



Endeavor Board Meeting Minutes: August 11, 2014

Call to Order:

Lisa Springle called to order a meeting of the ECS Board of Directors at 7:05 pm in ECS Room 210. This marks the first Board meeting in the new school.

Present:

Lisa Springle, Kevin Myers, Bill Borter, Andy Kristianson, Steve McAdams, and Margaret Holder.

Board Elections

Lisa Springle has notified the Board that she is stepping down as Board Chair. Andy Kristianson moved to appoint Kevin Myers to fill the remainder of the 2014 Board Chair term. Steve McAdams seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

In accepting the Board Chair position, Kevin Myers resigned his position as Board Secretary. Kevin Myers moved to appoint Andy Kristianson to fill the remainder of the 2014 Board Secretary term. Lisa Springle seconded. The motion passed 5-1, with Andy Kristianson voting against the motion.

Director's Update

Christi Whiteside and Carolyn Southard presented raw EOG results from the 2013-2014 school year. EOG results for each subject and grade are above the state mean scores. We expect growth scores, as well as county and general charter data to be available in October, when that information is typically provided by the state.

Steve McAdams moved for us to approve the teaching contract for Holly Ketchum and Jeanine Viola. Lisa Springle seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Three seats for the school remain open: one 6th grade, one 7th grade, one 8th grade. Efforts to fill the seats continue.

The school is initiating an intramural sports program for recess. To date, 148 athletes have signed up between 4th and 8th grade.

The school has initiated a new teacher/PAWS/parent meeting structure called Common Grounds the first week of each quarter. Forty-seven parents attended the first quarter meeting.

The carpool process continues to stabilize. The policeman who had previously assisted at the intersection of Burlington Mills and One World Way is no longer present. Prior to his departure, however, he informed Mr. McAdams that the light at Capital and Burlington Mills will be reprogrammed to allow for additional time for turning. The officer also indicated that he understands Burlington Mills will be widened for a lengthier turn lane.

The Board was presented with two calendar options for the 2015-2016 school year. The Board will vote on the options in the September meeting.

Foundation / Construction Items

We received our Certificate of Occupancy for the new building in July. We are waiting on our Land Disturbance permit, which the Town of Wake Forest will not award until the site has been stabilized. Weather has proved problematic in this regard, significantly scouring some of our drainage ditches. JD Beam has quoted us approximately \$15,000-\$20,000 for rip-rap to stabilize the ditches.

Amy Luciani provided a financial update. She recently identified an oversight in the financials regarding JD Beam's \$52,000 site fee. When added to a handful of other overages and the site stabilization estimate, we are currently \$80,000 over the amount of the tax-free bond (though given that we are \$50,000 under our original interest estimate, we are approximately \$30,000 over the original total budget amount). The Foundation has sufficient funds to pay this overage.

John Collar indicated that under North Carolina law, the Foundation is entitled to a sales tax refund for costs incurred by JD Beam and its contractors. Initial estimates for the 2013 refund is \$13,000, and the estimate for the first two months of 2014 is a refund of \$14,000. These funds will come in over time, but will balance some of these unanticipated costs.

Kevin Myers asked the Board to consider creating a plan to apportion responsibility for building repairs and improvements between the Board and the Foundation. We will discuss more fully in September.

Approval of Prior Minutes:

Kevin Myers moved to approve the meeting minutes as distributed for the June 9, 2014 Board of Directors Meeting. Andy Kristianson seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Bill Borter reported that the BB&T Operating account balance is \$580,329.58, and the BB&T Collateral account is \$236,000, for a total balance of \$816,329.58.

The preliminary estimate of the 2013-2014 school year surplus is \$143,000.

Teacher Board Position

The State Legislature has voted to bar teachers serving on charter school boards from voting. Given this change, Sarah McConnell's position no longer has a voting right. The Board discussed different alternatives for this position moving forward, as well as board needs moving forward. The Board next discussed strategy for filling current and future board positions.

Public Comments

Nathan Scarlett informed the Board about the problem with carpool, specifically the delays in getting back to Capital after dropping children off in the morning. The Board discussed potential options for improving the process.

Closed Personnel Sessions

Andy Kristianson moved that the Board go into closed session to discuss a personnel issue, in accordance with statute 143.318.11 (a) (6). Kevin Myers seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved and the board moved into closed session at 9:06.

Kevin Myers moved that the Board move to open session. Margaret Holder seconded. The motion was unanimously approved. The board reconvened in public session at 9:59.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 9:59 pm.