

SOUTH SHORE CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL

Board of Trustees Meeting

Minutes of the 176th meeting held July 26, 2007 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: Robert Gass (Chair), Jeffrey Seglin (Vice Chair), Michael Nuesse (Treasurer), Bill Smyth (Clerk), Miriam Brownwall, Dan Falkner (ex officio), Michael Maniscalco, Dominic Slowey, Frank White, David Whitemyer

In absentia: Ryan Brenner, Elaine French, Dorothy Galo, Ed Hagerty, Jack Kelly, Angie Pepin (ex officio), Michael Ryan, Charleen Tyson

Also in attendance:

Staff: Tom Gorsuch (Principal), Ted Hirsch (Assistant Principal), Kristine Shipps (Acting Executive Director/Business Manager); Linda Weldon (Staff Accountant), Claire Overlee (Level 3 Coordinator/FASA Representative)

Guests: Debbie Cerilli, Denise Demaggio, Kerry Griffen

Bob Gass called the meeting to order at 7:04pm. The main agenda item is the presentations of the two finalists for the Interim Executive Director position.

Approval of Minutes:

MOTION: J. Seglin moved to approve the minutes to the 12th Annual Meeting. Seconded M. Brownwall, motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: J. Seglin moved to approve the minutes to the 175th meeting. Seconded M. Brownwall, motion carried unanimously.

Announcements and Calendar Events:

- Next scheduled meeting August 16th – may not need meeting. Board will discuss later in the meeting.
- The next date would be September 20th at 7pm.

Board Business:

- The Chair reminded members to check the Board directory for any edits, changes, etc.
- Board members should email committee assignment choices and if willing the chair committee to palgera@sscps.org.

Open to the Audience: no report.

Faculty Report: no report.

Parents Association: David Whitemyer, PA Chair reported.

- The 1st PA meeting for the new school year will be held on Tuesday, September 4th 7pm. Bob Gass has agreed to represent the Board.
- A back to school picnic will be held on Thursday, September 6th 5:00-7:00pm.

Business Office: Michael Nuesse reported

- Reviewed the Profit and Loss statement for the period ending 6/30/07.
- Nothing unusual to report. Some savings on benefits and insurance. Additional spending in Student Services due to additional needs in Learning Services.
- Some savings on interest on rent to the foundation and on the utilities line item due to mild winter.
- Advertising cost up due to search.
- Entries will be completed over the next few weeks to finalized FY07.
- Committee reviewed the summary of FY08.

MOTION: M. Nuesse motion to accept the report of the Finance Committee. J. Seglin seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Executive Director Report: Kristine Shipps reported.

- Distributed and reviewed the School Report as of July 26, 2007.
- Distributed and reviewed the Cost Estimate for the Master Plan build out.
- Distributed and reviewed the Appraisal of 100 Longwater Circle.
- The Business Office is researching the School's eligibility in the state health insurance.
- The Administrative Team has been working on the 2007 Annual Report.

MOTION: B. Smyth to approve the 2007 Annual Report as presented. M. Brownwall seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Facilities Committee: K. Shipps reported on the progress in the construction of the Science Lab and Level 1 classroom.

Development Committee: no report.

Strategic Plan: Bob Gass reported that the rewrite is posted on the SSCPS website and plan will be finalized in the fall.

Governance: no report.

Personnel: Frank White reported

- The process for the search for an Interim Executive Director has been completed.
- The process was reviewed and initial interviews were conducted.
- F. White thanked the committee for all their hard work.
- The search committee has recommended two finalists each of whom will make a presentation to the full Board.
- After the presentations the Board will discuss and if the Board agrees will vote on the candidate to appoint.
- The two candidates are Richard Cochran of Hull and Prudence Goodale of Braintree.

- At 7:43pm Richard Cochran addressed the Board and made a brief presentation.
- At 8:15pm Prudence Goodale addressed the Board and made a brief presentation.

MOTION: M. Brownwall to appoint Prudence Goodale as Interim Executive Director. Seconded B. Smyth, motion carried unanimously.

After brief discussion, the chair announced there will be no meeting in August. The next meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on Thursday, September 20, 2007.

Executive Session:

MOTION: B. Smyth to enter into Executive Session at 9:15pm. It was moved and voted upon unanimous roll call, individual voice vote to enter Executive Session for the purpose of non-union contractual negotiation issue.

At 9:31pm Executive Session adjourned back into Open Session.

It was Moved and Voted unanimously to adjourn the Open Meeting at 9:32pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Bill Smyth (Clerk)
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