

Lake Norman Charter School  
Board Meeting Minutes – Open Session  
April 3, 2008

Board Members Present:
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Rich Bovard – Board Chair	Ron Jones
Tom Ghareeb – Board Treasurer	Kristi Miller
Cathy Moore – Board Secretary	Tricia Sisson
Karen Bentley	Rob Dixon
Eddie Bethea	Bill Neal
Ben Putnam – Managing Director, non-voting	Bill Farber, non-voting

Administrative staff present: Christy H., Allen L., Terri C., Mike M., Beau C., Donna G.

Call to order @ 6:30pm by Rich Bovard

Approval of minutes: March 2008 open and closed session minutes distributed for approval. Motion by Rob , second by Tricia to approve both sets of minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Public comments - none

PTO update Vicki S. as below:

- Process of starting high school booster club
- \$2122 school store profit

Treasurer report by Tom – none

Managing director report presented by Ben Putnam:

- 7<sup>th</sup> grade student (K. Sisson) has proposed LNCS newspaper; Ms. Kondas to advise and oversee
- Thank you extended to Vicki and PTO for all support
- Leadership update by Ms. Young
  - Bridge team – update on plans for “Gergely” bridge concept
  - Leadership team - faculty survey following spring break
  - LNCS National Student Leadership week – April 21-25-
  - Career Day / Service Opportunity day – now called “Explorers” day scheduled for May 30

- Recognition of Odyssey of the Mind teams – 3 teams recently competed; one 8<sup>th</sup> grade team qualified for state OM competition
- 8<sup>th</sup> grade promotion ceremony proposal by Ms. Stone and Ms. Justice – recommendation to allow all 8<sup>th</sup> grade students to participate regardless of promotion status; recommendation to allow ceremony to be a time of inclusion for all 8<sup>th</sup> grade students; administrative view and thoughts regarding ceremony
  - Motion by Rob, second by Tom to table ceremony proposal until next meeting. Motion carried.
- Insurance update – Donna G.; recent visit and assessment from insurance rep; transportation issues discussed; overall without significant identified issues
- Middle school guidance counselor – offer extended and accepted; start date April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2008
- NC WISE conversion – overall without issues
- Updates to website on the way – incorporate high school into website
- Video taping system – information kept for approximately 5 months; procedure in place to make copies and store securely if necessary; recommend drafting policy for tape release
- School calendar for 2008-09 proposed
  - Motion by Tricia, second by Kristi to change proposed scheduled to start date of August 21, 2008 with last day of school on June 5, 2009. Teacher workday added on August 15, 2008. June 11, 2009 removed as teacher workday. June 8, 2009 changed to teacher workday. Motion carried with vote of 9-1.

High School update presented by T. Costa and A. Long:

- Thank you to PTO for support
- Athletic survey – 56 returned; following sports proposed for 2008-09 school year:
  - Fall (male): football, soccer, cross country
  - Fall (female): tennis, volleyball, cross country
  - Winter (male): basketball, swimming
  - Winter (female): basketball, swimming, cheerleading
  - Spring (male): baseball, golf, tennis
  - Spring (female): softball, possibly soccer, co-ed golf
- Proposed conference for high school sports participation discussed by Allen Long
- Benefit vs. Expense for SACS accreditation vs. state accreditation – no real benefit identified for expense of SACS membership
- New course proposals reviewed and discussed (Contemporary Issues in NC, Music Appreciation – Instrumental & Vocal, Oceanography, Psychology, Seminar Courses, Yearbook)
  - Motion by Rob, second by Karen to approve proposed courses. Motion carried.
- Staff update
- Motion by Tricia, second by Billy to amend December minutes to include “motion carried” for high school promotion requirements. Motion carried.

Committee reports:

Audit and evaluation – audit process will begin soon; planning meeting with Potter & Company near future

Budget & finance – none

Policy & Personnel – need process for new courses/proposal per Tricia; currently evaluating web based tool for surveys

Long range planning – update by Rich on bond status/process

Nominating committee – update by Tricia for board positions; currently 2 open positions

- Recommendation for Lee Brooks to fill position currently held by Dana W. effective July 1. Motion by Tricia, second by Billy to have Lee Brooks fill position effective July 1, 2008. Motion carried.
- Recommendation to have Tom Ghareeb fill position of board chair effective July 1. Recommendation to have Rich Bovard assume position of treasurer effective July 1. Recommendation to have vice-chair position established, and filled by Tricia Sisson effective July 1. Motion by Ron, second by Karen to have Tom Ghareeb fill board chair position, Rich Bovard fill treasurer position, and Tricia Sisson fill new vice-chair position effective July 1, 2008. Motion carried.

Tricia - Discussion of sex education curriculum as per requirements per LNCS charter and standard course of study as per NC. Recommendation from board for staff to move forward with necessary action.

Motion by Kristi, second by Tricia to move to closed session (8:38pm). Motion carried.

Return from closed session @ 8:55

Interest Rate Swap training presented by Kensington Capital Advisors

Motion by Kristi to adjourn, second by Tricia . Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted

Cathy C. Moore, secretary

