

# SOUTH SHORE CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL

## Board of Trustees Meeting

Minutes of the 189<sup>th</sup> meeting held October 16 2008 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), Alyse Algera, Miriam Brownwall, Dan Falkner (ex officio), Jo Loughnane, Deidre Lamoureux, Michael Maniscalco, Angie Pepin (ex officio), Cheryl Peterson, Michael Ryan, Rena Shea, Bill Smyth (Clerk), Brian Tyler, David Whitemyer

**In absentia:** Kasundra Brown-Corbin, Michael Nuesse

### **Also in attendance:**

**Staff:** Prudence Goodale (Interim Executive Director), Ted Hirsch (K-6 Principal), Kristine Shipp (Business Manager)

**Audience:** Debbie & Chloe Cerilli, Kristin & Mariclare Cheney, Nancy Seglin, Kathleen Poteau, Claire Cantave, Deannah Marshall, The Marshall Family, Tara Turner, The Whitemyer Family

Bob Gass, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:04pm.

### **Approval of Minutes:**

**MOTION:** D. Whitemyer moved to approve the minutes to the 189<sup>th</sup> meeting held September 25, 2008. Seconded B Smyth, motion carried unanimously.

### **Announcements and Calendar Events:**

- Harvest Road Race is this Saturday at Wompatuck State Park.
- 7-12 Principal search – 2<sup>nd</sup> finalist, James Connolly will visit on Monday. Decision by October 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- Parent Coffee hour will be held for Level III on Monday. These coffees are scheduled quarterly.
- Full Professional Development Day on November 4<sup>th</sup>.
- Board Retreat on Saturday, November 1<sup>st</sup> 8:30-1pm – Coffee, breakfast, and snacks. Adjourn before lunch.
- Enrollment Open House – Saturday, November 15<sup>th</sup> 1-3pm. On Tuesday, November 18<sup>th</sup> 6-8pm SSCPS will host an Information Session for grades 7-12.
- Next Board meeting Thursday, November 20<sup>th</sup>.

### **Student Presentation:**

- At every Board meeting a different Level will present student work.
- Ted Hirsch introduced students Claire Cantave, Deannah Marshall, and Kathleen Poteau. SSCPS was awarded the Service Learning Grant and these students published a book to help new students to SSCPS understanding Community Service and the school's requirements.
- Tara Turner and students from the Biology Workshops presented a PowerPoint presentation on the process which secured the purchase and conversion of a "Veggie Van" for the school.
- Level II student, Evan Whitemyer, was presented with an award on his efforts to raise money for the school through his "Summits for My School" project. Evan raised over \$5,000 for SSCPS to purchase the "Veggie Van."

**Board Business:**

- The Board currently has three openings. Any potential interest in new members, contact Jeff Seglin or the Nominating Committee.

**Open to the Audience:** no comment

**Faculty Report:** no report

**Parents Association:** .Deidre Lamoureux

- Next meeting is Saturday, November 8<sup>th</sup> – 10am-12pm.
- Discussion will be on funding
- PA chair requests Board representation via email

**Student Report:** no report

**Business Office:** B. Tyler reported

- Finance Committee met prior to the Board meeting
- Budget Update – Gov. Patrick has announced state budget cuts which have not affected Charter Schools as of yet.
- SSCPS Budget – anticipate \$100,000 tuition shortfall due to lower HS enrollment.
- Boston Private will insure that all cash will be protected.
- By next meeting, CD's will be in place and spread over smaller banks for protection (Cedars Program).
- Business Office is requesting the Board approve disposal of excess computers and monitors.

**MOTION:** J. Seglin to declare 84 computer and 131 monitors surplus property and approve the disposal of the equipment. B. Smyth seconded, motion carried unanimously.

**MOTION:** B. Smyth to accept the audit as presented. J. Seglin seconded, motion carried unanimously.

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

- P. Goodale thanked Jo Loughnane for her leadership on the 7-12 Principal search.
- The Board was asked to meet in the Science room for a SmartBoard presentation.
- P. Goodale and T. Hirsch reviewed the school's MCAS scores, AYP and the School Improvement Plan.

**Committee Reports:**

Note from Board Chair – All committees are urged to meet on a regular basis.

**Facilities Committee:** Michael Ryan

- No report
- Committee needs to set up a meeting...

**Development Committee:** Miriam Brownwall

- Development Summit was held 2 weeks ago and was a productive meeting.
- Development is working with the Parents Association. Dottie Kennedy Brooks and Paul Carberry have volunteered to co-chair the Fundraising Committee and will meet with Development.
- Golf Tournament has been scheduled for May 28<sup>th</sup> at Southers Marsh in Plymouth. Need committee members and golfers.

- Next meeting October 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Governance:** Bill Smyth

- Review retreat agenda; review Strategic Plan and summary of July retreat.

**MOTION:** B. Smyth to accept the By Law amendment to addendum II as presented. B. Tyler seconded, motion carried unanimously.

- Governance requests approval for hold a Special Meeting for the purpose of formally approving the By Law amendments approved by the Board in the spring.

**MOTION:** B. Smyth to approve a Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees be held at 7:00pm on November 20<sup>th</sup>. M. Brownewall seconded, motion carried unanimously.

**Personnel:** Jo Loughnane reported

- Deadline for applications for Executive Director is October 20<sup>th</sup>. Search Committee will meet during next week.

**MOTION:** B. Smyth to adjourn the meeting. B. Tyler seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 9:12pm

Respectfully submitted:

Bill Smyth, Clerk  
Pam Algera