

Lake Norman Charter School

Board Meeting Minutes

April 14, 2008

Board Members Present:

Rich Bovard – Board Chair

Billy Neal

Tom Ghareeb – Board Treasurer

Kristi Miller

Tricia Sisson

Karen Bentley

Bill Farber – non voting

Eddie Bethea

Dana Wardrop

Ben Putnam – Managing Director, non voting

Administrative staff present: Allen L., Donna G.

Call to order at 6:32pm by Rich Bovard.

Rich and the Board recognized the 8th grade LNCS Odyssey of the Mind team coached by Ms. Abby Holland (teacher) who recently won the State Odyssey of the Mind Competition. A request was made that the LNCS Board provide partial funding (\$6000) for the costs associated with the Odyssey of the Mind World Competition. A motion was made by Rob that we approve funding of \$7000 to be put toward the team's trip to the World Competition. Seconded by Karen. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion was held regarding the addition of a proposed Promotion Ceremony Policy. A motion was made by Karen that we defer the decision back to the administration and the staff. Second by Ron. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion was held on matters related to bond issuance process. Rich made a presentation that indicated that assuming an \$18 million bond issue with a 5% interest rate that total interest costs over a 22 year term would be approximately \$11.6 million, while the same assumptions over a 25 year term would result in interest costs of \$12.6 million. In addition, it was noted that total debt service (principal and interest) in substantially all years would be lower under a 25 year term bond. Rich indicated that the State was requiring the board to consider the financial implications of a 25 year term bond vs. a 22 year term bond. He also stated that the final size of the bond had not been determined and could be as high as \$20 million and also that under current market conditions our actual interest rate would be closer to 4%. However, Rich indicated that the presented information would not vary significantly for comparison purposes as it related to the decision between a 22 or 25 year term for the bonds. Rob moved that, based on the review of the anticipated interest expense on bonds with a 22 year term as compared to bonds with a 25 year term, the board authorize the issuance of bonds with a 25 year term. Dana seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Rich shared information regarding the selection process for contractor for the new high school building project. A general discussion was held regarding the selection process and the various factors considered. Rob moved that

we appoint Simon and Watson as the General Contractor for the HS building project pending the successful completion of the bonding process. Motion fails due to lack of a second. Further discussion was held regarding the matter. Again, Rob moved that we accept Simon and Watson as the General Contractor for the HS building project pending the successful completion of the bonding process. Karen seconded. Motion carried 6 to 3.

Tricia moved that we appoint Meyers and Chapman as an alternate. Dana seconded. Motion carried with one dissent.

Motion by Karen, second by Dana, to adjourn at 7:49 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristi L. Miller