



South Shore Charter Public School Board of Trustees

Minutes

Board Meeting

Date and Time

Thursday September 18, 2014 at 7:30 PM

Location

South Shore Charter Public School

Board Members Present

Bill Smyth, Brian Tyler, Daniel Falkner, David Whitemyer, Edwin Rivera (remote), Gregory Hanley, Jonathan Slater, Leslie Alden, Maureen Hebert, Michael O'Malley, Nancy Seglin, Steve Hillson, Van Harting

Board Members Absent

Jackie Liebergott, Joe Kay

Non Voting Members Present

Alicia Savage

I. Opening Items

A.Record Attendance and Guests

B.Call the Meeting to Order

David Whitemyer called a meeting of the board of trustees of South Shore Charter Public School Board of Trustees to order on Thursday Sep 18, 2014 @ 7:30 PM at South Shore Charter Public School.

C.Approve Minutes

B. Smyth made a motion to approve minutes from the Board Meeting on 07-15-14.

Steve Hillson seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

D.School and Academic Report

Wonderful opening of the new year with 587 students; 187 at the High School level. New faculty members are off to a great start. We now have our first Alumni as part of the teaching faculty.

Professional Development was held on August 20 and August 21 and included keynote speaker Bill Henderson who spoke about inclusion in the classroom. SSCPS has been asked by the DESE to be a representative in a Special Education Model School project.

Graduate students from the Harvard Kennedy School visited and provided a day of community service.

The Charter Renewal Application has been submitted and we have received the site visit protocols. The Site Visit Team will be at SSCPS on November 18 and November 19. They will meet with panels of parents, students, teachers, administration, and members of the Board. If you are interested please contact Alicia Savage. B. Smyth volunteered.

MCAS results should be released shortly. SSCPS will be a Level I or Level II School based on the results.

E.Expansion Exploration Committee Report

D. Falkner made a motion to charge the Expansion Exploration Committee to develop a plan to increase the size of the school, meeting all the demands of the State, with a business plan that will meet all the demands of any expansion plan proposed.

Bill Smyth seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion. 11 in favor; 1 abstained.

F.The High Bar/Goal Setting/Board Self Evaluation/Informational Videos

Reviewed the Board Self Evaluation webinar and assessments to be completed by the members of the Board by October 1.

II. Audience

A.Comments

No comments

III. Faculty

A.Update

Nothing new to report

IV. Student Report

A.Update

Elections for Student Government were held and town meetings have already been held. New Teachers and New Workshops at the High School. Athletics have started. Seniors have begun the college process. PSAT's are coming in October for grades 9-11.

V. Facility

A.Update

No major projects this summer. Outdoor spaces are being looked at for improvement.

VI. Finance**A.Update**

Auditors just completed their field work which went well with no major adjustments. Management letter and all audit reports will be sent in the next week. Auditors to report to Finance Committee and then report to the Board at the October meeting where the Board will vote on FY14 Audit Report. Tracking well on the current Financial Statements. DESE Report to be presented in November for Board vote in December. FY15 is the last year of the Salary Grid, new negotiations with FASA and Personnel will begin shortly.

VII. Development**A.Update**

Annual Fund to launch next Monday. Personal reach out to donors. Outdoor space improvements investigating grant opportunities. 20th Anniversary Celebration to start in Spring of 2015. More clarification needed for Annual Fund donation versus Auction funds.

VIII. Governance**A.Update**

Orientation for new Board members will be scheduled. Board is looking for new members with technology expertise.

IX. Personnel**A.Update**

Goals for this year: FASA Negotiations Update the Personnel Policy and Handbook Annual Executive Director Evaluation Five year recruitment and retention plan.

X. Closing Items**A.Adjourn Meeting**

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 8:44 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Pam Algera