

**Board Meeting Minutes
Carolina School for Inquiry
Richland County, South Carolina
November 20, 2007**

Place and Time of Meeting

The regular meeting of the Carolina School for Inquiry Board was held at the Carolina School for Inquiry, 7405-A Fairfield Road, Columbia, SC on Tuesday, November 20, 2007 at 6:30 pm 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 meeting was called to order at 6:45 pm, followed by a reading of the mission statement.

The following Board members were present:

Jeannie P. Eidson, B. Quinton Epps, Mark A. Roberts, Darlene S. Bell, Kathy Duffy-Thomas, Wilfred Rogers, and Mark Roberts

Additional attendees:

Bill Moser and Jacqueline Boulware

Election of Officers

Nominations were made for the following officers for the Board:

Kathy Duffy-Thomas – chair

Queen Bonaparte – vice chair

Darlene S. Bell – Treasurer

Wilfred Rogers – Secretary

Quinton Epps moved to approve the nominations. Kathy Duffy-Thomas seconded the motion and it carried without discussion.

Approval of Minutes

Darlene moved to approve the minutes. Wilfred seconded the motion and it carried without discussion.

Public Comments

None

New Business

Financial Review Session for New Board Members - Bill Moser gave presentation to board reviewing financial responsibilities and operations of the school.

Jeannie made a motion to approve the budget. Wilfred seconded the motion and it carried without discussion.

Directors Report – presented her Director’s Report. Questions were posed related to repeated disciplinary actions, counselor activities and student population. This generated discussions related to these topics.

Report Cards – discussions involved how they are and or should be written. Each teacher writes in different types of notes in the report cards. Changes to report cards and consistency among teachers and grades were discussed. Recommend that staff address the issues and come back with suggestions on what report cards should have in them. PACT Test scores and how we plan to improve them including consistency among classes were discussed. PACT test improvement plans include using the Island Study testing program to focus in on student’s issues.

Hot Lunches – discussions involved the type of food, lines, and how much the students like them.

Committees – we will discuss the formation of committees and the selection of members.

Mark volunteered to send David Church an updated list of board members and emails.

Quinton volunteered to look into finding someone who can help us with grant finding and writing activities.

Executive Session

Mark made a motion to move into executive session at 10:20 pm to discuss personnel items. Quinton seconded the motion and it carried without discussion. Mark made a motion to move out of executive session. Jeannie seconded and the motion carried without discussion. The Board came out of executive session at 10:45 pm.

Jeannie made a motion to hire Mary Gholz at the recommended salary. Darlene seconded and the motion carried without discussion.

Quinton Epps made a motion to adjourn at 10:55 pm. Mark seconded and the motion carried without discussion.