



**Board of Directors Meeting  
January 19, 2011**

**Present:** Mr. Peroulas, Dr. Stylianou, Mr. Couchell, Dr. Gutierrez, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Mitchell, Mrs. Tipton, Mr. Nixon

**Also attending:** Mrs. Dellinger-Holton, Ms. Suzanne Fortune, Mr. Patrick Lynch, Ms. Patricia Couchell, Mrs. Sue Mabon, Mr. Andy Harper, Mrs. Lisa Weber, Mr. John Weber, Mrs. Daniese Ingram, Mr. George Zogzas, Mrs. Dana Vaden, Mrs. Kay Epling, Mr. Tim Deese, Mr. George Scott, Mrs. Stefanie Haney and Mr. George Couchell.

1. Mr. Peroulas called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm.
2. Public Forum – no speakers or requests.
3. Consent Items - Motion to approve the December BOD Meeting Minutes (Nixon/Johnson). Approved unanimously.
4. Facilities & Grounds Committee Report  
Agreement of the BOD with the Foundation BOT's decision regarding the bank chosen to loan money to proceed with the purchase of the current facilities, the building of the additional classrooms/multifunction building and the purchase of McInnis property.  
  
Motion was made to give the Executive Committee permission to accept BB&T's loan offer once the following questions were answered:
  - a. Are we obligated to borrow the whole amount of \$7.65 million?
  - b. Does construction of the middle school need to begin within two years or be completed in two years?(Johnson/Gutierrez) Nixon abstained. The motion passed.
5. Motion to approve proposed budget revisions. (Mitchell/Nixon) Approved unanimously.  
  
Mr. Johnson made a proposal that any additional unbudgeted requested expenses for the year be submitted by February 28<sup>th</sup> with justification. The proposal was also accepted.
6. Principal's Report
  - a. Motion made to go to a two hour delay if CMS calls for a delay due to inclement weather. (Couchell/Johnson) Approved unanimously.

- b. Motion made to accept the three extra days in this year's calendar as built-in snow days that will not need to be made up. (Mitchell/Tipton) Johnson abstained.

Mr. Peroulas suggested that Janis and Suzanne identify what days will be used as snow make-up days should the need arise. Bring to next BOD meeting.

- c. Motion to approve the 2011-2012 School Calendar with the exception of the bell schedule for the middle school. (Couchell/Stylianou) Approved unanimously.

Dr. Stylianou reminded the Board of previous Board decision and the charter application that our school day should be 1 hour longer than the public school system. The reason for that decision was that we need the extra time to cover required material, since we are allocating two periods every day to Greek. The proposed elementary school bell schedule is 55 minutes longer. The middle school schedule, however is only 25 minutes longer. The Board accepted a proposal that a bell schedule be adopted for the middle school that is at least 40 minutes longer than the public schools, i.e. 7 hours and 40 minutes. The Curriculum and Instruction Executive Committee will determine specific start and end times.

- d. Motion was made to join the North Carolina Charter School Alliance. (Couchell/Nixon) Gutierrez abstained. The motion was approved.

The PFI agreed to pay \$500 of the annual fee. The remaining balance of \$844 would come out of Staff Development for a total of \$1,344. Next year the fee would cap out at \$1,500.

- e. Mrs. D-H would like a recommendation regarding associate teachers for the next school year, either hiring additional associates or reallocation of their time. The Finance and Personnel Committees need to discuss this.

Mr. Peroulas requested to make every effort to diversify our teaching staff. Mrs. D-H has not had highly qualified applicants thus far.

#### 7. Before/After School Director's Report

- a. Motion was made to keep Tammy Cress as a permanent part-time employee of the After School program until the end of the school year at \$12.00 per hour. (Couchell/Nixon) Approved unanimously.

Mr. Johnson suggested that for every 15 additional children another employee is hired. Tabled.

- b. Motion made to use \$1,000. to advertise summer camps as listed in the budget. (Tipton/Johnson) Approved unanimously.

#### 8. PFI President's Report

- a. As of the end of December 3,911 volunteer hours have been recorded.

- b. The PFI has agreed to pay \$500 annually towards the NC charter School Alliance membership fee.
- c. A request was made to increase the annual amount of Invest in a Child from \$75 per family to \$100 per family in order to cover the increasing financial responsibilities. Tabled.

9. Committee Reports

a. Information/Technology

- I. The Committee recommended canceling the DSL service in order to save \$50 per month. This was approved.
- II. Motion made to renew the Symantec security software and to purchase 21 new computers for the computer lab due to old failing computers for a total cost for both up to \$7,200. (Johnson/Couchell) Approved unanimously.

b. Communications

Motion to hold two Town Hall meetings in the gym. On Thursday, February 10<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, February 15<sup>th</sup> to address the middle school, interim building, curriculum, athletics, etc. Questions to be submitted beforehand. (Johnson/Stylianou) Approved unanimously.

c. Athletic/PE

- I. Motion to purchase two basketball goals with a total cost of \$13,500, \$5,000 of which will be paid under the AHEPA grant. (Couchell/Johnson) Approved unanimously.
- II. Mr. Couchell presented a job description for the Athletic Director position. This person would be hired at the very end of the school year in order to prepare for the next school year. This person should hold a valid NC teacher's license. This person would be hired as a full time PE teacher as well as AD.

d. Curriculum & Instruction

The 7<sup>th</sup> grade curriculum is in draft for now. It should be ready for the next BOD meeting.

e. Marketing & Public Relations

- I. We have an ad in this month's Charlotte Parent magazine about our Open House dates.
- II. Mrs. Tipton has been working with Stefanie Haney to find the best places within the budget to advertise for summer camps.
- III. Patrick Lynch is still working with Janice Soucey on the marketing piece that was presented in December. It should be ready prior to the next BOD meeting.

10. Old/New Business

- a. Motion was made to pay an attorney \$424.60 in order to file a claim against Union County Public Schools for current expense funds due in the amount of \$21,316.00 (Mitchell/Couchell) Approved unanimously.
  
- b. Motion to allow Socrates Academy to offer Greek language classes after hours or on Saturdays to high school students from the Greater Charlotte area in the Fall 2011. (Couchell/Tipton) Approved unanimously.

11. Motion to adjourn 11:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Janna Tipton