimously approved adjournment of the meeting.

Respectfully submitted
Erik S. Moledor

Attachments: Headmaster's Report