

SOUTH SHORE CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL

Board Of Trustees Meeting

Minutes of the 159th meeting held November 17, 2005 at 100 Longwater Circle, Norwell, MA.

Notice of this meeting was sent to appropriate governmental agencies and press, and was published in the "South Shore Charter Public School Update".

Trustees:

In attendance: Kathy Arthur Tyler (Chair), Miriam Brownwall (Vice Chair), Michael Nuesse (Treasurer), Bill Smyth (Clerk), Hannah Connolly, Jessica Engebretson (ex officio), Robert Gass, Leslie Jubinville (ex officio), Stephen Locke, Dominic Slowey

In absentia: Barbara Fournier, Dorothy Galo, Matthew Lind, Charleen Tyson, Frank White

Also in attendance:

Staff: Mike Munhall (Executive Director), Kristine Shipps (Business Manager), Claire Overlee (FASA), Tom Gorsuch

Guests: David Whitemyer (Chair Parents Association)

Chair called the meeting to order at 7:07pm.

Agenda: no changes to the published agenda.

Announcements and Calendar Events:

- Winter Solstice Concert – Wednesday, December 14th at 6pm Hingham High School
- Board Meetings: May 18th for the Annual Meeting followed by a Board Meeting (have forms for new members ready for submission to the DOE)
- Board strategic goals from the retreat will be discussed at the next meeting (one goal at a time).

Approval of Minutes:

MOTION: B. Smyth. To approve the minutes to the 158th meeting as amended. Seconded S. Locke, motion carried unanimously.

Open to the Audience: no report

FASA: no report

Parents Association: David Whitemyer PA Chair reported.

- Fundraising Committee – Annual Auction great success with 250 people attending and \$25,000 raised.
- Library Committee is working on cataloging the books and is holding book fair.
- The Diversity Committee is working on a Multi Cultural Job Fair in February and a Cultural Event in the spring.
- The Transportation Committee is no longer a committee of the Parents' Association.

Kathy Arthur Tyler thanked the parents for a wonderful and spectacular Auction.

Business Office: Michael Nuesse reported.

- Reviewed financial package.

- P&L – July through September down on tuition due to enrollment. Savings on salaries due to non-hire of part time Spanish and savings on medical insurance.
- Utilities are being watched carefully.
- Plugging along
- Local aid for is subject of discussion on Beacon Hill to supplement energy costs
- Budget for snow plowing or to purchase/lease equipment (truck)
- Roof repair – Facilities Managers looking to repair all at one time to same money long term.

Executive Director Report: Mike Munhall reported.

- Purchased 12-passenger van for \$1,500 to help with small group field trips.
- Calendar events – Enrollment open house this Saturday from 1-3pm. Advertising in the Mariner/Enterprise papers.
- Charter amendments will be reviewed the DOE Board on December 9th. This includes request to amend towns in our district, mission statement and enrollment cap.
- State Legislators are holding listening tours for public input on education in the state. Bills before the house that would affect Charter school funding are not getting much support.
- Trip approvals:

MOTION: B. Gass to accept the recommendation of the Executive Director and approve the Ski Club Trips pending the review of the transportation and the use of the school vans. M. Brownwall seconded, motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: B. Gass to accept the recommendation of the Executive Director and approve the Playwriting Workshop trip the New York City in June of 2006. D. Slowey seconded, motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: B. Gass to accept the recommendation of the Executive Director and approve the Italy Trip as presented by Claire Overlee. B. Smyth seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Governance Committee: B. Smyth reported

MOTION: B. Smyth to approve the recommendation of the Governance Committee and approve to Building Maintenance and Use Guidelines and Application as amended. B. Gass seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Nominating sub-committee interviewed Mr. Jeff Seglin as a potential new member of the Board. The committee expects to nominate Mr. Seglin at the next Board meeting in December. There is an anticipated large turnover of Board member at the Annual Meeting in May. Looking for new members with diversity of experience and from new communities. Chair will put together press release regarding interest in new members.

Strategic Plan – Interviews for consultants for assistance with guiding a plan. Chair will contact Marc Kenan for recommendations. Some grant money is available for this process.

Personnel Committee: B. Gass is chairing while F. White is recuperating.

It was Moved and Voted unanimously to adjourn the Open Meeting at 8:32pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Bill Smyth, Clerk
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