



**Board of Directors Meeting  
May 12, 2022**

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

**Members Present:**

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

**Absent:**

Kate Day, Ana Rynearson

**Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 7:06pm and hosted via zoom by Board Chair, Nolan Perry.

Mr. Perry 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. Potter motioned to approve the agenda and Mr. Gibson seconded. All voted in favor.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Ms. Potter motioned to approve the minutes from the April board meeting, Mr. Gibson seconded, and all voted in favor.

**Public Comments:**

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

**Officer's Reports**

### **Chair's Report:**

Mr. Perry shared there has been a growing community demand for a charter high school associated with CCA. He also reminded the group that later in May the Principal of the Year for the state of NC would be announced, of which Ms. Mills is in the running as the charter school Principal of the Year.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Mr. Sikes was not able to attend the most recent meeting about budget and accounting, so Ms. Mills relayed relevant information in the Director's report.

### **Director's Report:**

Ms. Mills began by reviewing enrollment and how it relates to the coming year's budget.

- CCA has a large surplus in the budget, partially a result of benefiting from a large amount of COVID-related funds.
- The proposed budget is still preliminary as the enrollment number for the 22-23 school year is not final - the budget is based on an ADM (average daily membership) of 750, and currently our enrollment number reflects potentially 777 students. The budget is therefore conservative when it comes to student enrollment.
  - Also does not include a potential raise of in per student funds
- A budget update will come in October after the twenty day headcount and funds are more finalized.
- The "rent" payment to the bond company does increase significantly this year, but levels out over the next three years.

**Ms. Potter motioned, Dan second, approved**

Next, Ms. Mills moved to introducing the concept of entering an athletic conference. Ms. Ross has created a successful inaugural sports program, but being part of a conference would allow for more games and an organized schedule.

Ms. Mills introduced the proposed calendar for the 22-23 school year. Before creating the calendar, she sought input from stakeholders through staff and parent surveys.

- To balance a mix of Harnett and Wake families, and conflicting Spring Break schedules, we made our Spring Break a little longer so families have overlap.
- The first day of school is slightly earlier than others and on day five there is a workday to review the first week of school.

Mr. Sikes commented that he appreciates how much effort has been put into the calendar. Mr. Sikes motioned to approve the 22-23 Calendar, Mr. Gibson second, all approved.

About seven students tested positive for COVID, and no staff since the last board meeting. Parents, students and staff are all well aware of protocols and mask policies if a student is exposed.

Finally, she reviewed the discipline report; Ms. Mills noted that she would like to implement some new discipline policies next year, which she would review with the board over the summer.

### **New Business**

#### **Monthly Vote on CCA Mask Policy:**

Mr. Perry commented that he would be clarifying with NC DPI to see if the board needs to continue having monthly votes on mask policy. Mr. Sikes motioned to continue a mask optional policy, Ms. Potter seconded, and all voted in favor.

Ms. Potter motioned to move to closed session to review contracts for the 22-23 school year, pursuant to statute 143-318.11 A6, to review personnel and contracts, Ms. Little seconded, and all were in favor.

#### **Public Comments:**

No public comments

Reviewed by Mr. Perry

#### **Adjournment:**

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