

**MOT Charter School
BOARD OF DIRECTORS PUBLIC SESSION**

MINUTES

July 22, 2015

MOT Charter School – Math Resource Room

Call to Order at 8:30 pm.

Present members:

Brian Glancy

Steve Stallone

Linda Jennings

Sam Sullivan

Mir Sadiq Ali Khan

Jen Taylor

Jolene Outten

Brad Willis

Agenda Adopted as presented.

Minutes for June 2015 meeting were presented and approved with one minor typographical correction in the first line, first bullet point under Head of School Report (change “God” to --good--).

Public Comment

None

Head of School Report was given by Mrs. Jennings.

Financial Report – we ended the school year with the contingency intact. The Capital Campaign is going well with \$74,000 received in cash with a total of \$91,000 donated/pledged.

Old Business

Attendance Policy – due to the increased number of absences for vacations and unexcused absences over recent years, the Board felt it was time to revisit the school’s attendance policy. Mrs. Jennings provided the Board with a marked-up version of the current policy. There was much discussion regarding the “Family Obligations” section. The Board feels many parents are taking excessive advantage of this clause and would like to make families understand the importance of their children attending school every day. Given our families are used to the current policy, it was felt that we should retreat from the possibility of excused absences for vacations in stages. Therefore, the vote regarding the changes was made to span over two school years.

Motion made by Ali Khan to approve the revised Attendance Policy as presented to be used for the 2015-2016 school year, with one additional change to item 3 under Family Obligations: delete “3 or fewer” to --0--; seconded by Jen Taylor – Vote: unanimous.

Motion made by Brian Glancy to approve the new 2015-2016 Attendance Policy, but remove the Family Obligations section in its entirety starting the 2016-2017 school year; seconded by Ali Khan – Vote: unanimous.

Athletic Participation & Eligibility Guidelines – with the addition of our high school, the Board felt it was imperative to review our policy of athletics eligibility. As a school that emphasizes rigorous academics and at the same time the importance of the well-rounded child, as well as maintaining enough proper incentives for all students, the Board discussed at length what would be fair and yet firm for our students. The Academic Eligibility paragraph was reviewed in detail and reworded to meet our goal of fair yet firm.

Motion made by Jen Taylor to approve the revised Academic Eligibility section of the Athletic Participation & Eligibility Guidelines as scribed during the meeting; seconded by Brad Willis - Vote: unanimous.

Board Terms – due to time constraints at the Board Retreat, it was decided to table this to next months' meeting.

New Business
None

Meeting Adjourned at 9:45 pm.

The next Public Board Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 26, 2015, at 7:30 pm at MOT Charter.