

SOUTH SHORE CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL

Board of Trustees Meeting

Minutes of the 207th meeting held June 17, 2010 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: Jeffrey Seglin (Chair), Cheryl Peterson (Vice Chair), Bill Smyth (Clerk), Brian Tyler (Treasurer), Miriam Brownwall, Paul Carberry, Deb Cerilli, Bob Gass, Jo Loughnane, Michael Maniscalco, Emily Merwin (ex officio), Maggie Reardon (Student), Michael Ryan, Loran Sanborn (ex officio), David Whitemyer

In absentia: Deidre Lamoureux

Also in attendance:

Staff: Prudence Goodale (Executive Director), Alicia Savage (incoming Executive Director), Kristine Shipp (Business Manager), Angie Pepin (7-12 Principal), Ted Hirsch (K-6 Principal),

Audience: Heather Dans, Tessa Misiaszek, Jean Philogene, Kolin Perry

Jeffrey Seglin (Chair) called the meeting to order at 7:04pm.

Approval of Minutes:

MOTION: C. Peterson moved to approve the minutes to the 206th meeting held May 20, 2010. Seconded B. Smyth, motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: C. Peterson moved to approve the minutes to the 15th Annual Meeting held May 20, 2010. Seconded B. Smyth, motion carried unanimously.

Board Business

Board Chair, Jeffrey Seglin recognized and thanked Miriam Brownwall (12 years) and Bill Smyth (3 terms) for their service the SSCPS and the Board. He then introduced Alicia Savage who will begin as Executive Director on July 1, 2010. Mr. Seglin recognized and thanked Prue Goodale for her service the SSCPS. The school presented P. Goodale with an engraved chair as a gift of appreciation. The Board thanked P. Goodale for her service to the school and the foundation. P. Carberry was asked to read a statement from the Board:

*Prudence Goodale
Resolution of Gratitude and Appreciation*

As your term as Executive Director concludes we, the Board of Trustees of the South Shore Charter Public School, are pleased to recognize your extraordinary leadership of the school.

Your tenure as our Executive Director has been immensely successful during a period of great uncertainty for SSCPS and all of charter education. Despite significant challenges, and with admirable energy and a patient, inclusive model of leadership, you guided the school to new levels of success and public recognition. SSCPS today boasts a renewed, five-year charter, record test scores, and a national reputation as "America's Greenest School."

These achievements -- and so many others -- are a wonderful testament to your collaborative, gentle leadership and deep knowledge of education policy, faculty development and curricular innovation. Thanks to you, SSCPS today is poised to attain even greater heights of excellence.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED this 17th day of June 2010, that the Board of Trustees of the South Shore Charter Public School unanimously declares its deepest gratitude, affection and respect for you, Prue, and a sincere hope that you will remain an active member of our school community.

School & Academic Reports

School Report: Prue Goodale

- Graduation was held on June 5th. As a tradition at SSCPS, four of the students spoke. The graduating class chose Rick Small at the speakers. Angie Pepin was Master of Ceremony and Ted Hirsch presented the "Fraternity of 13" with daylilies that were planted in Hull when the students were in kindergarten and were transplanted to Norwell.
- A. Pepin presented the draft Bullying Policy. Professional Development will be offered in the fall. Curricula and teacher training will continue when the committee continues its work in the fall. School Council added Social/Emotion piece to the School Improvement Plan.

MOTION: B. Smyth to approve the Bullying Policy as presented. D. Whitemyer seconded, motion carried unanimously.

- The draft Student Handbook and School Improvement Plan were presented for approval and vote.

MOTION: P. Carberry to approve the changes to the Student Handbook as presented with a directive from the Board that School Council will revisit the Grading Policies and present the amended policy to the Board in February 2011. D. Whitemyer seconded, motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: P. Carberry to approve the School Improvement Plan as presented. B. Smyth seconded, motion carried unanimously. Note: School Council must have a member of the community.

Committee Reports:

Audience: no comment

Parents Association: Heather Dans was introduced as the new PA President

- PA meetings for the 2010-11 school year will be held on the 1st Wednesday of the month beginning in September.
- Scholarships were awarded at graduation.

Faculty: no report

Student Report: M. Reardon reported

- Kolin Perry, new student representative for 2010-11 was introduced.
- Student Board is expanding with meetings to be held over the summer. By laws will be constituted.

Development Committee: M. Brownwall

- Golf Tournament/Auction cleared \$23,000 which is 10% more than last year's event.
- Board is almost at 100% participation for the Annual Fund
- There is 100% participation from the Faculty/Staff for the Annual Fund.

Facilities: D. Whitemyer reported

- Roof renovations will be put off until the end of the 2010-11 school year.
- Reviewed the draft LEEDs report which was a part of the America's Greenest School award.

Finance Committee: B. Tyler reported

- \$240,000 revenue to be used at year end to cover building needs, supplies, and bonus for faculty/staff.
- Tuition projections were received and distributed.

Governance: B. Smyth reported

- By Laws were distributed to the new Board members and A. Savage.
- Governance proposed slate of officers for the 2010-11 year. Jeffrey Seglin – Chair, Cheryl Peterson – Vice Chair, Paul Carberry – Clerk, and Brian Tyler – Treasurer. Slate will be voted on at the July meeting. Contact Bill Smyth or Jeffrey Seglin to volunteer for chair of a committee or officer.

Personnel: B.Gass reported

- Committee will re-focus in the fall.

The 2010-11 Board of Trustees Meeting Calendar as discussed and the dates were finalized. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, July 22 at 7pm. A Board retreat will be held on Thursday, August 17th with the place and time to be determined.

MOTION: P. Carberry to adjourn the meeting. B. Smyth seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:34pm

Respectfully submitted:
Pam Algera