

SOUTH SHORE CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL

Board of Trustees Meeting

Minutes of the 195th meeting held April 16, 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: Jeffrey Seglin (Vice Chair), Alyse Algera, Kasundra Brown-Corbin, Miriam Brownwall, Dan Falkner (ex officio), Deidre Lamoureux, Jo Loughnane, Michael Maniscalco, Cheryl Peterson, Michael Ryan, Bill Smyth (Clerk), Brian Tyler (Treasurer), David Whitemyer

In absentia: Bob Gass (Chair), Michael Nuesse, Angie Pepin (ex officio), Rena Shea

Also in attendance:

Staff: Prudence Goodale (Interim Executive Director), Kristine Shipps (Business Manager), Jim Connolly (7-12 Principal), Ted Hirsch (K-6 Principal), Krista Cafourek (Level II Teacher); Sarah Roberts (Level II Teacher); Kristin Swanson (Level II Teacher); Kendra Whiting (Level II Coordinator);

Audience: Annette Golden, Kerry Griffin, many students and parent from Level II

Jeffrey Seglin (Vice Chair) called the meeting to order at 7:00pm

Approval of Minutes:

MOTION: C. Peterson moved to approve the minutes to the 194th meeting held March 26, 2009 as amended. Seconded B. Smyth, motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Change:

The Academic Report

Kendra Whiting presented an overview of the structure, curriculum, assessments and projects on Level II. Student presentation from Krista Cafourek's class teamed with Level I Amy Vanderberg's class on Bats and Bat Habitat. Sarah Roberts' and class presented their Hydroponics Project.

Finance Committee: B. Tyler reported

- March Financials – progressing; no real reductions as of yet.
- Tracing self imposed 5% budget cut; most came from salary line items.
- Thank you to the staff and administrators for tightening belts and keeping balanced budget.
- In these tough economic times working closely with Charter School Association and looking at town budgets. FY10 Budget with 10% reduction from FY09.
- Traditionally the new budget is presented to the Board at the May meeting; Finance Committee is delaying until June to get the most up to date information.
- Discussions with FASA and Administration are continuing.
- Thank you to Kristine Shipps for her diligence.

School & Academic Report:

Executive Director Report: Prudence Goodale reported.

- First round of MCAS testing (ELA) is done and has been shipped. MCAS Action Team is still meeting and working on data through formative assessments.
- FY10 draft calendar presented. A request for a revision to the FY09 calendar was presented
- Reminder: Charter School Day on the Hill is April 29th.
- On April 24th at 10:30am the “Veggie Van” project will be recognized at the State House.

MOTION: M. Brownwall to approve the recommendation of the Executive Director to amend the FY10 School Calendar to 182 days and June 17 will remain the last day for students. K. Brown Corbin seconded, motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: B. Smyth to approve the recommendation of the Executive Director and approve the FY10 School Calendar as presented. M. Brownwall seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Audience: Level IV is holding a plant swap on Friday, May 1st at 3:30pm

Faculty: Dan Falkner Reported

- FASA negotiation team is keeping staff informed of the meetings which have been held with Administration.

Parents Association: .Deidre Lamoureux

- Next meeting will be held on May 5th – Brian Tyler will attend to discuss Budget.
- Parents have responded that they are able to attend the State House Day on the Hill. There will be a bus from SSCPS.
- Elections for the new officers, grade representatives and committee chairs will be held over the next few weeks. Openings for Art/Music Committee and Grades Representative for 10th, 11th and 12th are still needed.

Student Report: Alyse Algera reported

- The 2nd Annual HS Workshop Film Festival was held and was successful.
- Students left today on the Senior Trip. They will return in 10 days.
- Senior Projects begin after Spring Vacation.

Facilities Committee: M. Ryan reported

- Distributed and reviewed the minutes.
- Facilities and Finance will need to meet.

Development Committee: P. Goodale reported

- Committee.

Governance: Bill Smyth

- Committee has been working on the Nomination Ballot and the By Law change. The Ballot will be distributed after vacation and the deadline to vote will be Thursday, May 21st. Results will be announced at the Annual Meeting.

MOTION: J. Loughnane to approve the recommendation of the Governance Committee and approve the rewording of the By Law regarding member terms. B. Tyler seconded, motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: B. Smith to approve the nomination of the two candidates; Paul Carberry and Debbie Cerilli. D. Whitemyer seconded, motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: B. Smith to approve the Annual Meeting Ballot. M. Brownwall seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Discussion: Renewal

- Draft site visit report should be received by the end of the week.
- Renewal application is due August 1st.
- Work has begun on the Mission Statement and a draft will be distributed to the wide community.
- Feedback to P. Goodale with any suggestions.

Personnel: Brian Tyler reported

- FASA negotiations continue and hopeful that an agreement will be met. The meetings have had good discussions, requests have been made, open and honest feedback. FASA team has a good understanding of the difficulties.
- Search for Permanent Executive Director will be discussed in the next quarter.

Executive Session:

MOTION: B. Smyth to enter into Executive Session at 8:57pm. It was moved and voted upon unanimous roll call, individual voice vote to enter Executive Session for the purpose of non-union contractual negotiation. The Board will reconvene in Open Session to vote.

At 9:11pm Executive Session adjourned back into Open Session.

MOTION: K. Brown Corbin to approve the contract of the Part Time Executive Director as presented. M. Browewall seconded, motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: B. Smyth to adjourn the meeting. A. Algera seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 9:12pm

Respectfully submitted:

Bill Smyth, Clerk
Pam Algera