

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board
CAROLINA SCHOOL for INQUIRY
Richland County, South Carolina
May 6, 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 May 6th 2008 at 6:30pm 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 6:55pm upon the arrival of a quorum. 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, Terri Washington, Dr. Verdie Samuels, Shirley Johnson, Deanna Bookert, Artellia Shaw and Bill Moser.

Agenda was amended to move the scheduled public reports until the June meeting since none of the presenters were in attendance. The agenda was unanimously approved on a motion from Jeannie and seconded by Wilfred.

Approval of Minutes:

The Minutes were approved, unanimously on a motion from Jeannie and seconded by Quinton.

Public Comments: The following persons in attendance were given 3 minutes each for public comment: Shirley Johnson, Deanna Bookert, Artellia Shaw, and Terri Washington.

Committee Reports:

Education: Quinton reported that the Application Policy and Grant Policy will be continued in committee. He stated that he tried to contact Dr Joyce Buxton and Donna Hammet of RCSD1 but they were of little assistance.

Facilities: Jeannie reported on the progress of the schools emergency plan. She has had conversations with Joe Fraley of RCSD1 about CSI being included in the districts emergency plan. Because charter schools are new to RCSD1, no one from the district has been asked to consider including charter schools until now. It was suggested that all of the districts charter schools be contacted and possibly consider writing a joint letter to the RCSD1 school board to ask for inclusion in the districts emergency plans.

Finance: Bill reviewed the March Budget and answered questions. He reviewed the 3rd quarter line item changes and answered questions. A motion was made by Mark and seconded by Jeannie to accept the third quarter budget report. The motion passed unanimously.

The fiscal year 08-09 operating budget was reviewed and questions were answered. A motion was made by Mark and seconded by Wilfred to accept the FY 09 budget resolution. The motion passed unanimously.

Governance: Mark discussed the teacher survey. Five Board members responded to the anonymous test run (Beta Test). A motion was made by Mark and seconded by Quinton to adopt the Beta test and implement the teacher survey.

Director's Report

Victoria answered questions on her report. Time was also allotted to discuss some of the issues brought up in the public comment section. The remainder of the issues from the public comment section was discussed in executive session.

New Business

1. Leave Policy- A policy needs to be established or reviewed to deal with long-term and short-term disability insurance and the use of leave time. The item was sent to the Governance committee for review.
2. Policy Manuals- policy manuals need to be reviewed to see if they are current or if they need to be adjusted or updated. Everyone should read the policies and be familiar with them for discussion in upcoming meetings.

Executive Session: the board moved into executive session at 8:45 on a motion from Wilfred and second from Mark.

The Board returned to general session at 11:05 on a motion from Mark and second from Quinton.

On a motion from Mark and second from Quinton the Board voted to accept the procedure for evaluating the Director as outlined in the State Charter School Manual. This procedure will be implemented in the 08-09 academic school year.

On a motion from Wilfred and second from Darlene the Board voted to accept the contract proposal for the new 5th grade teacher. Victoria was directed to make the adjustments as needed in the job description to bring it in line with the required responsibilities.

The meeting adjourned at 11:15pm.