

Charter Day School



Charter Day School Board of Trustees

Minutes of the Board Meeting

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

Attendance	<p>Trustees: Lori Boldt Mark Cramer Baker Mitchell Donnie Norris Bill Barker</p> <p>Mark Dudeck, Assist Treasurer Jennifer Beamer, HM CDS Steve Smith, HM CCS</p>
Executive Session	Mark reported on a recent MS disciplinary action necessary to comply with state law.
Call to Order	Donnie called the meeting to order at 4:10 PM and ruled that a quorum was present.
Review of Present & Future Agenda Items	
Approval of Minutes	Baker noted several typos and a clarification to the distributed minutes. On motion by Lori seconded by Bill, the October meeting minutes were approved as amended.
Communications To/From Board	Mark relayed Steve Windham's communication with the Governor's office regarding the Duplin rejection. After many promises of a meeting and after supplying them with copious amounts of information, it was still "next week." In view of their repeated failure to schedule a discussion, Steve recommended that we initiate legal proceedings.
RBA Report	Baker said if the board wished, he would discuss our options with George Fletcher, our attorney for business matters, and report back to the board. Next, Baker reported on discussions he and Mark had held with Dr. Brian Carpenter regarding more board development and refinement of the respective roles of CDS and RBA. Dr. Carpenter submitted a proposal for a year-long project working with him to meet with the board and crystallize the various responsibilities. The cost would have been in the \$25K range but Baker and Mark were about to recommend it when the following day we received notice of another cut in reimbursement from the state. One beneficial outcome of the meetings with Dr. Carpenter was his recommendation of fewer board meetings. Accordingly Mark reviewed the by-laws which called for 6 meetings, and he then set up a schedule for six such

	<p>meetings that had been distributed to the members. The six meetings were scheduled to meet various state-imposed deadlines (approve the upcoming year's budget by June, approve the annual audit by October, etc.) and to meet certain school events (report on EOG results, Parent survey results, etc.)</p> <p>During discussion, Bill noted that many of his organizations held only 4 meetings and he asked that we try to fit everything into a 4-meeting schedule or to perhaps supplement the 4 physical meetings with telephone meetings where required. Mark said he would report back on the requirement for modifying the by-laws and on fitting everything into 4 meetings.</p> <p>Next Mark Cramer presented the 20010-11 school calendar of 181 days. On Motion by Donnie seconded by Lori, the proposed calendar was approved unanimously.</p> <p>Mark said the CDS enrollment was holding at 823.</p> <p>Facility improvements for repaving all of Bacon's Way and Lott Lane and widening and rebuilding a roadbed to extend Bacon's Way around the athletic field to middle school had been accomplished. These expenses (over \$90K) were borne by the landlord Coastal Habitat Conservancy.</p> <p>Mark Dudeck next discussed the proposed budget revisions for CDS and CCS that had been distributed by email.</p> <p>The CDS surplus went from \$2,217 based on 765 students to \$200,529 based on 820 students. The state's promised 5% reduction was actually over 10%, but the Fed emergency funds made up about half. These funds will not be available next year so we have to cut another 5%.</p> <p>The CCS surplus went from about \$2K to \$6K.</p> <p>Detail item-by-item budgets were distributed.</p> <p>On motion by Donnie and seconded by Lori, both revised budgets were approved unanimously with Baker and Mark abstaining.</p> <p>Finally, Mark Cramer mention two personnel actions whereby Mr. Manning was let go after repeated counseling. This was a very hard decision because he was loved by all but he just would not take direction. Several parents had threatened action if their children were not better served.</p> <p>Mr. David Maglietto was hired as the replacement. Lori commented on Mr. Manning's popularity with the parents and kids as the "happy face" of CDS. (Scott Born had dubbed him "The Jolly Mayor of Charter Day.") Unfortunately, he would not do his job, but Lori suggested and all agreed that we should seek a "face" to replace that aspect of Charlie's presence on campus.</p>
<p>CDS- "School of Distinction" "High Growth"</p>	<p>Jennifer reported on a number of activities at CDS involving supplemental academic programs and various Christmas activities.</p>
<p>CCS "School of Distinction" "High Growth"</p>	<p>Steve said that enrollment was at 359 and that he had received 358 letters-of-intent for next year's enrollment and that Jack had said he could advance an extra year to 550 max. Steve was evaluating how such an increase could be handled.</p> <p>Steve also discussed a few community relations items: he announced that some parents wanted to sponsor an end-of-year party for parents and teachers to get together; Progress Energy was donating seven bicycles to be used as prizes in academic competitions; and a store that was closing was donating all their shelving which would come in useful for the school's library.</p>

<p>Old Business</p>	<p>Baker noted that last year, the board had authorized paying for the repaving of Bacon's Way of \$25K more or less and for \$18K for the annual teacher appreciation banquet. However, RBA and CHC had picked up these expenses and more since last year had no surplus. He asked that the board consider approving at CDS expense repaving Learning Lane and paving the Bacon's extension. A bid for \$38,403 had been received but asphalt prices could change, stripping was not included and other miscellaneous associated items could run the total to more. Lori moved and Donnie seconded a resolution for the board to pay for these two paving items that would bring the surplus down to the \$150-155 level. The motion was approved unanimously with Baker abstaining.</p>
<p>New Business</p>	<p>On motion by Lori, seconded by Donnie, the board unanimously ratified the actions taken with Mark and Baker abstaining.</p>
<p>Adjournment</p>	<p>Donnie adjourned the meeting at 5:12 PM.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The next meeting will be on Thursday, January 14th at 4:00PM at the Activity Center or by phone.</p>