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# Liberty STEAM Charter

# Minutes

## LSC BOARD OF DIRECTORS BOARD MEETING

NOTIFICATION OF REGULARLY SCHEDULED MONTHLY MEETING

**Date and Time**
Monday October 23, 2023 at 5:30 PM

**Location**
15 School Street
Sumter, SC 29150

***This meeting is held in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act. A copy of the agenda has been made available to the local media & general public.***

**Directors Present**
Cameron Chandler, Dexter WJ Davis, Elayne Brunson, Greg Thompson, Heather Bass, Jenny Knopf, Kimberly Rauschenbach, Marion Newton

**Directors Absent**
Rodney Thompson

**Ex Officio Members Present**
Trevor Ivey

**Guests Present**
Tiffany Rhodes

## I. Opening Items

### A. Call the Meeting to Order

Greg Thompson called a meeting of the board of directors of Liberty STEAM Charter to order on Monday Oct 23, 2023 at 5:30 PM.

### B. Invocation

Rev. Newton provided an invocation.

### C. Pledge of Allegiance Led By Scholars

A group of Scholars recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Next, they performed 2 songs with the bucket drums that they have learned from Ms. Cox during music class.

### D. Chairman's Opening Remarks

Mr. Thompson welcomed the guests to another board meeting and thanked the board members for being at the meeting.

## II. Reading of the Mission & Vision Statement

### A. LSC Mission Statement

Ms. Rauschenbach read aloud the Mission Statement.

### B. LSC Vision Statement

Mr. Davis read aloud the Vision Statement.

## III. Approval of Consent Agenda

### A. Today's Meeting Agenda

Kimberly Rauschenbach made a motion to approve the agenda as presented by staff.
Jenny Knopf seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

### B. Approve Minutes from Previous Meeting (September 25, 2023)

Kimberly Rauschenbach made a motion to approve the minutes from LSC BOARD OF DIRECTORS BOARD MEETING on 09-25-23.
Cameron Chandler seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

## IV. Board Recognition

### A.

**Staff Recognition**

- Ms. Peckham recognized Ms. Marsh as the Teaching Fellow of the Month for the Primary Academy and Ms. McBride as the Support Staff Member of the Month for the Primary Academy.
- Ms. Harris recognized Ms. Miller as the Teaching Fellow of the Month for the Elementary Academy and Deputy Pinkney as the Support Staff Member of the Month for the Elementary Academy.

### B. Community Partner Recognition

Dr. Ivey and Mr. Thompson recognized a number of Community Partners for their support in getting the school year started with monetary donations, backpacks for scholars in need, and haircuts for scholars before the start of the school year.

### C. Board Member Recognition

## V. Executive Director's Report

### A. Updates from the Executive Director

Dr. Ivey provided the following update from the Executive Director Report

- 34/39 complete or on track to be complete by the end of the month. That is a 14% increase from last month. Some of the noteworthy updates this month include
  - Brand new SPED curriculum being implemented
  - A record-breaking lottery applications were collected on the first day of the lottery season
  - A surprise DHEC inspection with a Grade-A rating.

### B. Executive Director Rally Cry Update

## VI. Academy Highlights

### A. Primary Academy

- Ms. Peckham gave an update on MAP data for the Primary Academy
  - Kindergarten is at 51% in reading and 49% in math.
  - First grade is at 57% in reading and 63% in math.
- Ms. Chambers gave an update from the Operations Team
  - ADA is 95%
  - Persistence is 97%
  - 30% of parents have completed their ten required volunteer hours.
- Leadership Highlights
  - Ms. Peckham has reported the quarter highlights opening the campus with all scholars being placed in the classroom and having Kindergarten

Readiness Assessment data. The PA have also completed all parent-teacher conferences have been completed.
- Million Word Challenge Kick-Off Party! The board members were invited to come back to the Academy to be a guest reader.
- The Culture Team reported that they are most excited about their partnership with Sumter Behavioral Health. There are currently five scholars receiving services from SBH.
- Ops Team reported about the DHEC visit, enrichment opportunities like soccer, flag football, and cheer camp, and other family engagement opportunities.
- Dr. Ivey reported on behalf of Special Pops. He spoke on the newest curriculum being implemented. We currently have close to 70 scholars with IEP's.

