Piedmont Community Charter School

Board of Directors Meeting

February 17th, 2026

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

Board Members present: Melia Mauldin**,** Paul Tharp, LeBarbara Southern, Emily Rodgers, Melissa Gardner, Kim Richardson, Jackie Cansler, Jeremy Gordon, Elizabeth Inzana 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: None scheduled

Awards & Recognition: J. Killen announced

- Piedmont has been nominated in five categories in this year's Best of Gaston Awards! We were nominated for Best Charter School, Best Employ and Best Place to Work. David Benfield and Holly White were nominated in the Best Principal category. And for Best Teacher, we had three nominations: Rhonda Carr and Jennifer Simeral from the middle school campus and Elizabeth Inzana from the high school campus. Voting begins in March and we are very excited for this recognition from the community!
- The high school had three students who qualified for the South Central All District Band Clinic: Emily Smith, clarinet; Lucas Holland, tuba; and John Phillips, clarinet. John Phillips was selected 1st chair and will audition for All State in March. This was a very prestigious opportunity for these students and we're so proud of them!
- During Elementary's 4th grade wax museum program, students researched a historical figure. Families could donate to bring their presentation to life and in doing so, the 4th grade raised $1,827 for Least of these Carolinas.

Approval of Previous Minutes:

- A motion was made by M. Satterfield to approve the minutes of the January 20th 2026 Board of Directors meeting. J. Gordon 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 January 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 January
        - No filing requirements this month
    - The following items were submitted For DAC to EMMA for January
        - No filing requirements this month
- The enrollment Report
    - As of 02/11/2026 we have 1938 enrolled and have reached full enrollment (677 at Elementary, 659 at Middle and 602 at High School). Over 1100 are on the waiting list. As of today, we have 1,056 students on our lottery waiting list.
- The personnel Report
    - In February we hired 3 at the Elementary Campus (1 moved from TA to registrar and 2 (1st Grade TA's). In High School, we hired 1 FT EC TA and representing all campuses, we moved the previous Registrar to the HR Coordinator position due to the retirement of Deborah Mull.
        - E. Rodgers made a motion to approve the personnel report. M. Gardner seconded. No further discussion was held. The motion passed unanimously.
- Calendar
    - March 17th, 2026 – Board Meeting

c. Academic Committee Report:

    a. The academic committee met on February 17th where Mrs. Avery from the elementary reported that the mid-year test scores have shown improvements across all grades. Mr. Benfield from the middle school reported that in the benchmarks for ELA and math, all grade levels showed growth as well.

d. Athletic Committee Report:

    a. HS – Last Thursday night marked our final conference home game, and we were proud to recognize our senior basketball players, cheerleaders, and dance team. Seniors were honored and presented with a plaque as we celebrated their dedication and leadership. Our Varsity boys wrapped up conference play with a strong 13-3 record and our Varsity girls finished 7-8 in the conference. Tonight, our Varsity boys begin conference tournament play with a home game and our Varsity girls head to Jackson Day for their tournament matchup. Spring sports are also underway – tryouts kicked off yesterday and continue today as we begin the 2025-2026 season.

e. Facilities Committee Report –

    a. No report this month

f. Governance Committee Report:

    a. No report this month

M. Mauldin announced the next Board meeting will be held on February 17th.

M. Mauldin adjourned the meeting at 7:11 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Rodgers, PCCS Board Secretary