



## Meeting of the Board of Directors

Monday, April 24, 2017, 6:30 p.m.

Conference Room, Metrolina Regional Scholars Academy

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### MEMBERS

Renee Alsop	Lee Keel	Jennifer McClave
Manish Mittal	Katherine Pair	Makila Scruggs
Jack Wagler	Rob Watson	Jessica Cuneo ( <i>ex-officio</i> )

### MISSION

Metrolina Regional Scholars Academy provides a differentiated and challenging learning environment that supports the distinctive intellectual, social, and emotional needs of highly gifted children and enables them to form meaningful relationships with their intellectual peers.

### AGENDA

1	Call to Order & Mission Statement - McClave read Mission Statement Lee Keel	6:30
2	Approval of prior Minutes & Adoption of the Agenda Watson motioned to approve minutes, Wagler seconds, all approved. Alsop moved to adopt agenda, Wagler seconds, all approved. Lee Keel	
3	Announcements Community Comments (First Opportunity) – subject to guidelines <i>The public is welcome to speak; limited to three minutes per speaker.</i> <i>Topics should not cover private, confidential or personal information.</i> <i>The board will not respond or enter into a dialogue on topics discussed.</i> Lee Keel	
4	Report from School Administration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Executive Director report</li> </ul> iReady testing underway. Results will be shared with parents in progress report for 4th quarter. EOG's, EOC's must be done in last 10 days of school. Interviews for open positions underway. Discussion of process and brief overview of open positions. Strategic Planning Implementation Committee being created by staff nominations and voting. Committee will have representatives from all areas of school and will begin meeting next year. New GaGa pit from 8th grade installed over weekend. Group test costs roughly \$22/student, depending on # of students total. This information	6:45



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	<p>provided at the request of board.          Jessica Cuneo</p>	
5	<p><b>Finance Committee Update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Audit Firm approval 2016-2017 audit</li> </ul> <p>Small increase in fee. Watson motions to approve audit firm selection for 2016/17 audit, Rives and Associates, Wagler seconds, all approve.</p> <p>Quarterly financial review and dashboard snapshot. July and August are typically low points in cash position but financials still very strong. No major changes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Initial budget plans</li> </ul> <p>5% increase in funding from county this year.</p> <p>Additional expenses for instructional computers and middle school textbooks for HS level math classes will be included in amendment to current year budget. Watson motions to approve budget with additional items. Wagler seconds, all approve.</p> <p>Plan to look at priorities in March/April.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Increase teacher salaries to better align with CMS. Discussion about how to remain competitive in both salaries and benefits.</li> <li>2. Technology Upgrades - Discussion of school needs and if leasing is a better option.</li> <li>3. Parking lot repairs targeted for summer 2018.</li> <li>4. Paying down debt</li> </ol> <p>Watson summarizes spending adjustments. Challenging to budget when we are still in the current year so future adjustments are not unusual. Board should think about these items, additional ideas and priorities now for finance committee budget planning meeting May 19th.</p> <p>Rob Watson</p>	7:15
6	<p><b>Policy Committee Update</b></p> <p><b>Diversity Committee</b></p> <p>Scruggs summarizes her initial work to create this committee. Approximately 12-18 adults expressed interest in being involved. Initial areas to consider include recruitment, engagement, inclusion and barriers to inclusion. Need to define what is diversity and how do we get there.</p> <p>Makila Scruggs</p>	7:45
7	<p><b>Board Governance</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Discussion on feedback from Geoff Gorski (Leaders Building Leaders)</li> </ul> <p>Keel summarizes comments and ask for any feedback. Discussion how to maintain board documents for confidentiality. Board on Track is a tool for board to use to evaluate ED and board and board should consider this option.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Board recruitment discussion- Keel created board highlights to help with</li> </ul>	8:00



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	recruitment. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Board Calendar &amp; Planning for Next Meeting Budget discussion, development update, grievance policy, restricted giving, first read on admissions and discipline, board retreat, Miller proposal for training next year</li></ul> Lee Keel	
8	Community Comments (Second Opportunity) Tuesday May 9th Sugar Creek Charter School tour Alumni LinkedIn page creating new contacts and possible board recruit.  8:30	8:15

McClave motions to convene in Closed Session, Wagler seconds, all approve pursuant to "Permitted Purposes" under N.C.G.S. §143-318.11:

### CLOSED SESSION

9	Report from Executive Director	
10	Other items	

### OPEN SESSION

11	Watson motions to move to Open Session, Pair seconds all approve. Voting from Closed Session, if needed	8:30
12	Watson motions to adjourn, Mittal seconds, all approve.	8:40