

SOUTH SHORE CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL

Board of Trustees Meeting

Minutes of the 197th meeting held June 18, 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, , Michael Maniscalco, Cheryl Peterson, Michael Ryan, Rena Shea, Bill Smyth (Clerk), Brian Tyler (Treasurer), David Whitemyer

New members attended (not yet approved): Paul Carberry, Deb Cerilli, Mac Haran, Emily Merwin, Maggie Reardon

In absentia: Alyse Algera, Dan Falkner (ex officio), Deidre Lamoureux, Jo Loughnane, Michael Nuesse, Angie Pepin (ex officio),

Also in attendance:

Staff: Prudence Goodale (Interim Executive Director), Kristine Shipps (Business Manager), Jim Connolly (7-12 Principal), Ted Hirsch (K-6 Principal)

Audience: Denise Demaggio

Bob Gass (Chair) called the meeting to order at 7:03pm. Chair introduced the new Board members who will be seated in July. Chair recognized outgoing Board Member, Rena Shea, and thanked her for her service to SSCPS. Chair also announced the resignation of Michael Nuesse and shared the letter to the Board. M. Brownwall and the entire Board thanked M. Nuesse for all the years of service as a member of the Board, the Treasurer and all the work to finance and refinance the building.

MOTION: B Smyth to accept, with regret, the resignation of Michael Nuesse. M. Brownwall seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes:

MOTION: J. Seglin moved to approve the minutes to the 196th meeting held May 21, 2009 as amended. Seconded R. Shea, motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: B. Smyth moved to approve the minutes to the 14th Annual Meeting... Seconded R. Shea, motion carried unanimously.

Finance Committee: B. Tyler reported

- Reviewed the FY10 proposed budget and explained the different funding sources.

MOTION: B. Tyler to approve the FY10 budget as presented by the Finance Committee. B. Smyth seconded, motion carried unanimously.

The Board thanked the Finance Committee whose members include Cheryl Peterson, Deidre Lamoureux, Michael Nuesse, Prue Goodale, Kristine Shipp, Jim Connolly, Ted Hirsch, Dan Falkner. The Finance Committee has historically worked hard and the committee's leadership has kept the School ahead of the State finances with cooperation from the Faculty and Staff. The entire Board appreciates the efforts of this committee.

- Finance Committee will recommend in July (after the final June numbers) to restrict funds for building needs and include a program reserve for FY10.

School & Academic Report:

Academic Report

- The Board was presented with a viewing of the documentary on Evan's Story and the Veggie Van..

Executive Director Report: Prudence Goodale reported.

- Briefly reviewed the events of the last week.
- Introduced the proposed changes to the Student Handbook, Exit Standards, and School Improvement Plan. These documents will be voted on at the July meeting.

Committee Reports:

Audience:

- K. Brown Corbin commended and thanked J. Connolly, A. Pepin and the Level IV staff for helping her student to succeed.

Faculty: No report

Parents Association: .No report

Student Report: Maggie Reardon reported

- There were mixed reviews from the High School students regarding electives for next year. Student Rep was encouraged to speak to J. Connolly regarding the concerns.

Facilities Committee: M. Ryan reported

- Design for new classroom was put on hold.
- Proposals for building systems have been submitted, waiting for numbers.
- Initiate plan for new roof.

Development Committee: Miriam Brownwall reported

- Final numbers for the Golf/Auction no complete; some payments still coming in. Estimate \$20,000-\$22,000.
- Annual Fund update – Parent participation if 49%. There is still time as the fiscal year ends June 30th. Estimate of \$31,000 for this effort.

Governance: Bill Smyth

- Committee is working on a Board orientation.

- Slate of Officers will be presented at the July meeting for vote and adoption. The Nominating Committee will recommend: Jeff Seglin – Chair; Cheryl Peterson – Vice Chair; Brian Tyler – Treasurer; Bill Smyth – Clerk.
- List of Committee Assignments will be distributed next Board meeting.
- The next meeting of the Governance Committee will be June 23rd.

Personnel: No report

- Committee has not met

Discussion: Renewal

- Annual Satisfaction Survey – the rate of last years’ response was disappointing. We have received an increase to this years’ response.
- The draft Mission Statement has been shared with the SSCPS community.
- Discussion on the accompanying paragraphs will be wordsmith but the intent is agreed to.
- To celebrate service recognition of volunteers and student work will be put on the FY10 calendar.
- Reviewed the Exit Standards. Formal vote at the July meeting.
- The renewal application and accountability plan along with the Annual Report will be voted on at the July meeting. Draft documents will be emailed to the Board prior to the meeting.

MOTION: B. Smyth to adjourn the meeting. R. Shea seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55pm

Respectfully submitted:

Bill Smyth, Clerk
Pam Algera