

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BOARD  
CAROLINA SCHOOL FOR INQUIRY  
RICHLAND COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA  
July 11, 2006**

**Place and Time of Meeting**

The regular meeting of the Carolina School for Inquiry Board was held at Crane Creek Community Center, 7405 Fairfield Road, Columbia, SC, on Tuesday, July 11, 2006 at 6:30 p.m. pursuant to notice having been duly given to the media and to all members of the Board in accordance with the rules of the Board.

**Call to Order/Roll Call**

The following members were present: Jeannie Eidson, Trina Randle, Quinton Epps, Courtney Simmons, Mark Roberts, and Hans von Rautenfeld.

Members absent: Sue Carstensen.

Also present were: Victoria Dixon-Mokeba, Stacie Mandrell, Lauri Kemmerling, Terri Washington, Chris Richards, Verdie Samuels, Kathy Thomas, Tanya Wilson, Michael Coward, and Vickie Laughlin.

**Adoption of Agenda**

The chair called for the adoption of the agenda for the July 11, 2006 regular meeting.

A copy of the agenda for the July 11, 2006 regular meeting is attached to these minutes.

**Approval of Minutes**

The chair called for the approval of the regular meeting minutes of June 13, 2006.

The motion carried without objection.

**OFFICERS REPORTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Treasurer's Report**

The July treasurer's report will be presented at the July 25 meeting.

**Committee Reports**

**Building Committee Report.** Jeannie Eidson.

The committee is looking into better prices for technology, including smart boards, wireless mics, etc. Chris Richards is looking into some possibilities. K12 is a company that the Board may consider purchasing smart boards from.

**Director's Report.**

The Director's report is attached to the minutes.

**The Curriculum Coordinator's Report.**

Stacie Mandrell reported that the faculty had participated in several exciting professional development sessions, including Ellen Thompson from Vermont and Heidi Mills, Dori Gilbert and Tim O'Keefe from Center for Inquiry.

She announced that we will call classes Primary, Early Elementary and Upper Elementary to help parents and students get away from their traditional grade mindset.

**The Board went into executive session to discuss personnel issues The Board went into executive session to discuss personnel issues at 7:10 and the board meeting reconvened at 7:20. No action was taken during the executive session.**

Quinton Epps moved to enter into negotiation with Dr. Sammy Darko to be retained as a Spanish teacher, dance teacher, and IT consultant. Mark Roberts seconded.

Quinton Epps moved to hire Tanya Wilson as the speech pathologist consultant at the agreed upon rate. Mark Roberts seconded. The motion carried in a voice vote.

Ms. Dixon-Mokeba announced that Mike Williams from RCRC will interview teaching assistants who are interested in working in the after school program.

Ms. Dixon-Mokeba requested that the board consider supporting CSI teachers who are interested in pursuing National Certification. RCSD1 pays its teachers up front, with the understanding that if the certification isn't completed in a set amount of time, the teacher will repay the district.

The Board expressed interest in this program, but suggested that CSI explore grant programs through the SC Department of Education. If programs aren't available, CSI will see if the program will fit in the budget.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

##### **Conflict of Interest Policy**

Quinton Epps moved to accept the Conflict of Interest policy as presented, with changes suggested in discussion. Mark Roberts seconded.

##### **By-laws Discussion and Amendments.**

The by-laws as presented by Hans von Rautenfeld were discussed and modified. Hans von Rautenfeld moved to adopt the modified by-laws. Quinton Epps seconded. The motion was adopted on a voice vote.

The motion to amend the Articles of Incorporation was made by Quinton Epps with a second by Mark Roberts. The amendment is as follows:

- (a) Amend Article 1, section 5 of the Articles of Incorporation as such:  
The address of the principal office of the nonprofit corporation is 7405-A Fairfield Road, Columbia, SC 29203

Amend Article 1, section 8 of the Articles of Incorporation as such:  
Carolina School for Inquiry is organized to operate a charter school in Richland County, South Carolina. The organization is organized exclusively for educational purposes under section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

- (b) Adopted July 11, 2006 at the regular meeting of the Carolina School for Inquiry Board at 7405-A Fairfield Rd, Columbia, SC 29203.

