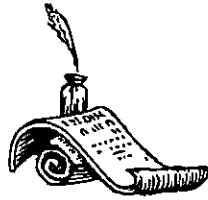


Charter Day School



Charter Day School Board of Trustees

Minutes of the Board Meeting

4 PM; Thursday Sept. 10, 2009, Activity Center

Attendance	Trustees: Bill Barker Lori Boldt Mark Cramer Baker Mitchell Donnie Norris Steve Windham Jennifer Beamer, CDS HM Mark Dudeck, CFO Steve Smith, CCS HM
Executive Session	none.
Call to Order	Donnie called the meeting to order at 4:01 PM and ruled that a quorum was present.
Review of Present & Future Agenda Items	
Approval of Minutes	On motion by Steve seconded by Bill, the June meeting minutes were approved as written.
Communications To/From Board	A nice response by Reginald Kenan to a visit invitation was mentioned. Steve mentioned a call with Kathy Taft regarding Duplin wherein there was no information gained. However, he said that there may be an opportunity for getting the situation reviewed through other avenues and that he would know more after the 23rd. Baker discussed that he was approached by Charles Lane, co-founded of Rocky Mt. Charter, who wanted to visit us with his partner, Bill Mauldin.
RBA Report	Baker reviewed the meeting he and Mark had with the school's attorney Ken Soo in Raleigh regarding several issues -- among which was the question of the State Board following the charter statute in ranking and awarding the recent applications. Steve W. asked for a sense of the board in pursuing legal approaches to rectification of the Duplin situation. A motion was made by Baker and seconded by Mark and unanimously approved that Steve could use his discretion in future discussions with his contacts as to mentioning the fact that the CDS board was considering legal avenues regarding its maltreatment in the selection process. Mark reported on the outstanding academic results from the EOG tests for 2007-

	<p>08: both schools made AYP, made “School of Distinction,” and made “High Growth. A table was passed out that showed the rankings of the two schools within the 2468 other schools in NC. CDS ranked 402 out of 2,468 (top 16.3%), and CCS ranked 483 of 2,468 (top 19.6%). Other area schools were in the bottom half of all schools in the state.</p> <p>Mark discussed the facility additions made to accommodate the growth of students. The sink was added to the art room. Nearly a quarter mile of roadway was improved and widened at CDS to handle a separate route for access to the middle school, and extensive queuing lanes were added to the CCS access to avoid backups onto Old Lumberton.</p> <p>CHC had completed the installation of three wells to irrigate the athletic fields and the volunteers were nearing completion of the grading and sprinkler installation.</p> <p>Next, Mark Dudeck discussed some preliminary issues in the audit: the license for the EC Director was dated one day late although all requirements had been completed nearly 6 weeks earlier; DPI had verbally informed the auditor that the 75% rule for teacher certification did not apply to the 100% NCLB “Highly Qualified” requirement. Baker and Mark Cramer had both attended briefing sessions by the US dept. of Ed that stated the % of HQ for charters tracked the state’s certification %. We are requesting written backup substantiating DPI’s position. For the record, CDS has 35 of 37 HQ (95%) and CCS has 13 of 14 HQ (93%).</p> <p>The audit points out that the CDS cash fund balance of about \$750,000 leaves nearly \$500,000 uninsured by FDIC. It was explained that our position has been that all the funds are “swept” nightly into US Treasury note investments which have no exposure, and that we receive about \$30,000 in interest each year. To cover the additional half million would cause the deposits to either be split up – reducing the rates earned - or kept together in a fully insured but non-interest bearing account. Mark Dudeck will try to see if there are any other options and will report back next month. The audit was unanimously approved by the board, pending clarification of the highly qualified requirement.</p> <p>Finally, Mark Dudeck discussed the state’s 10% cut in school funds which we had been anticipating at 5% would leave a much lower year-end surplus than had been planned for CDS and none at all for CCS.</p> <p>Mark Cramer announced the resignation without notice of Angie Butcher (K teacher) and Zack Grant, MS teacher who gave notice.</p> <p>Finally Mark reminded everyone of the 10th Anniversary Banquet at the Holiday Inn Sunspree on Saturday October 10 at 6 PM.</p>
CDS	<p>Jennifer described a number of activities coming up such as grandparents day, a bike safety rodeo, and a fund raiser. The first quarter has gone well with particular attention to correct student placements – an advanced classroom has been organized in each grade. An Accelerated Reader party has been organized for next week. Flu prep is under way with the county scheduled to come on campus October 16th and administer the inhaler vaccines.</p>
CCS	<p>Steve Smith said the new year began smoothly with 363 students and that the new car lanes were working as intended. Cary had reviewed all classes for correct placements and grouping. Fund raising had gone well with \$14,000 for the book fair bringing \$7,000 in new books for the library. The coupon book sale raised about \$6,000. He said community support was exceptional for the</p>

	school with BB&T donating two soccer goals and other equipment and providing two adult volunteers to work with the kids. As reported in August, Walmart donated \$500 dollars.
Old Business	Mark Cramer mentioned that some staff had mistakenly assumed that the two recent resignations were still more layoffs and questions had been raised. A thorough discussion at the regular staff meeting of the actual circumstances and of the budget that was now in effect served to correct these misimpressions.
New Business	On motion by Donnie, seconded by Steve, the board unanimously ratified the actions taken with Mark and Baker abstaining.
Adjournment	Donnie adjourned the meeting at 5:08 PM. The next meeting will be on Thursday, October 8th at 4:00PM at the Activity Center or by phone.