

# SOUTH SHORE CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL

## Board of Trustees Meeting

Minutes of the 241st meeting held March 20, 2014 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:** David Whitemyer (Chair), Maureen Hebert (Vice Chair/Clerk), Brian Tyler (Treasurer), Chad Bruce, Daniel Falkner, Lisa Harvey Mone, Jackie Liebergott, Cheryl Peterson

**In absentia:** Joseph Kay, Nancy Seglin, Michael Weigensberg, Richard White

### **Also in attendance:**

**Staff:** Alicia Savage (Executive Director), Denise Demaggio (Events Associate), Kristine Shipp (Business Manager), Mark Flanagan (Director of Facilities)

**Audience:** Gema Gray, Jason Knutson, Steve Hillson

David Whitemyer (Chair) called the meeting to order at 7:34 pm.

### **Board Business:**

Announcement of the resignation of Debbie Callahan. (Letter in file)

**MOTION:** B. Tyler moved to approve the minutes to the meeting of December 19, 2013. J. Liebergott seconded, motion carried unanimously.

### **School & Academic Report**

**State of the School Report:** Alicia Savage, Executive Director reported

- Student Achievement: Congratulations to 11 students who received recognition for this year's Scholastic Art Awards. Also, congratulations the middle school Math Team and Debate Team.
- DESE and Massachusetts Charter Public School Association has asked SSCPS to participate in two working groups, the Suburban and Rural Charter School Meeting Group and the Gateway City Charter School Meeting Group.
- Lottery held on Saturday, February 8, 2014 with a record year for applications, 928 were entered into the lottery for 63 openings. Reviewed applications by grade level chart and applications received by district chart. Also, reviewed the current enrollment chart.
- An overview of SAT data was reviewed and compared to the data provided by DESE.

### **Charter Renewal:**

- SSCPS will be submitting an application for Charter Renewal. The deadline for submission is August 1, 2014. Administration plans to draft and submit the renewal document this spring to the Board for approval at the May 2014 meeting.

### **Proven Provider Status:**

- An overview was presented as to what Proven Provider Status is and how it could impact SSCPS in the future.

### **Strategic Plan Update**

#### **Facilities - David Whitemyer**

*Create a committee to discuss and develop a facilities master plan which considers multiple desired improvements to the school building and campus. Invite members of the school community to public discussions.*

- Jason Knutson of CGKV brought examples of Feasibility Plans. Discussed types of Master Plans and Existing Conditions Surveys.
- Board agreed to table discussion and revisit at next meeting.

**Field Trip Ad Hoc Committee:**

**MOTION:** B. Tyler moved to approve two field trip requests as presented: Level IV 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Overnight to New York City and Grade 10 Field Trip to Newport, RI. J. Liebergott seconded, motion carried unanimously.

**Audience:** no comment

**Committee Reports:**

**Faculty:** Dan Falkner

- MCAS started for ELA this week. Students worked hard.

**Finance:** Brian Tyler reported

- Working through budgeting. Next month will be a long meeting.

**Student Report:** Chad Bruce reported

- Talked about leaving since this is his senior year. He is trying to help students who are interested in filling his spot since Student Board votes are upcoming.
- Student representative leaders were concerned about losing their Town Meeting. The high school has not had a Town Meeting in a year and a half. Students wrote about this in Charter Ink and now they will have a block set aside once a month for Town Meeting.
- Discussed cell phone use policy.

**Parents Association:** Lisa Harvey Mone

- Has money to give away.
- Elections for next year will be underway in April.

**Development Committee:** Jackie Liebergott

- Recognized Denise Demaggio for doing a fabulous job at Auction.
- Great job so far with Annual Fund. Better than we were at this time last year.
- Friday, June 13, 2014 is the Golf Tournament.
- Committee requesting A. Savage to write a job description for a grant writer by April 1, 2014.
- Committee requesting A. Savage to appoint a 20<sup>th</sup> Year Celebration Committee that has all constituencies including Alumni by May 1, 2014.

**Facilities:** David Whitemyer

- Nothing further to report

**Governance:** Maureen Hebert reported

- Recommended that we replace one of the Board vacancies. Will put to a vote next month. She is concerned that we could go under 12 members.
- D. Whitemeyer suggested to look at all connections, corporate people. L. Harvey-Mone will mention at next PA Meeting.

**Personnel:** Alicia Savage reported

Resolution:

*Because non-teaching employees of Massachusetts Commonwealth Charter Schools are currently not eligible to participate in the Massachusetts Teachers Retirement System or in any retirement system authorized by G.L. Chapter 32, the Delegates hereby vote to support the filing and the advancement of legislation which would be aimed at making non-teaching employees of Commonwealth Charter Schools eligible to participate in the Massachusetts State Retirement System.*

- A. Savage read the above resolution and stated that she would be presenting the Massachusetts Charter Public School Delegate Assembly on March 28, 2014.
- B. Tyler mentioned that Personnel and Finance Committee are in full support.

**MOTION**: J. Liebergott moved to accept the Resolution as presented. L. Harvey-Mone seconded, motion carried unanimously.

**MOTION**: B. Tyler moved to adjourn the regular meeting. L. Harvey-Mone seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:14 pm

Respectfully submitted:  
Kathy Sobol

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Approved by: Maureen Hebert, Clerk