

# SOUTH SHORE CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL

## Board of Trustees Meeting

Minutes of the 192<sup>nd</sup> meeting held January 22, 2009 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:** Bob Gass (Chair), Jeffrey Seglin (Vice Chair), Kasundra Brown-Corbin, Miriam Brownwall, Dan Falkner (ex officio), Deidre Lamoureux, Jo Loughnane, Michael Maniscalco, Angie Pepin (ex officio), Cheryl Peterson, Michael Ryan, Bill Smyth (Clerk), David Whitemyer

**In absentia:** Alyse Algera, Michael Nuesse, Rena Shea, Brian Tyler

### **Also in attendance:**

**Staff:** Prudence Goodale (Interim Executive Director), Kristine Shipps (Business Manager), Jim Connolly (7-12 Principal), Ted Hirsch (K-6 Principal), Emily Merwin and Katie Walsh (Level IV Teachers)

**Audience:** Karen Boyle, Debbie Cerilli, Denise Demaggio, Melissa Freitas, Jill & Zach Johnston, Dottie Kennedy Brooks, Nancy Schaefer Flynn,

Jeff Seglin, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.

### **Approval of Minutes:**

**MOTION:** J. Loughnane moved to approve the minutes to the 191<sup>st</sup> meeting held December 18, 2008 as amended. Seconded C. Peterson, motion carried unanimously.

**Finance Committee:** C. Peterson and K. Shipps reported

- Applied for \$3.2M grant for facilities which is a part of the Federal Stimulus package. Proposal includes green facility improvements.
- Updated tuition numbers released in December. 17 towns decreased their per pupil spending. Increase to Randolph. Revenue should be ok by year end.
- Timeline for FY10 budget through March. Administration will work with Principals and Level Coordinators for presentation in May to Board. No information as of yet from state regarding percentage of cuts (estimates are 10-15%).

**MOTION:** J. Loughnane to approve the disposition of 1995 Van for donation. B. Smyth seconded, motion carried unanimously.

### **School & Academic Report:**

**Executive Director Report:** Prudence Goodale reported.

- MCAS Action Team; co-chaired by Jim Connolly and Ted Hirsch, have met to look at data.
- P. Goodale has been keeping the Board updated on the feasibility of the teachers forming a union. Administration has been very careful in handling this issue. Administration will do all that can be done to be informative. Marc Kenan will be visiting on Tuesday at 3:30pm to speak at the regularly

scheduled full faculty meeting. During the Professional Development Day next week work will be done on the school's mission, what works/what doesn't – these areas will be reviewed in preparation for Charter renewal.

- Recommendation for vote from School Council regarding cell phone use.

**MOTION:** J. Seglin to approve the recommendation from School Council and approve the amended Policy Regarding Cell Phones and Other Electronic Devices. M. Brownwall seconded, motion carried unanimously.

### **Academic Report**

Presentation by staff and student from Level IV regarding climate and culture.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Audience:** no report

**Faculty:** Dan Falkner Reported

- FASA has elected members to be apart of the negotiation team and will begin contract negotiations with Administration.

**Parents Association:** .Deidre Lamoureux reported

- Next meeting will be February 3<sup>rd</sup> and Jo Loughnane volunteered to represent Board.
- The PA grant task force reviewed the requests for funds and will make a recommendation at the PA meeting. Once approved funds will be distributed.

- **Student Report:** no report

**Facilities Committee:** Mike Ryan reported

- Reviewed proposal for Low Ropes course and looking at placement.
- Reviewed master floor plan.
- Full Board toured building to look at possible options for adding classroom space.
- No action needs to be taken. Estimates for build out of Level II classroom are forthcoming.

**Development Committee:** Miriam Brownwall

- Committee is focused on the Golf Tournament/Auction. Solicitations will be sent out in the next 10 days.
- Last committee meeting was a joint meeting with Facilities.

**Governance:** Bill Smyth

- Committee working on Solicitation Policy and will present at next meeting.
- Committee has put together By Law booklet.

**Personnel:** Jo Loughnane reported

- December minutes will be distributed.
- FASA negotiation team will be meeting on Monday at 3:30pm. Jo Loughnane, Brian Tyler, Kristine Shipp and Prue Goodale will meet with the members of FASA.
- Personnel Committee will meet monthly after the Executive Committee meeting.
- Job description for Part Time Executive Director was distributed for review and feedback. Approval at the next meeting.

**Executive Session:**

**MOTION:** B. Smyth to enter into Executive Session at 8:55pm. It was moved and voted upon unanimous roll call, individual voice vote to enter Executive Session for the purpose of potential litigation.

At 9:09pm Executive Session adjourned back into Open Session.

**MOTION:** K. Brown Corbin to adjourn the meeting. B. Smyth seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10pm

Respectfully submitted:

Bill Smyth, Clerk  
Pam Algera