

**South Carolina Public Charter School District
Board of Trustees**

Meeting Minutes for February 6, 2014

Meeting Attendees

South Carolina Public Charter School District Board Members

Mr. Don McLaurin Ms. Kathleen Bounds Mrs. Linzie Staley
Mrs. Terrye Seckinger Dr. Ron L. Epps
Mr. Reese Boyd (called in at 10:15 am)

South Carolina Public Charter School District Staff

Dr. Wayne Brazell Mrs. Traci Bryant-Riches Mrs. Dana Reed
Mrs. Courtney Mills Ms. Tasha Robinson Ms. Zenobia Ealy
Mr. Michael Jackson Dr. Wanda Whatley Ms. Ciera Roper
Mrs. Laura Bayne Mrs. Jean Epps Mr. Vamshi Rudrapati
Mrs. Paula Gray Erik Norton, Attorney

Others in Attendance

Mrs. Betty Bagley – incoming Board member

See sign-in sheet for additional attendees.

I. Call to Order and Introductions

Mr. McLaurin called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

II. Invocation

Mrs. Seckinger presented the invocation.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ms. Bounds.

IV. Roll Call

Ms. Bounds took the roll and the attendance is indicated above. A quorum was present.

V. Consent Agenda

Mr. McLaurin stated that due to a death in the family of the principal of Lake City College Preparatory Academy, a request had been made to postpone that item until the March meeting. Dr. Epps moved to amend the agenda to move Item X

(B) Lake City College Preparatory Academy Discussion and Report to the March meeting. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Staley and carried.

- A) Approval of the Agenda for the February 6, 2014, Meeting
- B) Approval of Minutes for the January 9, 2014, Meeting
- C) Enrollment Report

Ms. Bounds moved for approval of the consent agenda as amended. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Seckinger and carried.

VI. Public Comments

Robert Bolchoz spoke on behalf of Palmetto State E-cademy and requested if the charter of Palmetto State E-cademy was not renewed that they be given an additional year to make changes.

VII. Audit Report – Lesley Kelly – McGregor and Co. LLP

Lesley Kelly presented the District Audit Report for the school year ending June 30, 2013, including the findings and financial statements and the official Board report. Discussion was held and questions answered.

Ms. Bounds moved to accept the audit report from McGregor and Co. LLP. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Seckinger and carried.

VIII. Superintendent's Report

A) Legislative Update

Dr. Brazell and Mary Carmichael reported on recent legislative meetings and stated that movement is being made on the charter school bill amendments. Dr. Brazell stated there is currently no opposition to the Governor's budget. Mrs. Seckinger added she spoke with a Senator and he feels the amendments will be approved.

Dr. Brazell also gave a "good news" report about schools in the district as follows:

1. York Preparatory Academy received a \$35 million bond
2. Lowcountry Leadership Academy just held their ribbon cutting ceremony
3. Clay Eaton had an OpEd published in the Rock Hill Herald which was positive for charter schools
4. Youth Leadership Academy won third place in the Can Do Good Competition

5. Coastal Leadership Academy recently had a positive article in the newspaper

Dr. Brazell announced that he and Mary Carmichael were invited to do a presentation at the South Carolina School Boards Association conference.

IX. Executive Session

No Executive Session was needed for this meeting.

X. For Action

A) Palmetto State E-cademy Charter Renewal Decision

Mrs. Seckinger moved to revoke the charter of Palmetto State E-cademy and instruct the district to conduct, within 5 calendar days, an inventory of all school assets that will transfer to the district upon closing and to report those assets and their value to the board at its next meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Bounds. Discussion was held. The motion then carried with a vote of four to two, with Dr. Epps and Mr. Boyd casting the nay votes.

B) Lake City College Preparatory Academy Discussion and Report

This item was postponed until the March meeting.

XI. New Business

A) Finance Report

Ms. Tasha Robinson presented the Finance Report to the Board for information.

B) Enrollment Projections

Dr. Brazell reviewed the current enrollment figures and the district's projections and the schools' projections. Discussion was held regarding how the district determines the projections.

C) Superintendent Evaluation Process

Mr. McLaurin reminded all Board members that the Superintendent Evaluation Forms were sent to them and need to be completed and returned. The evaluation will be done at the March meeting.

Mr. McLaurin stated that due to additional time available for the meeting, he would like discussion regarding how to look at performance for virtual schools. Discussion was held regarding differences in the brick and mortar schools and

virtual schools and the development of a rubric for determining performance. Dr. Brazell reported that the district staff is currently working on this. Further discussion was held regarding the fact that there is a lot of misunderstanding regarding virtual schools with legislators and it is incumbent on the Board to educate the legislators.

XII. Adjournment

Mrs. Seckinger moved for adjournment. The motion was seconded by Ms. Bounds and the meeting was adjourned with no objection.

Future Meetings:

March 13, 2014, 10:00 AM

April 10, 2014, 10:00 AM