

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Board
Carolina School for Inquiry
Richland County, South Carolina
January 28, 2009**

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 January 28, 2009 at 7:00pm pursuant to notice having been duly given to the media and 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 7:05pm followed by a reading of the mission statement.

The following members were present:

Kathy Duffy-Thomas, Wilfred G. Rogers. Trina Randle, Ellen Duffy. Cleary, and Queen Bonaparte. Non-Members present: Victoria Dixon-Mokeba, Bill Moser, and Tim Grow.

Agenda was amended to reflect that Bill Moser and Tim Grow will present their reports first because Tim has to drive back to Myrtle Beach. The agenda was approved as amended on a motion from Queen and a second from Wilfred.

Approval of Minutes

The December 2008 minutes were unanimously approved on a motion from Queen and a second from Ellen.

Public Comments:

None

Committee Reports

Finance: Bill Moser introduced Tim Grow who is with the firm of Elliott Davis Accountants and Business Advisors. Tim is the person responsible for conducting the external audit for CSI as required by law. He discussed his role as auditor and the audits reporting relationship with R.C.S.D.1. He noted that the way he prepares his audit is the way that RCSD1 wants to receive it. He also noted that in this year's review, he found no material mistakes.

After Tim left, Bill continued with the monthly financial report. Bill noted that the December budget reflected the 10% cut in funding from the state. Even though the state funding was cut 10%, the cuts affected the schools revenue by about 13%. Because the school has been fiscally conservative in the past years, we can handle the current hit. However, we must spend wisely to be ready for any further funding hits.

Education: A report should be ready to present to the board at the February meeting on the status of gathering the materials for a presentation to RCSD1 on the adding of the 6th grade.

Governance: Ellen presented the recommended change to the schools By-laws concerning Out-of-District students tuition assessment. The recommendation to Section B (pg 5) of the By Laws would read as follows:

“Beginning with the 2009-2010 school year, out-of-district students will be enrolled following the procedures set forth for Richland District 1, including the tuition requirement. Students of parents employed at CSI are exempt from the tuition requirement.”

Following a motion from Ellen and a second from Queen the Board unanimously approved the recommendation. The change will go to the RCSD1 Board for final approval along with the request to change the evaluation instrument for CSI teachers to the same instrument as used by RCSD1.

Director’s Report

- Dr Mack denied the schools request to be a part of the districts emergency plan.
- Because of budget concerns, Victoria will propose to the teachers that for the upcoming Charter School State Conference, the school will pay their enrollment fees as well as their lodging. The teachers will have to pay for their meals.
- The National Charter School Conference will be held from June 24-28, in Washington D.C... As many Board members as can should plan to go.

The Board went into Executive Session at 8:10pm on a motion from Wilfred and a second from Queen.

The Board ended Executive session at 8:15pm.

The Board unanimously accepted the resignation of Martha Edwards as music teacher.

On a motion from Trina and a second from Queen a motion to adjourn passed. The meeting ended at 8:17pm.