

SOUTH SHORE CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL

Board of Trustees Meeting

Minutes of the 241st meeting held April 17, 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, Joseph Kay, Cheryl Peterson, Nancy Seglin, Richard White

In absentia: Jackie Liebergott, Michael Weigensberg

Also in attendance:

Staff: Alicia Savage (Executive Director), Kristine Shipps (Business Manager), Mark Flanagan (Director of Facilities), Ted Hirsch (K-6 Principal), Ralph deGennaro (Director of Technology)

Audience: Gema Gray, Steve Hillson, Van Harting

David Whitemyer (Chair) called the meeting to order at 7:37 pm.

Board Business:

MOTION: C. Peterson moved to approve the minutes to the meeting of March 18, 2014.. L. Harvey-Mone seconded, motion carried unanimously.

School & Academic Report

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

Student Achievement:

- Congratulations to the Senior Class as they successfully participating in the Senior Debates and to their teachers, Rick Small and Joe Kay, for working exceeding hard to prepare the students.
- Congratulations to Dolores Jackson whose high score on the PSAT enabled her to be eligible for scholarships and further recognition through the National Achievement Scholarship Program.
- PARCC Test field test site. SSCPS was chosen to have our grade 3 students take the math test online. The school will not receive individual scores. These students will not take the math MCAS. Technology is a concern if the whole school participates in the online testing going forward. School results will be given but no results for individual student scores.
- SSCPS received \$15,000 donation from a parent for purchase of Google Chromebooks.
- At the March 28 MCPSA meeting SSCPS presented the resolution for retirement plan for non-teaching staff which was amended by the MCPSA Board. SSCPS plans present an amended resolution again in November.
- School Calendar:

MOTION: B. Tyler moved to approve the amended FY14 calendar and reduce the number of school days from 184 to 180 due to inclement weather. R. White seconded, motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: R. White moved to approve the FY15 School Calendar as presented. C. Bruce seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Strategic Plan Update

Technology – Ralph deGennaro

Library and Informational Literacy

3) Align and enhance technology to meet all requirements outlined in the Common Core State Standards including, "the use of technology to conduct research as well as to create, refine, and collaborate on writing."

- 7) Provide reliable access to electronic resources and innovative technology throughout the school allowing all students to “gather relevant information from multiple print and digital resources” as outlined in the Common Core State Standards.
- 8) Provide access to and training in innovative technology, electronic resources, and digital information for all faculty members.

State of Technology at SSCPS

- Reviewed the current state of technology and everything is currently up to date.
- Planning to increase Professional Development for Faculty/Staff in the next year.
- Looking at replacing the current telephone/paging system.

Audience:

Ted Hirsch commented: On April 10 SSCPS hosted International Food Night and over 125 community members attended and it was a great event.

Committee Reports:

Faculty: Dan Falkner

Thanked the Administration for supporting and preparing the school for lockdowns.

Finance: Brian Tyler reported

- The committee reviewed FY15 proposed budget. The proposed Budget was well presented with good details. The Finance Committee has asked Administration to refine a few areas. Finance will have a conference call to review and present the full FY15 Budget at the May meeting for vote.

Student Report: Chad Bruce reported

- Introduced Van Harting who was elected as the new Student Representative to the Board. Van’s term begins July 1, 2014.
- Students have begun a new baseball/softball club sport which meets two days a week with Joe Kay coaching. The Athletic Department is holding an Electronics Dropoff Drive fundraising effort for the new club.
- The High School Prom is May 16 and Arabian Nights is the theme. Seniors will begin their three week internships and Graduation is Saturday, June 7
- National Honor Society with the Red Cross is hosting a second blood drive April 29 from 1-6pm.

Parents Association: Lisa Harvey Mone

- PA elections are in the process. Election closes April 28.

Development Committee: Maureen Hebert

- 20th Anniversary Committee is being formed. Pam Algera and Sarah O’Loughlin will co-chair and will have a meeting in the next month.
- Annual Fund March Match has been reached. Thank you to those who participated.
- Final numbers for Auction \$19,500.
- Pathways Campaign is underway.
- Annual Golf Tournament will be held on June 13.

Facilities: David Whitemyer

- Meeting with a landscape architect regarding playground areas and blacktop. Will also talk with civil engineer for a parking feasibility study.

Governance: Maureen Hebert reported

- Board Candidates – recommending D. Whitemyer 3 year term, B. Tyler 1 year term and t new candidates.
- Slate of Officers: Recommending D. Whitemyer- Chair; William Smyth – Vice Chair; B. Tyler – Treasurer; M. Hebert - Clerk
- Interviews will be held May 1. A survey will be sent to the SSCPS community for feedback. Board to vote at the Annual Meeting scheduled for May 15.

Personnel: Richard White reported

- Recommendation to endorse plan to begin to solve our retirement issue for non teaching staff. Funds have been built in to the budget to move forward to change the title of the paraprofessional faculty to Tutors which is better aligned with duties performed. This would allow Tutors to be accepted into the mass teachers' pension. Working on a plan for the remaining non-teaching staff.

MOTION: R. White moved to adopt the recommendation of the Personnel Committee to include Tutors on the Step/Salary Grid. N. Seglin seconded, motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: R. White moved to approve the recommendation of the Personnel Committee to fund a bonus to the Faculty/Staff. B Tyler seconded, motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: R. White moved to adjourn the regular meeting. J. Kay seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:37pm

Respectfully submitted:
Pam Algera

Approved by: Maureen Hebert, Clerk