

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BOARD
CAROLINA SCHOOL for INQUIRY
RICHLAND COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA
February 6th, 2007

Place and Time of Meeting

The regular meeting of the Carolina School for Inquiry Board was held at Carolina School for Inquiry, 7405-A Fairfield Road, Columbia, South Carolina, on Tuesday, February 6th, 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 following members were present:

Jeannie P. Eidson, B. Quinton Epps, and Laurie M. Gantt, Mark A. Roberts and Darlene S. Bell

Members Absent: Jonathan L. Moreno, Julie M. Barichivich

Additional attendees: Stacie Mandrell, Victoria Dixon-Mokeba

Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes from the January meeting was made by Laurie Gantt and seconded by Mark Roberts. The motion was approved without objection.

Public Comments: None

New Business:

- Policy Status – Board is to establish policy reflecting the philosophy of the school. Jeannie Eidson shared a document reflecting policy that has already been created. The Education Committee is working on an employee handbook that doesn't include policy. A policy handbook will be created separately for reference. The board will establish a protocol for hiring and firing. Laurie Gantt will check with Richland District One and JC Ballew at the State Department of Education regarding employment issues.
- Harassment policy – Changes to harassment policy were discussed. Mark Roberts moved to accept harassment policy with following amendment in complaint form: *Please describe as clearly as you can exactly what leads you to believe that you or someone else has been harassed, sexually or otherwise. Include dates, if you can, and the names of everyone who has been involved in the harassment or was a witness to what happened. If there was more than one incident of harassment, please describe each incident separately. You may use the back of this form or another sheet of paper. Please turn in the form to the Director/Lead Teacher.* Darlene Bell seconded the motion. The harassment policy was adopted as amending without objection.
- Upper Elementary Presentation Victoria Dixon-Mokeba shared ideas for an Upper Elementary plan for next year. More ideas will be discussed and shared at the next Board meeting.
- Leave/Salary Proposal – Motion was made that Victoria Dixon- Mokeba would offer Verdie Samuels a salary competitive with Richland One salary schedule for the 2007-2008 contract year contingent upon approval of 2007-2008 budget. Mark Roberts made the motion, Laurie Gantt seconded. The motion was approved without objection.

- Motion was made to accept recommendation from Vicotria Dioxn-Mokeba to give Terri Washington 30 sick days at the beginning of the 2007-2008 contract year. Laurie Gantt moved Mark Roberts seconded. No discussion.
- It was discussed that a policy be adopted regarding changing sick days to 3 leave days, not honoring accrued sick or vacation days for new employees, and giving no payout for sick days.
- Middle School Presentation – Stacie Mandrell shared a proposal for an Elemiddle at CSI. It was suggested that more work be done on focusing only on adding 6th grade. V. Dixon-Mokeba is working on getting a date to be heard at the Richland One Board Meeting.
- School Dedication – Jeannie Eidson discussed options for the school dedication. It will be paired with Richland County Recreations Center’s dedication. April 17th is being considered as a possible date.

Other Business

None

Announcements:

Upper Elementary is going to the Youth Learning Center at Clemson for a field study experience.

Curriculum Fair is being held at CSI on February 24th from 10-12 and board training will follow from 12:00 on.

Charter schools in SC now have access to CERRA.

Employee survey will be given out on Thursday, February 8th and returned to Victoria on Monday, February 12th.

Meeting adjourned at 8:34 pm. Quinton Epps moved. Darlene Bell seconded. The motion was approved without objection.