Piedmont Community Charter School

Board of Directors Meeting

April 15, 2025

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

Board Members present: M.Satterfield, Paul Tharp, Scott McRainey, Emily Rodgers, Melia Mauldin, Kim Richardson, Melissa Gardner, Jackie Cansler, Tiffany Jattan, Lisa Largent, Elizabeth Inzana. A quorum was present.

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

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

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

There were no public comments scheduled.

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 winner's on May 29th when the Top 3 will attend the annual awards gala. Piedmont's nominations included:
  - Best Charter School
  - Best Principal
  - Best Teacher
  - Best Place to work
  - Best Employer
- Piedmont had four 9th graders selected for the Commissioner's School of Excellence: Aurelia Brimer, Destiny Hudgins, Luna Quiterio Arcila, and Andrew Bryson. They will attend this summer and have the opportunity to learn first-hand from local leaders. Congratulations to them!
- Our performing art department has a lot to be proud of you. Congratulations to our high school Chorus who attend MPA – Music Performance Adjudication – and had a wonderful performance, earning Excellent ratings from the judges. Our high school band earned Superior ratings from all 3 judges, and the middle school chorus also earned Superior ratings at their MPA performance.

- The Piedmont Dancers shined at three regional competitions this season, racking up numerous placements and high school adjudications at Applause Talent, Showstopper, and Star Talent. Some of the awards include 1st place overall for their jazz group routines, Double Platinum in their contemporary group routines, 1st overall in duets, and Top 5 overall in student choreography. Senior Riley Simon won a $1,000 scholarship award for her solo. Congratulations to our dancers!
- We also want to congratulate the cast and crew of the high school spring musical, West Side Story. Their talent and hard work brought a powerful 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.
- Today we found out that MS Corus and MS band earned superior ratings at the Carowinds Music Festival
- Last Wednesday our leadership team presented to our Cognia Accreditation Leader. She loved our school and what we do each day. She said we were an excellent team that truly demonstrates effective collaboration across three different campuses. We will hear by the end of June or July once a decision is made. She said we should be celebrating our school and every single staff member because we are all truly impressive!
- We just signed our 10 year charter and this is the 2nd time we have gotten a 10 year renewal. We are very excited and proud of this!

Approval of Previous Minutes:

- E. Rodgers did point out the incorrect date on page 2 under reports (Enrollment report). A motion was made by L.Largent to approve the minutes (with the date change) of the March 18thth Board of Directors meeting. S. McRainey seconded. No further discussion was held. The motion passed unanimously.

Reports:

a. Treasurer/Finance Committee: S. McRainey shared the updates and financial status of the Budget Report as of March 31st, 2025, as well as the Surplus and Cash for period ending March 31st , 2025.

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
    - Board Grievance Policy
  - No Filing requirements For DAC to EMMA for April
- The enrollment Report
  - As of 4/8/25 we had 1904 enrolled and have reached full enrollment (665 at Elementary, 634 at Middle and 605 at High School). Over 1440 are on the waiting list.
- The personnel report
  - April included 1 New Hires – A Custodian at the Elementary Campus. A motion was made by S. McRainey to approve the personnel report. Motion was seconded by M.Mauldin. No further discussion was held. The motion was passed unanimously.
- Calendar
  - May 20th – Next Board Meeting
  - May 23rd at 10am – Graduation
  - June 17 – Annual Report Meeting
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c. Enrichment Committee Report:
   a. No report

d. Athletic Committee Report:

i. Middle School Update:

1. Our girl soccer team made it to the second round of playoffs, while our boy's baseball and softball teams both made improvements over last year in their conference play. Our MS Golf Team came in 3rd in conference tournament

ii. High School Update

1. Baseball tied for 1st - we host the conference tournament 4/28 and 4/30 at Sims Park and will have a home game for the 1st round of state playoffs on 05/06
2. Softball Tied for 1st in the conference and will play the Tournament at Martha Rivers ETA
3. Girls Soccer – is number 1 in the conference with 2 games left
4. Golf – Conference Champs and the team has qualified for Regionals
5. Tennis - # 1 In Conference

ii. We look forward to celebrating our athletics at the Sports Banquet on May 8th for the middle school and May 14th

e. Facilities Committee Report –
    a. Update on HVAC on elementary has been repaired and is working.
    b. Roof for Middle School is lined up for Summer
f. Governance Committee Report: -
    a. Need a motion to go into closed session for HOS Eval
        i. Motion was made by E.Rodgers to go in closed session. P. Tharp seconded. Motion was unanimously approved.
        ii. E. Rodgers made a motion to come out of closed session. L.Largent seconded the motion. No further discussion was had. The vote was unanimous. Closed session was for 1 hour and 15 minutes.
        iii. Motion was made by P. Tharp to approve what was discussed in closed session. L.Largent seconded. No further discussion was had. The vote was unanimously approved.

M. Satterfield announced the next Board meeting will be held on May 20th.

M. Satterfield adjourned the meeting at 8:43 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Rodgers, PCCS Board Secretary