



South Shore Charter Public School Board of Trustees

Minutes

Board Meeting

Date and Time

Thursday October 16, 2014 at 7:30 PM

Location

South Shore Charter Public School

Board Members Present

Bill Smyth, Daniel Falkner, David Whitemyer, Edwin Rivera, Jackie Liebergott, Joe Kay, Jonathan Slater, Leslie Alden, Maureen Hebert, Nancy Seglin, Steve Hillson, Van Harting

Board Members Absent

Brian Tyler, Gregory Hanley

Non Voting Members Present

Alicia Savage

Guests Present

Charles Webb, Kristine Bingham, Matthew Tondorf, Michael O'Malley

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 Oct 16, 2014 @ 7:32 PM at South Shore Charter Public School.

C.Approve Minutes

B. Smyth made a motion to approve minutes from the Board Meeting on 09-18-14 as discussed and amended.

Steve Hillson seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion. After brief discussion minutes were amended and approved.

D.School and Academic Report including MCAS Update

A. Savage reviewed the October Executive Director Report. DESE released the MCAS scores for Spring 2014. SSCPS sees areas where improvements need to be made but overall results are good. SSCPS will continue work through Response to Intervention and through Focus Instructional Time (FIT). The School report card will be sent out next week.

Student Handbook amendment to the Code of Conduct under Group C, number 3 is changing from "Use or possession of tobacco products of any type on school grounds (including school buildings and buses) or at school sponsored activities wherever held" to "Use or possession of tobacco products of any type or tobacco paraphernalia on school grounds (including school buildings and buses) or at school sponsored activities wherever held. Tobacco products include but are not limited to, cigarettes, vaporizing pens (electronic cigarettes), smokeless tobacco, cigars, pipe tobacco, nicotine gum, nicotine patches, and any nicotine containing product."

Charter Renewal - reviewed the Site Visit protocol and the process following the visit.

Current Student Enrollment - 586

E.Expansion Exploration Committee Report

Overview presented on the reasons to continue work on school expansion.

Committee continuing to explore financial viability and long term financial projections. Next steps: continue to work on finances, building expenses, and projection of per pupil cost. Committee will update at next meeting. Discussion provided questions: What is the educational need to move forward? How to protect the current campus? How will the current school benefit?

II. Audience

A.Comments

No comments

III. Faculty

A.Update

FASA Negotiation Committee has begun discussions included in the discussion is the Teacher Evaluation System.

IV. Student Report

A.Update

High School students in grades 9-11 have completed the PSAT testing. Student drivers participated in the In Control driving course. Town meetings have been held. Athletics continue this fall with soccer, cross country, and volleyball.

Students will be participating in the Harvest Run and are looking forward to the Fall Ball dance.

V. Parents Association

A.Update

Parents have indicated interest in volunteering for the Renewal Focus Group. School Council parent seats are full.

VI. Facility

A.Update

Nothing new to report.

VII. Finance

A.Presentation of FY14 Audit Report for Approval. Auditors will review the audit report.

Charles Webb from Alexander, Aronson, Finning & Co., PC reviewed the draft Audit documents. These documents were also reviewed in depth with the Finance Committee prior to the Board meeting. The overall audit was clean and no major adjustments were made. The Finance Committee recommends approval of the FY14 Audit Report.

E. Rivera made a motion to approve the FY14 Audit Report as presented.

Bill Smyth seconded the motion.

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

B.Review of FY15 current financials

Reviewed year to date financials; currently tracking a shortfall of \$60,000 due to state revenue tuition and Social Security expenses.

C.Disposition of Veggie Van

E. Rivera made a motion to authorize the School to dispose of the Veggie Van following the public procurement laws.

Bill Smyth seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion. Motion passed, one absention.

VIII. Development

A.Update

Committee reviewed the seven goals in the Strategic Plan.

IX. Governance

A.Update

Reminder to members of the Board to complete the Board on Track assessments in order to move forward with training and set goals. Final deadline: week of November 10, 2014.

X. Personnel

A.Update

Meeting has been scheduled with FASA on October 27 at 7:15am.

XI. 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 9:20 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
David Whitemyer