

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BOARD
CAROLINA SCHOOL for INQUIRY
RICHLAND COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA
March 6, 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, March 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, Laurie M. Gantt, Mark A. Roberts, Darlene S. Bell, Jonathan L. Moreno, Julie M. Barichivich

Additional attendees: Stacie Mandrell, Victoria Dixon-Mokeba and Zack Kelehear.

Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes from the January meeting was made by Darlene Bell and seconded by Julie Barichivich. The motion was approved without objection.

Public Comments: None

New Business:

Jeannie Eidson discussed the approval of her Palmetto Pride Tree grant. CSI will receive trees worth approximately \$650.00 for the development of a Quiet Garden.

Zack Kelehear addressed the Board concerning his role in the school as Administrative Mentor.

Victoria Dixon-Mokeba presented information about our progress on adding a 6th grade next year. Stacie Mandrell and Ms. Dixon-Mokeba presented options for a 6th grade addition as well as some options for 4/5 classes for next year. They will work on completing a 6th grade proposal and get it to the board as soon as possible.

Laurie Gantt discussed progress with the Policy Handbook and Employee Handbook and was given some feedback on each.

Ms. Eidson discussed purchasing a plaque for the arboretum (aka “quiet garden”). Mark Roberts moved to authorize Ms. Eidson to purchase the plaque and to oversee the installation of the quiet garden. The motion was seconded by Ms. Barichivich and carried without discussion.

Mark Roberts addressed the Board concerning the upcoming potluck dinner for the Board, Faculty, Staff and their families. It will be on March 25th at 3pm. Details to follow.

It was decided that Ms. Eidson and Mr. Roberts would personally address the teachers regarding the results of the teacher survey.

Darlene Bell moved to enter Executive Session to discuss salaries. Laurie Gantt seconded. Motion carried and the Board entered Executive Session at 8:00 pm.

The Board returned from Executive Session at 9:15 pm

Mark Roberts motioned the approval of an across the board 3.3% raise to teacher contracts being issued and to give Victoria authority to negotiate Teacher Assistant contracts. Darlene seconded the motion. Quinton recused himself. The motion passed unanimously.

Mark Roberts moved to adjourn and Quinton Epps seconded. The motion carried without objection.