



Board of Directors Meeting

Mar 17, 2022

7:00 p.m. (Virtual - Zoom/Facebook Live)

Members Present:

Nolan Perry, Kate Day, Verna Little, Kimberly Potter, Maria Mills (Director), Stephanie Nall (Compliance Director - taking minutes)

Absent:

Daniel Gibson

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 7:04pm and hosted via zoom by Board Chair, Nolan Perry.

Nolan read the mission statement:

Carolina Charter Academy prepares students for a lifetime of learning by developing their natural passion for discovery and problem-solving. Students are immersed in an engaged learning environment where they develop knowledge-based education to better understand the world around them.

Approval of Agenda:

Mr. Perry reviewed the agenda for the meeting and asked for any additions or comments; with none being proposed, Ms. Little motioned to approve the agenda and Mr. Sikes seconded. All voted in favor.

Approval of Minutes:

Ms. Potter motioned to approve the minutes from the March board meeting, Verna Little seconded, and all voted in favor.

Public Comments:

Will now be gathered in a Google form, which will be read at the conclusion of the meeting.

Officer's Reports

Treasurer's Report:

Nothing new to report, quarterly meetings for the bond and with the finance group (Acadia Northstar) are upcoming.

Director's Report:

Maria began by reviewing enrollment for the year.

- Retention is excellent - 98% of students are returning next year
- Open Enrollment has ended and the lottery has been run. There are waitlists at every grade level, but the largest is in Kindergarten.
- Families have 5 days to accept seats and 5 days to complete registration paperwork.

Carpool and the carpool loop has been stressful recently due to construction, however, that should be over after this year.

There were no major updates related to COVID at school. There were a few positive cases where students were required to quarantine. There is still an on-site testing facility.

Finally, she reviewed the discipline report; there were no major incidents to discuss. Mrs. Mills is confident that few instances of major disruption and strong retention rates are a reflection of students who are aware of expectations.

New Business

Monthly Vote on CCA Mask Policy:

No significant impact has been seen as a result of the mask optional policy

Mrs. Mills shared that there have been several teachers and quite a few students who are still wearing masks.

Ms. Rynearson asked if the board should consider setting a threshold for percent positive cases, or just hold an emergency meeting if a new variant caused a rise in cases. Mr. Perry, Mr. Sikes, and Ms. Little agreed that an emergency meeting would be most appropriate if necessary.

- Mr. Sikes motioned to continue a mask optional policy; Mrs. Day seconded, and all other members present (Rynearson, Perry, Potter) voted in favor

Mr. Perry moved to reviewing the right of way decision.

- The state is seeking temporary easement - to "rent" or put vehicles on our lot. They said they will be courteous and make sure we have ingress and egress.
- Permanent easement - small piece that won't affect parking lots (ditch) 7k

- Looking for authorization from the board for Nolan to negotiate the agreements on behalf of CCA. Asked that financial discussion saved for closed session.
- Mrs. Day asked when actual construction would begin. It will likely be 2023 before actual impact is seen.

Public Comments:

- Construction update?
- Will there be a sidewalk going to the development behind the school?

Read by Mr. Perry

Ms. Potter motioned for Mr. Perry to be given permission to negotiate on behalf of the school regarding right of way, Mr. Sikes seconded the motion, and all others voted in favor.

The board needed to move to closed session to discuss personnel contracts. Ms. Potter motioned to move to closed session, Ms. Rynearson seconded, and all others voted in favor.

Adjournment:

Ms. Rynearson motioned to adjourn the meeting, Ms. Little seconded, Mrs. Day, Ms. Rynearson, and Mr. Perry also voted to end the meeting.