

Cherokee Charter Academy Board Meeting Minutes
6 pm, August 6, 2020
Location Kirby Baptist Church, ZOOM Meeting

Present Dawn Vinesett, Chair, Michelle Clark, Vice Chair, Suzanne Turner, Carlton Bridges, AK Parker, AJ Quinn

Chair Vinesett read the Mission Statement and welcomed everyone to the meeting, including those on ZOOM.

Chair Vinesett gave an opportunity for Public Comment. No one spoke.

Minutes from July 9. Suzanne Turner moved to approve and Michelle Clark seconded the motion. All were in favor.

In Old Business;

School Director Tessa Waldrep gave updates on; Staff Recruitment, Enrollment, Professional Development, and a Logo Update.

Staff hiring has gone well. CCA still needs a SpEd teacher.

Enrollment stood at 468 in grades K-5.

Professional Development with the full staff went well. CKLA training was joined by our friends from Belton Prep and Success Classical full staffs. Core Virtues PD was given by the Author, Dr. Mary Beth Klee and her staff. Eureka Math was over 2 days and very insightful.

Director Waldrep reported that the Logo search continued as we were not happy with the ones brought forward.

Tony Helton of Tutelage Education Solutions gave updates on; South State Bank DACA account, an update on the loan from SC Community Loan Fund, and the Free and Reduced Lunch Program. South State Bank account was ready to move forward after negotiations with the Bond attorneys. Board Chair Vinesett will move forward to open the account.

Mr. Helton advised the board to not move forward with the loan from the SC Community Loan Fund as the school has now received the first drop of monthly funds. No action needed to be taken on the topic as the loan offer simply expires on August 10th.

Tony Helton also explained the USDA Free and Reduced Lunch Program. At this time, CCA is not in the USDA program. The Cherokee County School District will supply meals for CCA. Helton is still negotiating the contract to secure the food.

The Board moved to go into Executive Session. Motion by Suzanne Turner, second by AK Parker, all were in favor to discuss Contract Negotiations. 6:21 pm

The Board emerged from Executive Session on a motion from Carlton Bridges and a second by Michelle Clark, all were in favor.

AK Parker moved to accept the contract for 10 years for the Charter with the Charter Institute at Erskine. Suzanne Turner seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. All members were excited to have this final piece in place

The Board Chair set a Special Meeting for 4 pm on August 12th via ZOOM to discuss needed Policy approvals

for the Charter Institute at Erskine.

The budget report was presented to the board by Tony Helton for account executive Jennifer Laney or Prestige School Solutions, LLC. Budget revisions were presented and AJ Quinn moved to approve with a second from Carlton Bridges, all were in favor.

Calendar adjustments were presented to include the mandated LEAP Days, ½ Day adjustments, and moving the official start date from August 17 to August 24. LEAP Days will be August 17-21. AK Parker asked if the School Director and Mr. Helton were positive they did not need more time. Both assured the board that a start date of August 24th would be met. Michelle Clark moved to approve the calendar changes, with a second from Carlton Bridges. All were in favor.

Being no further business, the Chair asked for a motion to adjourn. AK Parker moved to adjourn and AJ Quinn seconded the motion. All were in favor. 7:24 pm.