Piedmont Community Charter School

Board of Directors Meeting

April 21st, 2026

7:00 p.m. in the PCCS High School Auditorium

Board Members present: Melia Mauldin**,** Paul Tharp, LeBarbara Southern, Emily Rodgers, Melissa Gardner, Adrianne Dellovade, Jeremy Gordon, Wendi Greemon, Elizabeth Inzana, Kim Richardson, Jackie Cansler, and Michael Satterfield. A quorum was present.

Others in attendance: **Jennifer Killen, HOS**. School community members (administration, guests, and parents).

M. Mauldin called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and read the PCCS mission statement.

Following the mission statement, M. Mauldin asked for a moment of silence.

Public Comments: M. Mauldin read the rules of public comments. Mrs. Wallace shared her public comments

M. Mauldin noted that we needed to amend the Meeting Agenda and add Summer projects to the meeting agenda under the Facilities' Committee report. E. Rodgers made a motion to amend the agenda. J. Gordon seconded the motion. No further discussion was held. The vote was passed unanimously.

Awards & Recognition: J. Killen announced

- All of our Best of Gaston nominees have made the TOP 3 in this year's community awards. We want to thank everyone who voted. We will find out the winners on May 19th when the TOP 3 will attend the annual awards gala. Piedmont's nominations include:
  - Best Charter School
  - Best Principal
  - Best Teacher
  - Best Place to Work

        - Best Employer
    - The elementary campus had its most successful booster fundraiser with over $41,000 in donations!! The money raised will be used to enhance the playground with additional structures and grow the AR library. We are very grateful to our Patriot families who helped make this possible.
    - Two of our seniors – Eli Grant and Zaniah McDowell – have been named the recipients of the Albert G Myers Scholarship. This college scholarship totaling $20,000 is awarded to only 8 seniors in all of Gaston County. We are very proud of these students.
    - Congratulations to our PCCS High School Chick-fil-A Leadership Academy! Only two schools were awarded a national grant of $10,000 by Coca-Cola in partnership with Chick-fil-A Leader Academy – and Piedmont was one of them! The Coca-Cola Sustainability Innovation Challenge encouraged students to develop a vision for "world without waste". From the hundreds of applications received, Piedmont's Proposal to construct an Aquaponics System was awarded this grant. In addition, PCCS Zaniah McDowell was selected as a national finalist for the Chick-fil-A Leader Academy Student of the Year award. Out of thousands of students nominated for this honor, Zaniah was recognized in the top ten, a testament to her hard work on this project.
    - Our performing arts department has a lot to be proud of. Congratulations to our high school Chorus and Band. Both groups attended MPA – Music Performance Adjudication – and had wonderful performances, earning Superior ratings from the judges in all categories! We also want to congratulate the cast and crew of the high school spring production of *The Music Man*. Their talent and hard work brought an incredible show to life. A special thank you to Mrs. Perry, Mrs. Painter and Mrs. Yentsch for their continued commitment to Piedmont and our fine arts students.

Approval of Previous Minutes:

- A motion was made by L. Southern to approve the minutes of the March 17th, 2026, Board of Directors meeting. W. Greemon seconded. No further discussion was held. The motion passed unanimously.

Reports:

a. Treasurer/Finance Committee: L. Southern shared the updates and financial status of the Budget Report and Surplus and Cash Report as of March 31st , 2026.

b. J. Killen shared the Head of School Report which included

- Compliance Submission Report
    - The following items were submitted to the EpiCenter – office of Charter Schools for April
        - No filing requirements this month
    - The following items were submitted for DAC to EMMA for April
        - No filing requirements this month
- The enrollment Report
    - As of 04/14/2026 we have1934 enrolled and have reached full enrollment (674 at Elementary, 658 at Middle and 602 at High School). Over 1,100 are on the waiting list.
    - Personnel Report
        - Hired MS Custodian – E. Rodgers made a motion to approve the personnel report as presented. P. Tharp seconded the motion. No further discussion was held. The motion was passed unanimously.
    - Contracts for PT, OT, Speech and School Psychologist – M. Satterfield made a motion to approve the contracts for Pediatric Hands-on Therapy and Kies Psychological Services. M. Gardner seconded the motion. No further discussion was held. The motion was passed unanimously. E. Rodgers asked if all 3 contracts need to be approved by the board and J. Killen stated that they did. Satterfield made a motion to approve the Speech contract as presented. W. Greemon seconded the motion. No further discussion was held. The motion passed unanimously.
- Calendar
    - May 19th – Board meeting
    - May 20th – Last day of school for Students

- May 22nd – Graduation at 10:00 AM

c. Academic Committee Report:

   a. No report this month

d. Athletic Committee Report:

   a. Middle School

      i. We are wrapping up our Spring sports season with Soccer, Softball, Golf and Baseball all starting their post season tournaments this week.

   b. High School

      i. Baseball is in 3rd place, with Senior night being Wednesday at 6pm at Sims Park. 1st round of playoffs for conference play will start on April 27th at Sims Park. State tournament is TBA and will start on 05/05

      ii. Softball is in 3rd place. 1st round conference tournament starts on Monday. State tournament is TBA and will start on 05/05

      iii. Men's Tennis finished in 5th place. Regionals will start Friday

      iv. Golf is in 3rd place and regionals will be 05/04 and 05/05

      v. Women's Soccer is in 4th place – State tournament 1st round starts 5/11

   c. High School – Scholar Athletes

      i. Volleyball – 3.77

      ii. Women's Tennis – 3.79

      iii. Men's Soccer – 3.29

      iv. Women's Cross Country – 3.65

      v. Men's Cross Country – 3.74

      vi. Cheerleading – 3.67

      vii. Men's Basketball – 3.60

      viii. Women's Basketball – 3.84

e. Facilities Committee Report –

    a. We have quite a few projects coming up. We are recommending painting and replacing both HVAC units at the Elementary Campus. It is more cost effective for both at the same time. Total is $587,315.30 for the Elementary Updates. For MS campus we are recommending painting and flooring for #363,759.47. This would bring the total to $951,074.97 which does not include the 10 percent contingency that we put on projects in case last minute things occur. With that, it would bring the total to 1,046,182.47. We feel that we have picked the most cost-effective company and the people who can get the jobs done. We have worked with these contractors before, so we have a relationship with all 3. We did receive quotes from other companies about painting and flooring and the company we decided to go with was the most cost-effective. The carpet at both campuses has not been replaced for 15 years and paint has not been updated in 15 years. We are going to set up a coordination meeting as they are going to start the week of June 1st and be working together. The project will be completed prior to school starting in August. M. Satterfield made a motion to approve the project (with the 10% contingency included) as shown in the presentation by facilities. W. Greemon seconded the motion. No further discussion was held. The motion passed unanimously.

f. Governance Committee Report:

    a. Meet on April 13th, 2026, and the discussion centered around the exclusion policy. We need to add it to the manual, and it will be added to the Series 304.16.1. P. Tharp read the policy tonight. We will read it once more prior to approval.

M. Mauldin announced that the Board will go into close session at 7:29 pm. P. Tharp made a motion to go into closed session. W. Greemon seconded. No further discussion was held. The motion passed unanimously.

L. Southern made a motion to come out of closed session. J Gordon seconded. No further discussion was held. The motion passed unanimously.

W. Greemon made a motion to approve what was discussed in closed session. E. Rodgers seconded the motion. No further discussion was held. The motion passed unanimously.

M. Maulding adjourned the meeting adjourned at 8:51

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Rodgers, PCCS Board Secretary