

SOUTH SHORE CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL

Board of Trustees Meeting and Annual Meeting

Minutes of the 217th meeting held May 19, 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), Cheryl Peterson (Vice Chair), Brian Tyler (Treasurer), Deb Cerilli, Heather Dans, Mac Haran (ex officio), Jo Loughnane, Emily Merwin (ex officio), Tessa Misiaszek, Kolin Perry (Student), Jean Philogene, David Whitemyer

In absentia: Paul Carberry (Clerk), Bob Gass, Michael Maniscalco, Michael Ryan

Also in attendance:

Staff: Alicia Savage (Executive Director), Ted Hirsch (K-6 Principal), Kristine Shipps (Business Manager)

Level I: Velma Begley with 2nd grade students and their parents

High School Students: Jonathan Boyle, Jonathan Jackson, Kayleigh Wright

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

MOTION: T. Misiaszek to approve the minutes to the April 28, 2011 meeting. D. Cerilli seconded, motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: C. Peterson to adjourn the Regular Meeting and enter into the Annual Meeting. Seconded B. Tyler, motion carried unanimously.

The regular Board of Trustees meeting reconvened at 7:08pm.

School & Academic Report

Academic Report:

Level I Presentation – Velma Begley introduced the 2nd grade students who presented an overview of the Level I program.

High School Presentation – Jonathan Boyle, Jonathan Jackson, and Kayleigh Wright
Students in the Environmental Workshop presented a van shuttle program proposal.

School Report: Alicia Savage, Executive Director reported

- SSCPS celebrated the America's Greenest School (AGS) award with the arrival of the Hybrid bus on April 30th. Over 350 guests were in attendance. The event was also a celebration of Workshops and Projects with hands on activities; music performances; a book signing; and continuous showings of the recent films and news broadcasts.
- Some of the monetary award from the AGS contest has been used for additional green makeover and installation of an electrical outlet for the bus. The bus is being used for field trips, athletics, and Workshop & Project field trips. SSCPS is working with Joseph Ingle Bus Company drivers. Heather Dans and Kristine Shipps have secured sponsors for a set tires (when needed) and maintenance for a year.
- College acceptances are still coming in and our students are being accepted to impressive schools.
- Annual Fund – The phone-a-thon was held on May 3 and May 5. Another date will be added.
- Enrollment continues to be stable.

Principals' Reports:

K-6 Principal - Ted Hirsch

- Proud of the 2nd grade Level I presentation

- MCAS Math testing is about completed. Make-ups will be administered next week. The High School will take the Science MCAS in early June.
- Level II teacher, Sarah Roberts was one of four Teacher of the Year finalist.
- Parent Coffees are being held to discuss changes for next year including schedule changes, additional PE, music, and art. Level III schedule will look more like the middle school model and focus on content area.

Board Announcements:

- Officers for next year will be determined in June. Email Jeffrey Seglin if you are interested.
- Board Retreat in July is being organized, possible on a Saturday, off site. Agenda items to include the FY11 Annual Report, strategic planning, Capital Campaign.

Committee Reports:

Audience: no report

Faculty: Emily Merwin and Mac Haran

- Teacher Appreciation lunch was great. The faculty also appreciated the opportunity to leave or stay for uninterrupted work time.

Finance: Brian Tyler reported

- FY12 Budget presentation will be at the June meeting. The committee needs some more time before presenting budget. The draft budget and presentation materials will be mailed before the next meeting.
- Budget presentation and vote in June.

Student Report: Kolin Perry reported

- The new student board has taken their roles and are organizing for next year
- Planning is underway for the Prom and end of year activities.
- Day trip to Canobie Lake has been approved by the Field Trip Task Force (D. Whitemyer and J. Philogene).

Parents Association: Heather Dans reported

- Elections are ongoing for the PA roles.
- Next meeting Tuesday, June 7th
- Spring concert June 1st

Development Committee: Debbie Cerilli reported

- Refer to minutes
- Committee Chair as members of the Board to participate in any way that they can in the Golf Tournament and Auction event. Looking for restaurant gift certificates.

Facilities: David Whitemyer

- June meeting date will be announced.

Governance: no report

Personnel: No report

- Met with representative from the health insurance company. When a plan has been selected a representative will return to talk with the staff.
- Discussions have begun around retirement benefits

MOTION: D. Cerilli to adjourn the regular meeting. K. Perry seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:22 pm

Respectfully submitted: Pam Algera

Approved by: Paul K. Carberry, Clerk