

THE METROLINA REGIONAL SCHOLARS' ACADEMY, INC.

Open and Closed Session

Meeting of the Board of Directors

Conference Room, Metrolina Regional Scholars' Academy

Monday, July 28, 2014, 6:30 p.m.

Voting Members Present

David Saye, Chair

Shila Fisher

Krista Newkirk

Noelle Sproul

Karen Cleary

Lee Keel

Melody Perotta

Eileen Woodward

Call to Order and Announcements. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. David Saye introduced the new members of the Board.

Adoption of the Agenda. A motion to approve the agenda as amended was made by Noelle Sproul, seconded by Karen Cleary, and approved by the Board. (Attachment 1).

Approval of the Meeting Minutes of June 30, 2014.

Action: A motion to approve the minutes of the June 30, 2014 meeting (Attachment 2) was made by Krista Newkirk, seconded by Eileen Woodward, and approved by the Board.

2014-2015 Schedule of Board Meetings. Krista Newkirk submitted a proposed meeting schedule for the Board of Directors for the 2014-2015 academic year.

Action: A motion to approve the Board of Directors meeting schedule for 2014-2015 as amended was made by Shila Fisher, seconded by Eileen Woodward, and approved.

Director's Report. Mr. Yodice presented the Director's report to the Board.

Tax Forms. Tax forms need to be signed by the new treasurer for the Board and submitted.

Teacher Communication System. Mr. Yodice has been in contact with Nextel about the teacher communication system. The cost for the Nextel communication system is about \$60,000. Mr. Yodice is looking into another provider called Visinex. The Visinex system would use the school's current WiFi system and is estimated to cost approximately \$13,000. Mr. Yodice will continue to work with Visinex to develop a hard estimate.

Charter School Board Membership Form. DPI has asked all charter schools to submit contact information for the boards. A sheet was distributed to the Board members.

Clothing and Food Drop. Cardinal Innovations Healthcare has asked the School to serve as a clothing and food drop from August 1 – August 22 for Second Harvest Foodbank. The Board discussed their concerns regarding safety and usefulness. Mr. Yodice will ask more questions about where they plan to place the drop boxes.

Healthcare. Mr. Yodice reported that we plan to switch from Blue Cross/Blue Shield to United Healthcare which will decrease the healthcare costs by approximately \$10,000 from the quote from

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Blue Cross/Blue Shield for this plan year. The plan runs September 1 through August 31.

Storm Drain Issue. Mr. Yodice reported that the storm drain that is at the corner of the playground has become filled with sediment and is overrunning. During the last storm it caused the hill to erode and sediment to pool in the street. The land management company is requiring the School to fix the storm drain. Paul Marino has received an estimate to repair the drain of \$7,000, but this is the worst-case scenario for the repair. The company will have to send a camera down and remove the sediment from the storm drain before a real cost to repair can be developed. No expenditure was approved at this time, but the Board noted that it may need to adjust the budget to address the repairs.

HVAC/Roof Repair Update. Mr. Yodice reported that the roof is still on schedule to be completed by August 13, 2014, even with the delays caused by rain. The school must be completely closed day the HVAC systems are delivered. Mr. Yodice believes the HVAC systems will be delivered on August 6th or 7th and that the school will reopen on August 8th or 9th.

Vision Committee Report. Lisa Waugh reported on behalf of the Vision Committee. The Committee proposes that the Board host another fall town hall meeting on October 2. The Committee suggests that half the Board attend the fall town hall meeting and the other half attend in the spring. It is also time for another community survey of the School. The Vision Committee proposes using a different format that they believe will result in greater participation. The Committee is currently reviewing surveys to develop a proposed survey and a cost estimate to complete the survey. The Committee also proposes that the School host a conference on gifted children on April 25, 2014. The conference will help with the education of our parent community and will help to fulfill the School's mission of community engagement as set forth in the school's Charter.

Election of Officers. David Saye noted that the terms for the current officers have expired and that the Board needed to elect new officers. The Board made the following nominations: David Saye for the position of chair; Krista Newkirk for the position of vice chair; Lee Keel for the position of treasurer; and Rebecca Greiner for the position as secretary.

Action: A motion to approve the slate of officers was made by Eileen Woodward, seconded by Lee Keel, and approved by the Board.

Capital Loan Refinancing. David Saye reported that Brad Chatigny has continued to work with the loan refinancing with BB&T. Krista Newkirk reported that the BB&T loan rates were competitive and that the accountants were comfortable with BB&T's reporting procedures and loan requirements. Lee Keel noted that there is a December maturity date for the current loan and that Brad Chatigny would continue to explore this matter and a final recommendation would be made at the next Board meeting.

Development Update. Erica Ellis, Development Director, reported that the School has received approximately \$587,090 last year; approximately \$20,000 is overflow from last year's pledges. (See Attachment 3). This is an increase from last year. The School has received an additional \$15,000 already in July. Erica is expecting that

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an additional \$42,000 from this year's pledges will be paid in the next fiscal year. Ms. Ellis asked the new board members to send her their contact information and bios for the website.

David Saye has offered to host new parents at his house this year. This allows new parents to get to know the Board and staff.

Ms. Ellis is hosting the second annual alumni event next week. Ms. Ellis included the cost for these alumni events in her budget.

The Charlotte Chapter of the Green Service Council has asked the School to participate in the Green Service Day on September 27. Ms. Ellis developed a team for the service day project proposal of an outdoor classroom.

Ms. Ellis has asked a few parents to serve on a fundraising event committee. The committee is proposing a taste around the world fundraising event. They need a local chef to participate and to work with students at Johnson & Wales. They are proposing a date in March for that event. Those who know local chefs and who have connections at Johnson & Wales were asked to send that information to Ms. Ellis.

Community Comments. There were no community comments.

Motion to Convene in Closed Session: A motion to convene in closed session pursuant to the following statutes was made by Krista Newkirk, seconded by Eileen Woodward, and approved by the Board:

- a. Pursuant to N.C.G.S. §143-318.11(a)(1), to prevent the disclosure of information that is privileged or confidential pursuant to the law of this State or of the United States, or not considered a public record within the meaning of Chapter 132 of the General Statutes, such privilege or confidentiality arising under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (20 U.S.C. §1232g) or N.C.G.S. Ch. 126, Art. 7, and
- b. to consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, conditions of appointment, or conditions of initial employment of an individual public officer or employee or prospective public officer or employee pursuant to N.C.G.S. §143-318.11 (a)(6).

CLOSED SESSION

The closed session minutes are filed in the office of the Executive Director of the Metrolina Regional Scholars' Academy, Inc.

OPEN SESSION

New Business. Krista Newkirk asked members about their interest in meeting socially as a board to welcome new members. A tentative date of August 16 was selected. Mr. Yodice reminded the board about the Board training session on August 18, 3:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Motion to Adjourn. There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.