

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board
CAROLINA SCHOOL for INQUIRY
Richland County, South Carolina
June 3, 2008

Place and Time of Meeting

The regular meeting of the Carolina School for Inquiry was held at Carolina School for Inquiry, 7405-A Fairfield Road, Columbia South Carolina on Tuesday June 3rd 2008 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 by the Chair at 6:45pm. Prior to the start of the public meeting, the Board met in Executive Session from 6:15-6:45pm. The reading of the mission statement followed.

The following Board members were present: Kathy Duffy-Thomas, Jeannie Eidson, Mark Roberts, Darlene S. Bell, Quinton Epps, and Wilfred Rogers.

Additional Attendees: Victoria Dixon-Mokeba, Jacqueline Boulware, Terry Washington, Kenya Johnson-Cannon, Bill Moser, Mary Gholz, Didi Doggette, Dr. Gloria Boutte, and Dr. George Johnson.

Agenda was amended to move some of the scheduled public reports to later in the meeting because two of the presenters had not arrived. The agenda was unanimously approved on a motion from Jeannie and seconded by Wilfred.

Approval of Minutes:

The Minutes from the May 6th meeting were amended to reflect that Darlene Bell did not arrive until after the public comments portion of the meeting had been concluded. The minutes were approved as amended on a motion from Mark and a second from Darlene.

Public Comments: The following persons in attendance were given time to reflect on the events of the ending school year: Kenya Johnson-Cannon, Jackie Boulware, Teri Washington, Mary Gholz, and Didi Doggette.

Committee Reports

Bill Moser discussed the April budget and adjustments to several line items with the April Revenue.

In his report of the May Budget, the following adjustments to the expense line were reported: Elliott Davis audit proposal was \$8000.00. The new proposal is for \$13,000.00. The increase is due to the fall internal audit control. Bill suggested that we get two more quotes before we decide who we get long term to conduct the audit. Quinton agreed to find and submit the names of auditors who had previously given us quotes.

Jeannie made the motion and it was seconded by Mark that we get 3 quotes for the audit and give the names to Victoria and the Finance committee to make the final decision. The Motion passed unanimously.

At the conclusion of the Finance Committee report the Board Chair suspended the reports of the remaining committees until after we listened to a presentation from Dr. Gloria Boutte and Dr. George Johnson.

Drs. Boutte and Johnson presented to the Board a three year research initiative between C.S.I. and The Center for the Education and Equity of African American Students (CEEEAAS) at Benedict College. The research project infuses culturally relevant material to proper Standards based classroom instruction in order to increase student achievement. The presenters also fielded questions from the Board on its implementation.

Facilities Committee

Jeannie reported that she is still in dialogue with persons in RCSD1 about our emergency and evacuation plan. Also, the committee is investigating the possibility of upgrading some of the playground equipment i.e. Basketball goals, paved track etc. A motion was made by Wilfred and seconded by Mark for the facilities committee to meet with RCRC on these and other projects.

Education Committee

Quinton is still trying to get with the proper person in RCSD1 to assist us with finding grants.

- Attendance: the 135 day student count is the standard used for funding and staffing the following school year. Quinton and the committee will write a policy for enrollment and attendance based on 90 days with a caveat for admittance between 90 and 135days.

Governance- No report. Mark will review and assess the teacher survey data and present the results at the July meeting.

Directors Report

Victoria reported on the following:

- getting a video surveillance and an entry keypad for the front door. RCRC will pay.
- Phones are down and have been for several days. She will find out what's going on and investigate getting a service contract. Victoria will also investigate getting a totally new phone system.
- All vacancies for the 08-09 school year are filled with the exception of Spanish.

A motion was made by Jeannie and seconded by Quinton to approve the personnel issue regarding the Art teacher discussed in the May meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

A decision was made to move the regularly scheduled July meeting to July 15th because of the July 4th holiday week.

The Board moved into Executive Session at 8:55 pm on a motion from Wilfred and seconded by Darlene.

The Board returned to general session at 10:10 pm on a motion from Mark and seconded by Quinton.

A motion was made by Quinton and seconded by Darlene to accept the amended changes in the director's contract. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Quinton and seconded by Mark to approve the multi-year contract for the director with the approved changes. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 10:25 pm.