

Lake Norman Charter School

Board meeting minutes – open session

August 7, 2008

Board member present:

Tom Ghareeb – Board chair

Tricia Sisson – Vice Chair

Cathy Moore – Secretary

Rich Bovard – Treasurer

Bill Farber

Rob Dixon

Lee Brooks

Anita Blowers

Kristi Miller

Eddie Bethea

Administrative staff: Mike M., Beau C., Donna G., Terri C., Mystica N.

Call to order @ 6:35pm

Approval of minutes (open & closed session) from June 5th and July 10th meeting presented. Motion by Kristi to approve both sets of minutes, second by Anita. Motion carried.

Public comments: none

Introduction of new administrative staff: Mystica Nelmes (director of student special services) and Tim Riemer (managing director 2008-09)

PTO update – V. Seksinsky

- High school athletic booster 1st annual LNCS golf tournament – September 29, 2008
- Update on luncheon scheduled for August 18th for board & staff

Middle school update – Mike M.

- Staff hires for middle school complete
- Team leader meeting conducted this week

High school update – Terri C.

- Staff hires for high school complete

Treasurer report – Rich B.

- Update on audit process – appears as though should finish year on budget

Policies & Personnel – Tricia S.

- Discussion of proposed ‘Parent Appeal Policy’
- Motion by Tricia, second by Rich to approve ‘Parent Appeal Policy’ draft pending review by LNCS attorney. Motion carried.
- Other policies for future review: ‘Conflict of Interest’ and ‘Whistle-Blower Policy’ – Rich to address; ‘Curriculum Addition Policy’ – Terri & Mystica to address
- Review of proposed ‘Suspension’ guidelines – Motion by Rich, second by Kristi to approve proposed ‘Suspension’ guidelines. Motion carried.

Long Range Planning – Rich

- Steel for high school building has been delivered
- Appears should fall under budget on ‘site work’
- Permit process update
- Recent technology meeting – plan for 2 campuses to be ‘linked’ from a technology standpoint; ‘Smart Boards’ for high school discussed
- Motion by Rich to purchase 6 ‘Smart Boards’ for high school for this school year up to cost of \$15K, second Rob. Motion carried.

Nominating committee – Tricia S.

- Discussion of non-voting vacant position – Motion by Tricia to have Kathleen Eid-Heberle fill non-voting board position, second by Rich. Motion carried.

Old Business – Tom

- Comprehensive search will continue for permanent managing director; Tim is also a candidate for the permanent position
- Diversity Initiative update by Rich

New Business

- Community Relations committee update - Bill – discussion of goals and areas of focus; seeking improved communication; seeking improved communication via teacher websites and LNCS website; seeking increased student participation in community service projects; seeking organization of new student/parent orientation prior to beginning of school year for 2009-10 year
- Discussion regarding status of handbooks; suggestion to have committee review and compile – Rich, Kristi, Bill. Motion by Tricia to approve student, parent, and staff handbooks pending committee review, second by Rich. Motion carried.
- Discussion of need for more detailed policy/guidelines regarding unexcused tardiness to school @ middle school.
- Discussion of need for policy/guidelines regarding delivery of items to students during the day.

8:35pm - Motion by Tricia, second by Rob to enter closed session. Motion carried.

Return from closed session @ 9:15pm. Motion by Tricia to adjourn, second by Kristi. Motion carried.