Date: July 11, 2006

Carolina School for Inquiry, Inc.  
Name of Corporation

Signature of Officer  
Jeannie Eidson, Chair, Board of Directors  
Typed Name and Office

The motion passed on a voice vote.

The Board agreed to amend the Articles of Incorporation or by-laws to be consistent in whether there are members or no members, based on SC Charter Law.

The Board tabled discussion of Insurance Options.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

The board tabled discussion of landscaping options.

Jeannie Eidson signed the budget resolution which was passed in June.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Announcements were covered in the Director's Report.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion to adjourn as presented, was made by Trina Randle with a second by Quinton Epps and accepted without objection.

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## Director Report

### Old Business:

- Community Clean-up day: Organized by Laurie Kemmerling-various CSI family members and students assisted, community partners from USC-College of Library Science
- Faculty Training July 21, 2006 @ the Bishop Gravatt Center deposit has been made @ \$80.00.
- Student Handbook and Staff Handbook still under construction. New information added daily.

### FYI-Ongoing Projects:

#### **Hans Rautenfeld**

The web site (maintenance, transfer to Dreamweaver, set up Dreamweaver and Contribute, demonstrate same, etc)

The school calendar: design and publish on web, .pdf, and paper

#### **Jeanine Eidson**

##### **XISTING PROJECTS:**

##### **PAINTING:**

Painting crew to finish exterior of building in early July. RCRC has money...but waiting on approval of July budget.

Working with Linda on getting them back into interior of school for 'column' work and some touch ups.

##### **CONSTRUCTION:**

Brian from RCRC will be installing the door into the reception area this week.

##### **FENCING:**

Signed contract with Chamblee Fencing. Sent check to them for \$2000 to start the work.

Will be sent final bill 30 days out from completion.

Fence will be installed no later than July 21. Probably much earlier.

Contract ~\$700.00 more than originally estimated because of additional gate and 31 feet of additional fencing than in original diagram.

**CARPETING:**

Almost completed.

Needs bathroom tile installation, rubber matting installation, and pit refinements for completion.

Initial payment will be from RCRC. Will have to work a contract out with Bontiz for installment payments after completion.

**WINDOWS:**

RCRC will clean the windows.

**NEW PROJECTS:**

**LANDSCAPING:**

RCRC will be grading and 'seeding' the back and front lawns.

Stated that grass should be up within a week.

Linda Carter stated if not happy, we can look at alternatives; she is out of money....so we would have to pay.

Could possibly negotiate it being taken off next year's lease.

**AWNING:**

Just beginning to look at awning options.

Originally did not believe we had money for this...with the new charter grant....I think we do.

**PAVING:**

Possibility of working with RCRC, Sheriff's Dept, and ourselves to have front and back lots repaved.

Sheriff's dept. has already committed to doing the back lot. Seeing if we can't work a 'deal' for the front.

**BASKETBALL COURT:**

Getting estimates to do a ½ court...just in case we have the money. ;^)

***Mark Roberts***

The IT contact with R1

Secured 60 computers from Manning CI

Wrote and received grant for \$3,500

***Trina Randle***

Book fair, grocery store fundraisers, box tops for education

## New Business

### **New Hires:**

**Spanish Education/African Dance**

*Dr. Samuel Darko*

### **Speech Pathologist**

*Tanya Wilson*

## Upcoming Events

Monday, July 10, 2006 →	Student/Parent Information Packets Mailed
Friday, July 14, 2006 →	<b>Informal Drop-in 4-6:00 pm</b> We will have an informal drop-in on July 14, 2006 for families to visit the CSI faculty and staff, tour the facilities, submit pertinent documents, retrieve information about the school lunch program, the after school care program, and inquire about other activities that will be available after school hours. We will also be available to answer any other questions that you may have.
Friday, August 4, 2006 →	CSI Open House 7-9:00 pm RCRC Kid's Night Out 6-9:00 pm
Tuesday, August 8, 2006 →	CSI Board Meeting 6:30-8:15 pm
Thursday, August 10, 2006 →	First Day of School ½ Day 8:15-11:30 am  Richland County Recreation Commission's After School Care will be provided for those who register
Friday, August 11, 2006 →	½ Day for Students 8:15-11:30 am  Richland County Recreation Commission's After School Care will be provided for those who register
Monday, August 14, 2006	First Full Day of School for Students