



# South Shore Charter Public School Board of Trustees

## Minutes

### Board Meeting

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#### **Date and Time**

Thursday November 20, 2014 at 7:30 PM

#### **Location**

South Shore Charter Public School

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Minutes of the 248th meeting held November 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".

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#### **Board Members Present**

Bill Smyth, Brian Tyler, Daniel Falkner, David Whitemyer, Edwin Rivera, Gregory Hanley, Jonathan Slater, Leslie Alden, Maureen Hebert, Nancy Seglin, Steve Hillson, Van Harting

#### **Board Members Absent**

Jackie Liebergott, Joe Kay, Michael O'Malley

#### **Non Voting Members Present**

Alicia Savage

#### **Guests Present**

Kristine Bingham, Pam Algera, Ralph deGennaro

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### **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 Nov 20, 2014 @ 7:30 PM at South Shore Charter Public School .

### **C.Approve Minutes**

S. Hillson made a motion to approve minutes from the Board Meeting on 10-16-14.

Bill Smyth seconded the motion.

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

### **D.Committee Assignments and Board Meeting Calendar**

The Board meeting schedule is as presented in July.

### **E.Nomination of Committee Chairs**

B. Smyth made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Board Chair to nominate the Committee Chairs.

Daniel Falkner seconded the motion.

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

## **II. Executive Director Report**

### **A.State of School Review**

The Charter Renewal Site Visit was conducted this week with the visiting team conducting focus groups with faculty, students, parents, Board members and the administration. The team also visited classrooms. Thank you to the entire community for their participation during this process. The first of two Enrollment Open Houses was held with over 380 visitors. The school has already received 135 applications for the February 2015 Lottery. The next Open House will be held on January 14, 2015.

### **B.Student Achievement**

Congratulations to fifteen of our graduating seniors have been awarded the John and Abigail Adams Scholarship. SSCPS inducted ten students into the school's chapter of the National Honor Society.

### **C.Mass Charter Public School Association**

The Annual meeting of the Delegate Assembly of the MSPCSA was held. The group discussed Charter Renewal and possible conflicts with the DESE Board and the Commissioner. The group was updated on the retirement benefits for non-teaching employees and the MCPSA is now completely supporting all efforts to place this group of employees into the state retirement system.

## **III. Ad Hoc Expansion Exploration**

### **A.Committee Update**

Committee working on finance, budget and business plan. Questions to be answered - How to continue to fund the current K-12 school? How to raise revenue while the cost will increase as well? Need to know what the program will look like to complete the draft business plan. Look into corporate/educational partnerships. Update at next meeting.

## **IV. Faculty**

### **A.Update**

The Faculty thanked the school for their support during the site visit and for the lunch that was provided.

## **V. Finance**

### **A.Review YTD Financials**

Board reviewed the current financial as presented. As of 10/31/14 revenue shortfall of \$60,000. School will receive FY15 tuition numbers at the end of December.

### **B.FY14 DESE End of Year Financial Report**

E. Rivera made a motion to accept the DESE Charter School End of Year Finance report as presented.

Bill Smyth seconded the motion.

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

### **C.Purchase and installation of new phone system**

R. deGennaro, Director of Technology, presented a recommendation of a new telephone/announcement system for the SSCPS campus.

E. Rivera made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee and approve the expenditure of funds to purchase a new telephone system.

Nancy Seglin seconded the motion.

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

## **VI. Governance**

### **A.Committee Update**

Governance Committee asks Board to forward the contact information of any potential new Board members. Board members are asked to update their biographies and photos for the website.

### **B.Committee Assignments and Committee Chairs**

M. Hebert made a motion to to approve the Committee Assignments and the appointment of the Chair of the Finance Committee as presented.

Steve Hillson seconded the motion.

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

## **VII. Personnel**

### **A.Committee Update**

The first meeting with the FASA negotiation teams was held and the group agreed the basic rules moving forward using previous guidelines. This agreement will be signed by the FASA negotiation Chair.

### **B.Non-teaching Staff Retirement Benefits**

The Personnel Committee received a request to migrate the Part Time and Temporary staff from Social Security to the OBRA Smart Plan.

S. Hillson made a motion to authorize the School to transfer any part-time and temporary staff from Social Security to the OBRA Smart Plan.

Bill Smyth seconded the motion.

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

## **VIII. Students**

### **A.Update**

Fall sports have ended and all teams qualified for their respective playoffs. The school is preparing for the performance of Annie Jr. The High School Semi Formal Dance will be held on December 12 and the Community Service Workshop is sponsoring a Student vs. Teacher basketball game on December 19..

## **IX. Ad Hoc Field Trip**

### **A.Approval of two out-of-state field trips.**

E. Rivera made a motion to approve the recommendation of the Ad Hoc committee and approve the two field trips as presented.  
Leslie Alden seconded the motion.  
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

## **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 9:01 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Pam Algera