

# MOT Charter School

## Minutes

### Board Meeting

#### **Date and Time**

Wednesday October 21, 2015 at 7:30 PM

#### **Location**

K-8 Math Resource Room

#### **Board Members Present**

B. Willis, D. Watlington, J. Outten, J. Taylor, L. Jennings, L. Savino, M. Ali Khan, M. Deputy, S. Stallone

#### **Board Members Absent**

B. Glancy, S. Sullivan

### **I. Opening Items**

#### **A.Call the Meeting to Order**

L. Jennings called a meeting of the board of directors of MOT Charter School to order on Wednesday Oct 21, 2015 @ 7:30 PM at K-8 Math Resource Room.

#### **B.Record Attendance and Guests**

#### **C.Approve Minutes**

M. Ali Khan made a motion to approve minutes from the Board Meeting on 09-23-15.

L. Savino seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

#### **D.Public Comments**

None

### **II. Head of School's Report**

#### **A.Monthly Director's Report**

Given by Mrs. Jennings.

- School recognized for Academic Excellence at IDEA Awards dinner
- John Scali recognized as a state winner for the Presidential Award for Excellent in Science & Mathematics teaching

- Jessica Priester has been named as the middle school teacher that would be best suited for a WHY? spotlight
- Signed off on building last week; we received the permanent CO; still working on few items (sign for front, furniture, fields, etc.)
- Revenue projection very close to our current unit count; debt went down because we budgeted interim financing which is going to be capitalized; other expenses holding steady
- Many needs for both schools still on our list
- Coming events include perspective student open houses (Nov 5 - K-8; Nov 8 - 9-11)
- November 1 is target date for new school website

### **III. Committee Reports**

#### **A. Academic Excellence**

5 Board members and 22 staff members were in attendance; discussed grade point averages and AP classes. Still in the very beginning stages - should we even have those labels at all or simply call ourselves an institution of higher learning.

#### **B. Development**

Meeting next week at 7:30pm, October 28

#### **C. Finance**

Meeting next week at 7:30pm, October 28

#### **D. Facility**

The K-8 HVAC replacement - the cost is now up to \$436,000 (an increase of \$80,000) from last year. So far we raised \$100,000 for this project. Our grant writers have some ideas they plan to work on regarding acquiring more funds.

Fields at High School need to be taken care of sooner rather than later. An estimate of \$57,000 has been provided to get the front two fields in condition.

#### **E. Governance**

Have not yet begun this committee.

### **IV. Old Business**

#### **A. Charter Renewal**

Congrats to Linda Jennings for the excellent job she did on the Renewal documentation.

The Accountability Committee had zero questions and had zero findings - this was the first time in State's history that has happened.

#### **B. Officer Elections**

We had a tie vote for Board Treasurer - between Steve Stallone and Dave Watlington. Steve suggested he withdraw his nomination due to the fact that he is unable to be Chair of the Finance Committee and it would be good to have another Board member more involved with the school's finances. The consensus was then that Dave would be our new Treasurer as well as Chair of the Finance Committee.

## **V. New Business**

### **A. Student Parking**

Mrs. Jennings presented the draft policy for Parking Regulations and Procedures. After a brief discussion, it was decided that everyone should review this draft and such will be voted on next month.

### **B. Board Member Nominations**

Jen Taylor recommended a new Community Board Member - Rick Carroll. Jen gave us an overview of his experience and background. He has a significant amount of experience on several other public and private boards. He also a significant amount of skill regarding finances.

The Board discussed their thoughts being that he sounds perfect for the position and would like to meet him at the next meeting. Jen will have Rick attend our November meeting.

Mrs. Jennings also recommended a Teacher Board Member - Jen Vail. Jen has been with MOT for many years; she taught 6th grade and now 9th grade. The majority of the Board know Jen and all agreed that she would be a good addition.

Discussion was also had regarding John Scali being invited to sit on the Academic Excellence Committee. All agreed this would be a huge benefit.

J. Taylor made a motion to Approve Rick Carroll as a Community Board Member for a term of 3 years.

S. Stallone seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

L. Savino made a motion to Approve Jen Vail as a Teacher Board Member for a term of one year.

M. Ali Khan seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

### **C. Board of Elections**

The Board of Elections have expressed an interest in using the High School for a Polling Place in 2016. The Board discussed the fact that Election date is a student day for MOT. Mrs. Jennings will attempt to discuss with the Board of Elections the burden this will place on the school and see what they say.

## **VI. Closing Items**

### **A. Adjourn Meeting**

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
L. Jennings