

# SOUTH SHORE CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL

## Board of Trustees Meeting

Minutes of the 214<sup>th</sup> meeting held February 17, 2011 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), Paul Carberry (Clerk), Deb Cerilli, Heather Dans, Mac Haran (ex officio), Michael Maniscalco, Emily Merwin (ex officio), Kolin Perry (Student), Michael Ryan, Brian Tyler (Treasurer), David Whitemyer

**In absentia:** Cheryl Peterson (Vice Chair), Bob Gass, Jo Loughnane, Jean Philogene,

### **Also in attendance:**

**Staff:** Alicia Savage (Executive Director), Ted Hirsch (K-6 Principal),

Level IV Faculty: Bev Bruce, Lennie Chin, Ellen Dresser, Rachel Jones, Katie Walsh, Haley Wojtaskinski, Jody Regan, Jared Rose

Jeffrey Seglin (Chair) called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

### **Approval of minutes:**

**MOTION:** D. Whitemyer to approve the minutes to the January 20, 2011 Board of Trustees meeting, B. Tyler seconded, motion carried unanimously.

### **School & Academic Reports**

**School Report:** Alicia Savage, Executive Director Report

- Distributed the Golf packages for solicitation to potential external supporters
- Calendar is at 180 with a markup day on March 18<sup>th</sup>; if should need additional days Saturdays could be added.
- Current Enrollment Update – two students returned to local district.
- The Enrollment and Lottery process was reviewed. Discussed the demographics of grades and towns from which applications are being received. Board would like to look at historical data.
- Annual Fund – reviewed the current status of the incoming donations. Development Committee is looking into organizing an adult social. The Annual Fund phone-a-thon will be held in April.
- Physical Education: Leasing space within walking distance for PE classes.

**MOTION:** D. Whitemyer to approve the recommendation of the Executive Director to amend the current school calendar adding March 18<sup>th</sup> as a regular school day. D. Cerilli, motion carried unanimously.

**MOTION:** P. Carberry to authorize the Administration to reschedule school days on Saturdays in April 2011 if needed. B. Tyler seconded, motion carried unanimously.

### **Principals' Reports:**

A. Pepin led a discussion on amending the grading policy. A recommendation for a formal policy change will be presented at the next board meeting.

T. Hirsch reviewed recent events and field trips. The evacuation of the students was a smooth process and the Norwell Public Schools welcomed SSCPS students. The 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> grade student recently visited the MFA and BSO. Exhibition of Mastery presentations are well underway. The lottery ran smoothly, however many more families applied than could be accepted. The percentage of acceptance is extremely small. T. Hirsch read part of a letter received in an application package by a parent who was a graduate of SSCPS who applied for his son.

**Academic Report:** Level IV Presentation

The Level IV faculty presented an overview of a day in the life of a student, introduced the staff, and reviewed the curriculum.

**Committee Reports:**

**Audience:** no report

**Faculty:** Emily Merwin reported

- Evacuation went well.
- After many snow days and the evacuation SSCPS has had two full weeks of classes. Student and faculty are ready for the February break.

**Finance:** Brian Tyler reported

- Budget vs. actual tracking slightly favorable.
- A full report of year to date will be presented at the next meeting as budget process gets into gear.
- Committee discussed the damage to roof and walls due to the snow. Reviewing the costs and possibility of insurance claim.

**Student Report:** Kolin Perry reported

- High School field trip to the Museum of Science.

**Parents Association:** Heather Dans

- Distributed and announced the airing dates of the film with additional information.
- Representatives from PA are meeting to discuss the funding requests.
- Next meeting March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7pm.

**Development Committee:**

- No report, refer to committee minutes.

**Facilities:** David Whitemyer reported

- Refer to the meeting notes. Nothing new to report.

**Governance:** Paul Carberry reported

- Near having slate of candidates for slate to recommend in next few weeks governance will meet to review

**Personnel:** Deb Cerilli

- No report

Board briefly discussed the potential of increasing the student enrollment cap. Finance, Facilities, and Governance will research.

**MOTION:** P. Carberry to adjourn. K. Perry seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:22pm

Respectfully submitted: Pam Algera

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Approved by: Paul K. Carberry, Clerk