### B. Elementary Academy

- Ms. Harris gave an update on MAP data for the Elementary Academy
  - Second is at 42% in reading and 71% in math.
  - Third grade is at 39% in reading and 54% in math.
- Ms. Hardy gave an update from the Operations Team
  - ADA is 95%
  - Persistence is 98%
  - 53% of parents have completed their ten required volunteer hours.
- Leadership Highlights
  - Ms. Harris reported that she is most proud of the campus culture and team collaboration. She is receiving great feedback from the teachers and our culture coach, Mr. Harvey.
  - Ms. Hatfield is proud of WIN groups being off the ground. She is meeting with teaching teams every Wednesday while they are planning. It is important that she is present by offering support and ideas.
  - Mr. Vaughn is looking forward to getting clubs off the ground this next quarter.
  - Ms. Hardy is most proud opening a school in ONE DAY. There was a Family Preview Session taking place while teachers were putting the finishing touches on their classrooms. The OPS team worked extremely hard to get everything done in a timely manner before opening the doors for the first day of school.

## VII. Public Participation

### A. Public Participation

We did not have any participates signed up.

## VIII. Board Committee Updates

### A. Executive & Governance Committee

Mr. Thompson shared two major points from the Executive Committee.

- A majority of the meeting was spent reviewing the findings from the audit. He was extremely pleased with the findings.
- Collaboration with the Sumter School District and Wilson Hall.

### B. Finance Committee

- Mr. Shaw reviewed the current expenditures, revenue, and both lines of credit.
- He briefly discussed the findings from the Audit.
    - The Board is extremely pleased with the staff members and all the work they have done to be a good steward of private and public funds.

### C. Academic Excellence Committee

Ms. Knopf gave a summary from the Academic Committee to include Erin and Gavin's Law. She made the recommendation for adoption of the policy.

- The Academic Committee reviewed the current enrollment numbers as well as the Lottery numbers for the coming 24-25 school year.

Cameron Chandler made a motion to adopt Erin and Gavin's Law as presented by the Staff.
Marion Newton seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

### D. Development Committee

- Mr. Davis gave an update from the Development Committee. He provided an update on grants. He gave an update on Mr. Shaw’s current work and the donations that he has received to date.
- Ms. Durant's visit to the school was very successful. There is a three-minute video clip in its final stages of production. This clip will be used for grants and requests from national corporations and foundations.
- Ms. DuRant met with Bloomberg last week and had a meeting with their executive who heads their education interest.
- The Quixote Ambassadors had their first meeting. 15/20 of the ambassadors were present at the meeting coming from Greenville, Charlotte, Columbia, Sumter, and Charleston. They were challenged to raise 4.5 million dollars over the next two years.
- A golf tournament is being planned for March 2024 with the hopes to raise approximately $100,000.

## IX. Executive Session

### A. Purposes of Discussion of Personnel Matters

Greg Thompson made a motion to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussion regarding personnel matters.
Cameron Chandler seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

### B. Purposes of Discussion of Negotiations Incident to Proposed Contractual Arrangements

Greg Thompson made a motion to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussion regarding negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements.
Marion Newton seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

## X. Action Items

### A. Return from Executive Session

Cameron Chandler made a motion to return from executive session.
Kimberly Rauschenbach seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

### B. Item (s) Related to Discussion of Personnel Matters

Kimberly Rauschenbach made a motion to approve the Executive Director's personnel report.
Dexter WJ Davis seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

### C. Action Related to Discussion of Negotiations Incident to Proposed Contractual Arrangements

Cameron Chandler made a motion to approve the collaboration with Sumter School District and Wilson Hall.
Marion Newton seconded the motion.
The two main goals of this collaboration would be to elevate K4 instructional success countywide and to initiate the Technical High School educational programming and support their facility needs.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

## XI. Closing Items

### A. Chairman's Closing Remarks

Mr. Thompson is extremely excited about this collaboration with the local school district and Wilson Hall. He thanked the board members are being a part of the meeting and all their hard work.

**B. Good of the Order**

None at this time.

**C. Adjourn Meeting**

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 7:01 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Greg Thompson